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Mission Statement



'Growing Followers of Jesus'

Simply stated, in obedience to Jesus, it is our desire to make and grow disciples who love and follow Jesus, and it is our desire to grow as disciples, becoming more like Jesus as His Spirit transforms us (growth in conviction, character, and competence).

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV 2011)

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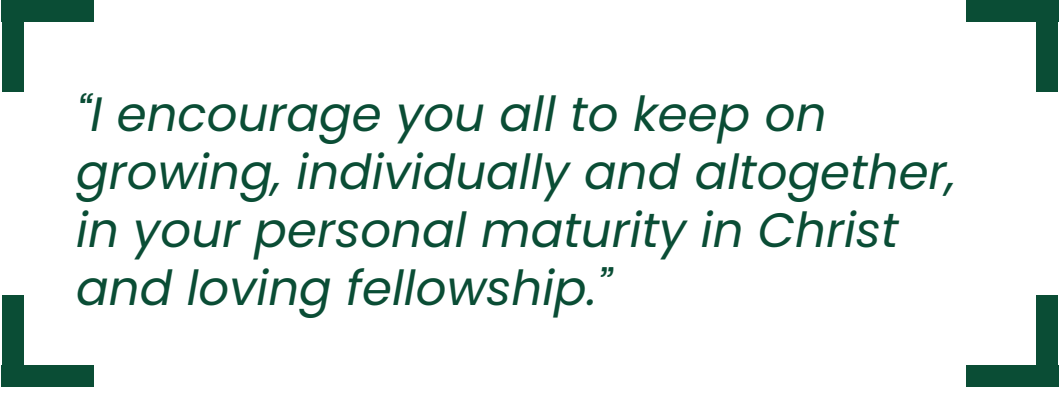
Pastor's Report



2024 was a big year for BHPC as we progressed in our *Church Vision, Mission and 10 Year Plan*. Our Mission Statement, '*Growing Followers of Jesus*', is reflected in our Vision 'To see the church grow in spiritual maturity and in number, in Bald Hills and beyond, to the glory of God.' In obedience to Jesus, and his great commission of Matthew 28, it is our desire to make and grow new disciples who love and follow Jesus, and it is our desire to grow as disciples personally, becoming more like Jesus as His Spirit transforms us. To this end, we hope and pray that we'll be in a position to plant a new church in our area by 2032.

In 2024 we approached the end of *Phase 1 of the 10 Year Plan*, which was focussed on personal growth. Our aim was to nurture each member in personal godliness, and nurture the Church in loving fellowship with each other, so that we'll we'd be better equipped to move towards the goal of numerical growth that will be necessary to plant a new church. Sessions have held regular prayer times and Vision Forums, in order to keep communicating and seeking feedback about the process.

To help us focus on personal growth in 2024 we worked through the book of Colossians, the Gospel of Luke, and the book of Daniel, all of which helped us to learn to live and grow as followers of Jesus in a hostile world. Our Church Camp Away in August helped us to focus together on this theme and helped us to grow in relationship with each other at the same time.



“I encourage you all to keep on growing, individually and altogether, in your personal maturity in Christ and loving fellowship.”

Growing our Session will always be a key part of growing the Church, and to this end we held eldership training over 2023 and 2024, and a new elder election process, culminating in the ordination and induction of Al Baigrie as our newest elder in January 2025.

As we move into *Phase 2 in 2025*, I encourage you all to keep on growing, individually and altogether, in your personal maturity in Christ and loving fellowship. And let's also bring our focus onto the goal of evangelistic growth. We want to spend the next 2 years growing in our ability and our desire to share the Gospel with the lost around us. The gospel of Luke and the books of Acts and Romans will help us in this task. We'll also be providing the opportunity for everyone to do the 'Christianity Explored' Course across the Church and in Growth Groups. As we seek to grow as a Church we'll also focus on employing a Youth Ministry Worker in 2025, and work towards starting our independent youth ministry at Bald Hills in 2026. These are just some of the things happening in phase 2 of our Ten Year Plan.

As you consider the task of evangelism this year and the next, and as Easter approaches, consider the request of the thief on the cross, and the response of Jesus in Luke 23:40-43:

But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don't you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (NIV 2011)

How wonderful it must have been for the thief on the cross to hear those words. In the end, no person has the right to expect salvation because of any achievement or work or our own, but only because of Jesus, trusting in his sacrifice for our sins.

Ask yourself this year, how am I seeking to help others grow as followers of Jesus, and how I am sharing my faith with those who are yet to put their faith in him? What do you need to do, how can you play your part, and how can you be helped in the task of making disciples of all nations? *Please be praying* that we would go forward together in God's strength, growing in unity and maturity as disciples of Jesus, and reaching those around us with the good news of salvation, to the glory of God. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

In Christ
Brad Fletcher
Pastor

Session Report



'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.'
1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

As we reflect on 2024, the Session is deeply thankful for God's grace and the continued faith and growth of our congregation. We are particularly encouraged by the increased engagement of our members in the ministries and life of the Church. Brad and the Elders continued to visit and meet with members and adherents, including hospital visitations and visits upon request.

Key Activities in 2024:

- Completion of Phase 1 of our 10-Year Plan: Focusing on Personal and Relational Growth, Personal Godliness, and Loving Fellowship.
- Installation of Air Conditioning: Enhancing comfort in the main church building, thanks to the Committee of Management's efforts.
- Ordination and Induction of Alistair (Al) Baigrie as an Elder.

Congregational Life

We welcomed several new attendees throughout the year and encourage all members to continue extending a warm welcome to newcomers. We also mourned the passing of Shirley Gillam and Beryl Cane, who are now with the Lord.

We deeply appreciate Brad's faithful ministry through preaching, teaching, discipleship, leading study groups, pastoral care, and visitation. His quiet enthusiasm and encouragement have been a great blessing.

Session Discussions in 2024:

- Eldership
- Church Vision and the 10-Year Plan
- Communication and feedback with the congregation
- Youth Group development
- Progress towards achieving the Church Vision

Additionally, the Session continued to study *Wisdom in Leadership* by Craig Hamilton, enhancing our understanding of Christian leadership.

Church Camp

A highlight of the year was the Church Camp at Camp Somerset in August, attended by approximately 74 members. David Fowler, with AFES at Sunshine Coast University, led impactful sessions on 'Finding Comfort in Chaos, living as a Christian in a hostile world,' focusing on the life of Elijah from 1 Kings 17-19. Due to the positive response, we plan to host another camp in 2026.

Community Outreach and Ministry Involvement

- Bald Hills State School Chaplaincy: Continued support for Chaplain Kylie Conomos and the School Breakfast Club, with volunteers assisting most school weeks.
- Pine Rivers Care Network Christmas Hamper Appeal: Significant contributions of food items by our congregation, demonstrating God's love to the wider community.
- Kids' Church: Thriving ministry with two teaching teams. We appreciate the dedication of those involved and encourage more to join this vital ministry.
- Youth Group: Partnered with Christ Central Presbyterian Church to build towards an independent Youth Ministry at our Church. Special thanks to Michael Young and Ralph Patrick for their leadership.

- Growth Groups: Various small groups met throughout the week, fostering spiritual growth and fellowship through study materials aligned with Brad's sermons.
- Seniors Coffee & Chat: Provided fellowship and activities for senior members of BHPC and beyond, complemented by a brief devotion and regular visitation. Gratitude to those who led these gatherings.
- Cameo Group: Organized several social and fellowship activities for those connected with our Church.
- Ladies Craft Group: Provided practical and social activities for Church members and the community.
- Music & Singing Team: Enhanced our Sunday services and events through their musical gifts, uplifting attendees and those who view our services online.
- Tech Team: Supported Sunday services and Church activities through sound and technology ministry, enabling live streaming of services for remote attendees.
- Library: Offered useful Christian resources for reading and listening.
- Creche: Led by Laura Young, supported by five leaders, serving an increasing number of preschool children.
- Women's Connect: Hosted several successful events, from casual morning teas to larger gatherings with guest speakers.
- Men's Events: Provided fellowship and teaching events aimed at men.
- Mission Action Team (MAT): Remained committed to keeping gospel ministry outside our congregation in focus, guiding financial support for selected external ministries, and being actively involved in missions' organisations.

Financial Stewardship and Governance

The Presbyterian Church of Queensland remained under Receivership due to PresCare's financial difficulties. Despite this, the normal operations and expenses of our church remained unaffected. We are grateful for the wise stewardship of church finances and resources by the Committee of Management. Special thanks to Mark Fry for his service as Treasurer and to Mal Lawson & Paul Cotton for their roles in the Presbytery of Moreton Bay and the PCQ State Assembly.

Year-End Celebration

Our year concluded with the Carols Service in December, well attended by members, family, and friends, and included a free BBQ Dinner. We extend our thanks to the many volunteers who made this event a success, including musicians, singers, the tech team, decorators, and those who assisted with food preparation and service.

Looking Ahead to 2025

The Session remains committed to fostering a biblically based, encouraging environment for our multigenerational congregation and growing families. We are grateful for the dedication of all involved in the life of the church, from leaders and teachers to members working behind the scenes. As we enter Phase 2 of our 10-Year Plan, focusing on Evangelistic Growth and the identification and appointment of a second Minister, we pray for God's continued guidance and blessing on our ministry and mission work.

For and on behalf of the Bald Hills Session,

Barry Sims

Session Clerk

Committee of Management (COM)



The Committee of Management convened Eight (8) Meetings in 2024.

The elected members were Evan Penny (Vice Chairman), Mark Fry (Treasurer), Sharyn Bellamy (Secretary), Sue Lawson, Barry Aston, Chris Smith, Al Baigrie and Michael Young.

Brad Fletcher (Moderator) chaired most of the meetings. Evan Penny, Paul Cotton and Malcolm Lawson stepped in to support the role of chair as needed. Howard Morgan, Paul Cotton and Malcolm Lawson attended regularly in an ex-officio capacity.

Rosters were maintained for mowing, morning tea, welcoming duties and collection counting on Sundays. COM has appreciated the support of the wider congregation in assisting with these tasks.

A commercial cleaner is continuing to carry out a weekly Saturday clean of the church facilities. Annual Pest Control was completed on 18th June 2024.

An Annual Safety Audit was conducted by Chris Smith and Sharyn Bellamy on 13th May 2024.

Two Working Bees were held in June and September 2024. A general tidy of the outside area, washing down of the eaves of the Old Hall for mould, clearing out of unused and broken items from under the Old Hall was carried out along with cleaning inside the church building. Large items of rubbish were removed to the front for the kerbside collection.

Thanks to Dad's Army and other volunteers who gave freely of their time and talents to carry out repairs and maintenance of the property to maintain a neat and well cared for environment.

We praise God that we have been able to meet our budget commitments and are continuing to provide support locally in areas such as BHSS Chaplaincy and Mission Action Team as well as meet our PCQ obligations.

The Committee values the support, both practical and spiritual, provided by the congregation.

Sharyn Bellamy
Secretary (COM)



Works during 2024

- Upgraded the WIFI in the Kid's Church Hall
- Repainted the parent's room and replaced the ceiling tiles
- Recovered an initial three pews as a start on a gradual refresh throughout the whole Church
- Installed fly screens on the kitchen windows and replaced damaged ones in the Old Hall
- Replaced the rear projector
- Carpet cleaned in the Church
- Air conditioned the Old Hall
- Air conditioned the Church
- Supervised an upgrade of the Manse air conditioning to a fully airconditioned building by way of a generous private donation
- Purchased a Carpet Cleaner to assist with spot cleaning the carpet and pews
- A water tank was installed for use at the Manse

Care Ministry



BHPC Care Ministry has been fairly dormant over the past couple of years, with no requests for assistance having been received.

Annette Smith and Judith Coakley have previously been the convenors of this ministry; however, Annette and husband, George, have now moved away from the area and no longer attend BHPC.

In January 2025, Janet Aston and Judith Coakley teamed up to oversee the Care Ministry. Following discussion with Session, it was agreed that efforts should be made to revitalise this ministry and seek to expand the areas of assistance that may be offered to members of the congregation.

A flyer has been distributed to church attendees, seeking prospective volunteers in areas of assistance such as cooking meals, baking, cleaning/vacuuming, laundry/folding clothes, ironing, child minding, school drop-off/pick-up, shopping/groceries, transport to/from appointments, mowing, gardening, ongoing prayer commitment, support visits/coffee, decluttering, basic handyman jobs, flat-pack furniture assembly and basic IT/technology.

The list of proposed areas of assistance is not exhaustive and Judith and Janet are very open to any suggestions of other areas of assistance that may be useful.

It is also recognised that not all of the above proposed services will necessarily be relevant or utilised. Additionally, the ability to offer these services depends upon people's willingness to come forward to volunteer their assistance in these areas, depending on their available time, interests and skills.

Within our congregation, we are all of different ages and in different stages of life; some will have more time available to be involved in this type of ministry, while others will have very little available time, and still others may not have any available time at all.

At the time of writing, a number of flyers have been completed and returned, and a list of potential volunteers has now commenced being compiled.

We recognise that, when illness or difficult circumstances arise, in the first instance, most people turn to family members and/or close friends for assistance. We do not see the Care Ministry taking the place of family or friends, but rather being an additional, complementary form of assistance that is available, should it be required.

Sometimes, despite the best efforts of family and friends, the sheer scope of assistance needed is simply too great to be handled by family and friends alone, and outside help is necessary. Or, family members and friends may not be available to provide enough assistance due to their own work and family commitments.

In essence, the Care Ministry is a contingency roster, seeking to offer a range of areas of assistance, should the need ever arise within the church family. It provides an opportunity for us, as attendees at Bald Hills Presbyterian Church, to demonstrate Christ's love for each other in practical ways during times of difficulty.

We thank everyone for prayerfully considering whether they may be able to assist in this ministry.

Judith Coakley & Janet Aston



Bald Hills State School Chaplaincy



In 2024, our church again participated in and supported the Chaplaincy Program at the Bald Hills State School. This is a very good opportunity to be involved in mission work in our local area, and to help make a difference in the school community. The Chaplain, Mrs Kylie Conomos, is a member of the Bracken Ridge Baptist Church and is very committed to showing God's love and care in her role at the school - with over 500 students, 50 staff and all the families attached this can at times be quite a daunting task. Kylie and the school community are very appreciative of the support given to the program by BHPC.

A ministry that we provide that is considered by Kylie and the school to be of great value is the Breakfast Club, where on Tuesday mornings we supply and prepare a healthy range of food to help provide some nourishment to the children to start the day. There were eight helpers from our church: Brad & Jo Fletcher, Al & Robyn Baigrie, Geoff Reed and Paul Cotton, who prepared and served breakfast for the school children, and Bill & Wendy Harvey who purchased the food.

The cost of the School Chaplaincy Program is only partially funded by the Federal Government (through the State Government), so fund raising is an important support element to enable this work to continue. We have been able to make contributions to this support through running a Sausage Sizzle stall at the regular School Disco, helping at other fund-raising activities, and the allocation of some of our mission budget.

The church is also represented on the Local Chaplaincy Committee (by Brad & myself), which provides guidance and support to the Chaplaincy work and oversees fund-raising. Brad has also taken on the role of coordination of Religious Instruction at the school.

Thank you to those who gave of their time to participate in this ministry, who gave material and financial donations throughout the year and to those who faithfully prayed for Chaplaincy. Kylie and the LCC would greatly value our ongoing prayers and support as they seek to serve God and show His love for the school community in 2025.

Paul Cotton



Come And Meet Each Other (CAMEO)



In 2024 the CAMEO Group Came And Met Each Other for outings on three occasions where we visited or gathered at:

The Mora- Igra Umbrella Factory at Brendale and then enjoyed lunch at Club Pine Rivers in March.

Our hall to expound on trips or cruises we had enjoyed and then we dined at North's League's Club.

The Abundant Life Bookshop at Albany Creek in November for morning tea and to purchase Christmas cards and gifts. We then adjourned for lunch at Cafe 63 at Eaton's Hill.

All functions were enjoyable and of good social benefit to our Senior Church family.

Our thanks go to Mal and Sue Lawson and Sharyn Bellamy for their helpful contributions to our CAMEO group.

Howard & Hazel Morgan

Dad's Army



Dad's Army consisted of two volunteers, who met regularly on Tuesday mornings to carry out minor repairs and maintenance work on the Church buildings, contents and grounds. We busied ourselves doing general handyman type jobs. These included painting, cleaning, removing wasp nests and spider webs, water pressure cleaning, mowing, shrub trimming and gardening.

Many thanks to George Smith for his contribution, prior to him moving to the Retirement Village in Caboolture in September.

Also many thanks to Rob Thurley for keeping the hedges neat and tidy.

We are somewhat restricted in what can be done simply because we do not have sufficient volunteers to carry out the work. So therefore, unless any male retirees are prepared to volunteer and come along Tuesday mornings (except for school holidays) from 8 am until 11am, Dad's Army will be defunct, the work will have to be done by more frequent working bees.

Nevertheless, it has been a privilege to serve the Church in this way.

Howard Morgan



Mission Action Team (MAT)



The Mission Action Team (MAT) exists to inform and encourage the congregation at Bald Hills Presbyterian Church about Mission matters. We thank the congregation for their generous support of missions during 2024. God wants us to be good stewards of what He has entrusted to us and as He is generous, so He asks that of us.

During the year the following missionaries/mission organizations were supported from an allocated budget of \$7000 approved by Session. These were- Rev Emmanuel and Christobel Jhonly (IRFA/IRFQ), Bob and Lucy Quinn (Pioneers), Rachel Kotterer (AFES Moreton Bay Campus), Motor and Julia Yat (APWM), Kylie Conomos (BHSS Chaplain), Ian and Sue McQuay (Wycliffe), Linda Whitehouse (WEC), Jared and Verena Bradley (ECM). We also prayerfully supported Alison Tucker in a Southeast Asian country. As news from them came it was sent around for your information and prayers. If you did not receive them, and wish to, please see Joanne Millar.

MAT met 9 times during the year via zoom.

In May, on Mother's Day, Joanne Millar spoke about the work of the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital including their ministry to Ethiopian mothers, restoring their dignity and hope after devastating birth injuries. An offering of \$380 was kindly given.

In August, Kylie updated us on the chaplaincy work at the Bald Hills State School. She brought a young lady, a former student, who shared how Kylie had helped her and she had come to know the Lord.

September 1st was Father's Day, and we again asked for support for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). The congregation saw videos about the work. \$526 was given on the day and more was donated online to total \$991. This has helped pilots keep the planes in the air - an amazing ministry for those who need it in many countries including remote parts of Australia.

Later in September, Rev Hiralal Solanki (IRFA) spoke on the situation in India, highlighting the increase in serious persecution and yet God is mightily working in India.

In October we supported Samaritans Purse by filling shoeboxes. Many families with young children participated, which is a wonderful tangible way for them to learn about missions and giving. Thank you to all who contributed, either by filling a box, or "buying" a box online. 27 boxes were physically filled, with many more given online. Many children's lives have been changed due to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

In November, we heard from Bob and Lucy Quinn, who updated us on their plans to minister to indigenous people in and around Moree, NSW. Having been recipients of our Christmas parcels, in the past, they spoke on our Mission Christmas Gifts Day. Again, the congregation was very generous in donating \$1230 for 5 of the missionaries we support. This is to encourage them in a tangible way. In years past we sent actual "goodies" in a parcel but these days availability of treats is much better and the cost of sending the parcels expensive, so we now send a monetary gift. Christmas cards, signed by the congregation, were also sent.

On behalf of the MAT committee, I wish to thank the Session for their encouragement and support of MAT events during the year, and the congregation for your support in time and talents and monetary gifts as we sought to promote gospel work in Australia and around the world. I also thank the members of MAT. This year they were Mal and Sue Lawson, Jenny Vyver, Willie Naude, Robert Goh and Joanne Millar.

If any members would like to be involved in this vital ministry, please see any member of the committee.

Joanne Millar

Convenor.



Right - Motor Isaac, Mark (son) and Julia in Kenya

Below - Jared, Noah (son) & Verena Bradley in Europe



Library

We're excited to share an update on how the library has been serving our Church family this past year! It's been such a joy to see people making use of the library's collection of Christian fiction and non-fiction.

Highlights from 2024

This year, we made good use of the mobile trolley to showcase resources that tied in with the current sermon series, as well as other topics like Creation, evangelism, and seasonal themes. By placing these books and resources near the cuppa and chat area after the service, more people have become aware of what's available— and it's wonderful to see more of you borrowing and enjoying them!

2024 Project: Preserving Sermons

One of our big projects for 2024 has been preserving some of the church's rich history. We've started the process of transferring old sermon cassette tapes into MP4 files. These sermons, from Peter Bloomfield and John Trappett, are treasures worth keeping in a more permanent and portable format. Once converted, they'll be uploaded to the church website and database for everyone to access and enjoy.

This is no small task—each tape (and there are around 500!) needs to be played all the way through and recorded in real time. It's a long-term project, but we're excited about the potential it has to bless many people now and in the future.

Looking Ahead to 2025

Plans for this year include;
1. Creating a Library Database: We'll begin transferring all our resource titles into a searchable database. This will be available alongside the sermon tape database for everyone to use.

2. Surplus Books for Mission Support: We'll set up a table near the entrance with surplus books from the library. These will be available for a gold coin donation, with all proceeds going to an approved Mission.

What's in the Library?

If you haven't explored it yet, our library is packed with valuable resources!

You'll find:

- Bible guides and commentaries
- Books on mission work
- Biographies and autobiographies
- Personal devotionals and prayer guides
- Christian living resources
- Family-related materials
- Creation Science books
- Tracts (free to take and share!)
- Fiction titles for men & women & children
- DVD's
- Music CD's
- And so much more!

The library is located in the room on the left-hand side of the main church entrance.

Donations Welcome!

If you have any relevant Christian resources you'd like to donate, we'd love to hear from you. Your contributions help us continue serving our church family through this ministry.

Thank you for your support throughout 2024—we look forward to another great year ahead in 2025!

Blessings,

The Parish Family



“One of our big projects for 2024 has been preserving some of the church’s rich history.”



Seniors Coffee & Chat



The BHPC Seniors Coffee and Chat (SC&C) mornings were designed to provide the Seniors of the church with the opportunity to build and maintain friendships, enjoy Christian fellowship and to be built up and supported in their daily walk with Christ. It was also designed as an outreach of the church with the intent to build bridges with our local community and thereby provide opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with them.

We are joyful, thankful and encouraged that the Lord our God has blessed this ministry to Seniors, beyond our expectations. We are thankful for:

- The number of BHPC Seniors who regularly attend and support the work of SC&C, many of whom are actively evangelising by inviting friends and family from outside the church,
- The joyfulness and unity enjoyed by SC&C,
- The good number of people from outside the church who regularly attend and hear the Gospel clearly presented, and who have been asking probing questions about the things of God, and
- The support by the team - Howard and Hazel Morgan, Sharyn Bellamy and John and Jenny Vyver, who are faithfully committed to the work of SC&C.

We have a growing burden for those attending that they may all know Christ as Lord and Saviour, especially for those whose cognitive capacity is fast fading. Please pray that God will be gracious and bring them to faith in Christ Jesus whilst they have the capacity to hear and to understand the Gospel message.

Throughout 2024 SC&C attendance ranged from 25 to 35 persons, with approximately a third of those attending being from outside our church, and coming from our surrounding community. On top of our monthly meetings, SC&C joins with the CAMEO group on regular events/activities. The 2024 "Christmas Lunch and Breakup" was attended by 44 Seniors, and included the usual activities, lunch, carol singing and a gift for each household, with a view to challenging those outside the church to consider Christ, and encouraging believers in their daily walk.

We thank our God for our Seniors and for His many blessings toward us.

If you're a Senior looking to enjoy friendship, fellowship and fun, or if you know of someone else in need of friendship, fun and the gospel, then come along and bring them too! We look forward to enjoying your friendship and fellowship at SC&C on the first Friday of every month in 2025.

May you enjoy the love, joy and peace of God.

Malcolm & Suzanne Lawson

"A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity." Proverbs 17:17 (NKJV)

Creche

During 2024 we welcomed on average of 3-4 children each week in Creche. We enjoyed reading from the Big Picture story Bible and singing songs together. Many blocks were built, drawings created and encouraging conversations were had with parents. I would like to thank all of our dedicated Creche volunteers who generously give their time each week to encourage the youngest of the body of Christ.

As Jesus said in the gospel of Matthew *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* Matt 19:14

Thank you to parents for trusting us with your children and allowing us to care for you and them in this way.

In Him,
Laura Young

Kids Church

Kids Church rolled comfortably into 2024 with a few changes in leaders compared to 2023. Samantha Fry came back into a regular leader role, with Barry Sims stepping back to be an occasional leader. Our student minister Adam Hess finished his time with us at the end of 2023, and we were very excited to welcome Barry Aston onto the team for the first time. Our other leaders were Lauren Patrick, Jenni Bennett, Margaret Sims, and Michelle Penny. Altogether they proved to be a very enthusiastic and capable team. We have continued to meet each term for planning and training, and the team is always enthusiastic and engaged in this process, offering many good ideas for ensuring we teach the kids at Church effectively from God's word. A number of us benefited from attending the Presbyterian Youth and Kids training day together during the year.

The Kids Church material is mostly based on the same Bible passages as the sermons each week. We hope that this is helpful as parents and kids share what they're learning together.

Kids Church numbers through 2024 remained fairly steady, with around 15 kids on the roll with an average attendance of around 10. We had visitors regularly, who were always made to feel welcome and part of the group. It was great to have both Kids Church and Creche continuing to run together in the small hall throughout the year, which hopefully allows us to serve all our young families well.

We saw another of our older kids 'graduate' from Kids Church at the end of 2023, and begin attending Youth at Christ Central in term 4 of 2023 and into 2024. As mentioned elsewhere, we plan to begin our independent youth group here at Bald Hills in 2026, transitioning during 2025, and therefore care well for our young people at all ages and stages. Kids Church looks to grow, and be an engaging ministry of the Church as we nurture our young children in their faith. Please be in touch with any one of the Kids Church leaders if we can do more to help you as Parents and Grandparents, in raising your little ones to know and love the Lord Jesus.

In Christ
Brad Fletcher



BHPC Music



This past year we have been so thankful to the music team for leading us in song in each week. We have enjoyed new additions to the repertoire as well as continued with traditional hymns and chorus'.

In December we once again had our BHPC Christmas carols with the title 'Jesus our forever King'. It was a fantastic night of music and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who made this carols possible.

I would like to thank the music teams for the way they have worked through the year. I would like to also thank Sally and Glen who so faithfully play Sunday after Sunday.

We would welcome anyone who wishes to use their God given musical talents to lead our songs of praise. In particular we would be very grateful for another guitarist as a valuable addition to the team.

In Him,

Laura Young

Thursday Morning Craft Group



"Our Craft Group has grown in number during 2024 - there are now 16 ladies on our morning tea and coffee list. Our group is made up of church members and ladies from our local community.

We continue to support the Bald Hills Chaplaincy Program through craft sales.

Ladies from our group also knit and crochet items to support other programs, for example aged care facilities and special care nurseries for premature babies. We also have our own projects for our own families on the go.

So, for any ladies who are interested in coming along on a Thursday morning from 9:15ish to 11am for craft, a cuppa and some friendly chat you are very welcome to join us.

*Denise Turner-Jones
& Karen Whyte*

*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.
Honour one another above yourselves.*

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful
in prayer."*

Romans 12:10 and 12:12

BHPC Youth

2024 was another incredible year for our youth at BHPC. We continued meeting with Christ Central, meeting every Friday night from 7pm to 9:30pm.

Throughout the year, we explored God's word during our 'Squad' times. Our studies covered various books, including Matthew, Leviticus, and Acts, alongside topical studies on worry, identity, and failure. These squads provided an opportunity for our youth to engage deeply with scripture, reflect on God's promises, and share their personal faith journeys. Many meaningful conversations took place, strengthening relationships and fostering spiritual growth.

In addition to our weekly gatherings, we hosted several key events, including Youth @ Camp (Y@C)—a week-long camp featuring guest speaker Chris Pine.

We also organised Double Up nights, where youth were encouraged to bring a friend, Youth Combo Nights, where we joined other youth groups to hear John Dickson's testimony at Living Church, Carina, and an Aqua Park Day, along with various other fun activities.

It has been a privilege to lead our youth alongside Ralph Patrick, witnessing their faith grow and seeing them ask thoughtful and genuine questions about life and the Bible.

We are deeply grateful for our ongoing partnership with Christ Central and the time and resources they dedicate to supporting our ministry each week.

Michael Young



Growth Groups

Bald Hills Mens Growth Group

The Bald Hills Mens' Growth Group had a good year in 2024 meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday nights. I took over the leadership of this group after the departure of Adam at the end of 2023, and we immediately changed our name to the Bald Hills Men's Group, which more accurately reflected our membership. The group I lead in 2023 became the new Castle Hill group in 2024, meeting at the Baigries house, led by Al Baigrie and Paul Cotton. Our numbers ranged from 2 to 5 per week. We enjoyed studying God's Word together and praying for each other and for the Church. This group has continued meeting in 2025 in the Church hall. We would love to welcome new members from among the men in our Church, as we study the word and grow together.

In Christ

Brad Fletcher

Ladies Tuesday Morning Growth Group

We met each Tuesday of school terms at the church, from 9.30 to 11 am. The group was small but we put great emphasis on sharing and prayer times and this has surely helped us grow in our faith as we prayed and had prayers answered. We do indeed serve a truly faithful Father God. For our Bible studies we followed the ones written and these expanded on or reminded us of the sermon material preached a few days before. We looked at Paul's writing to the Colossians and the books of Luke and Daniel. We learnt how to live as Christians, know Christ's teaching and be equipped to live in a world that is anti-God.

We again donated to the Bible Society for their programme to teach women to read in Pakistan. This year the amount was \$130. Any ladies from the congregation are welcome to join us in 2025. Young children are welcome, too, as they can play quietly while we meet.

Looking forward to 2025.

Joanne Millar

Murrumba/ Castle Hill Growth Group

The 'Murrumba/Castle Hill' Growth Group commenced in 2024 and enjoyed good times of learning from God's Word and sharing with one another.

This year we used the study notes provided by Brad, following the main sermons series in Colossians, Luke and Daniel. These studies engendered some good discussion and debate, and we also had some interesting interaction on a range of other issues.

Our meetings were not always consistently regular due to some health issues and general availability. When the group was able to meet physically together, it did so in Al & Robyn Baigrie's home. We very much appreciate them making their home available and thank them for their warm welcome, hospitality and generous hearts.

It is a great privilege to be able to gather together as Christian brothers and sisters to open God's Word together, learn from it and to share insights with each other, and to enjoy encouraging fellowship and friendship. We do thank God for the opportunity to be involved in these times of mutual edification and encouragement.

Paul Cotton + Al Baigrie

Zoom Growth Group

The Zoom growth group meets fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. We were happy to welcome new members in 2024. The group discussed Brad's sermons on Colossians, Luke, and Daniel. We enjoy a blessed time of fellowship and praying for one another. The group will continue to meet by Zoom in 2025. New members are welcomed to join us.

It's a blessing to get together to meditate on God's word.

Robert Goh

Womens Thursday Night Growth Group

Women's Growth Group continues to be a delight to be a part of and for many of us it is a high point in our week. We are helping each other to grow and week by week receive fresh encouragement from each other to keep following the Lord Jesus. It is a safe place to share our thoughts, prayers and needs and strengthen each other in our understanding and practical outworking of our faith. We currently sit at about 8 members who attend consistently.

Jo Fletcher

Murrumba Downs Growth Group

Over the 2024 calendar year the Murrumba Downs Home Group of nine regular members continued to meet at the Lawson's home (and via the Zoom App) for Bible Study and warm fellowship. We thank God for his many blessings as we study his Word; we are always encouraged and strengthened by the Word of God, and by the love and care that each person has for others.

Our Bible studies were supplemented through hospitality with regular catchups over coffee and meals, where we could share our burdens and concerns openly with each other, and obtain the counsel, encouragement and support needed.

God willing, we intend to continue meeting together in a similar fashion throughout 2025. If you are not currently attending a Home/Growth Group and are considering joining one, you are most welcome to join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (7:30 – 8:30 pm followed by supper).

Malcolm & Suzanne Lawson

"The group was small but we put great emphasis on sharing and prayer times and this has surely helped us grow in our faith"



Men's Events



2024 was in terms of activities a little sedate. Our planned Bare Foot Bowls event was unfortunately washed out, however, the 'washout' was turned into an opportunity to enjoy a time of friendship and fellowship over a coffee or two at Norths. Over coffee, relationships were nurtured and strengthened.


Two teaching events were held during the year, one in July on the topic of "Godliness – train yourself to be Godly" and the other in October on the topic of "The practise of Godliness – helping others to grow in Godliness". Both sessions were well attended, and encouraged and equipped us to better understand and practise Godliness in our day-to-day lives.

2025 will commence with an event, The Men's Conference held by Southside Presbyterian Church and The Gospel Coalition on March 15th, with further events being advised early in the year.


All men are welcome to join us and we encourage you to bring your friends to the events to hear the Gospel and to be built up in the knowledge and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you would like further information on Men's Events, please don't hesitate to contact Brad or myself.

Grace and peace,

Mal Lawson & Brad Fletcher



“As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him..”



Psalm 18:30 (NKJV)



BHPC Women



In 2024 we ran several events which included an Anxiety talk in June and three 'Sisters at home' events. Sisters at home has been a great encouragement to the women who have attended. We met three times; once in the church due to unforeseen circumstances and twice in the homes of women. At each of these events, one of our women shared a testimony of how she came to faith in Jesus or how the Lord has been and is working in her life. We also prayed together at each of these meetings. All of these worked towards our goal of increasing and encouraging our hospitality to one another and growing to know each other better, being encouraged by the work of God in our lives. We would like to encourage even more women and girls to join us for Sisters at home and share in the encouragement. Our first was in February, and we have another two planned throughout the year in 2025.

2024 also saw the inclusion of a Christmas event in our program, 'A seat at the Christmas table'.

Women and girls from our church were asked to contribute recipes for inclusion in a book, along with their favourite Bible verse or Christmas memory. These were collated in beautiful book form by Sally Thatcher. We then met together with our Christmas recipes from the book and shared food and a short Bible talk together on our seat at God's table. The books were then provided for us to buy as keepsakes. Due to the book's popularity we had to do more than one print run. This event, I believe, had the happy outcome of drawing us closer together as sisters in Christ and was the best attended event of the year. It also helped give us fresh ideas for other ways to grow together in 2025.

In 2025 we look forward to 'Knit together' on the 22nd of March. The aim of this event is threefold. Firstly, we are keen to provide another opportunity for our girls and women to meet and mutually encourage one another. Secondly, in line with our increased focus on evangelism this year, as part of BHPC's ten year plan, we are keen to include women from the two craft groups that meet at the church during the week. There is an open invitation for these women to join us. At 'Knit together', we will learn how to knit squares (for those who don't know) or help others learn how to knit squares, to be made into a blanket, which is our third aim. This blanket can then be given to someone in need. We also plan to have a short Bible talk at this event.

In 2025, we have also planned to have a Bible talk on Forgiveness, attend Grow women's conference together and hold another Christmas event.

All women are encouraged and welcome to attend BHPC Women events. If any women would like to offer practical assistance setting up and preparing for events, please let Jo, Mercia, Sally or Karen know. We thank God for his goodness and for the spiritual growth and togetherness which God has brought among our women this year. Our prayer is for our love of God to increase more and more in knowledge and depth of insight (Philippians 1:9) and that love would increase among the women and girls at our church so that it would shine out visibly, with joy, peace, kindness and faithfulness. to the glory of God.

Jo Fletcher

BALD HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





Financial Report



The Bald Hills Presbyterian Church accounts are being audited by an independent external company, Audit Solutions Brisbane.

At the time of preparing the Annual Report the audit report was not complete and will be distributed separately once provided.

2024 Profit & Loss

1st January - 31st December 2024



<i>Income</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bank Interest	2,569
BHPC Women	-119
Craft	753
Church Function Receipts	6,563
Donations	51,742
Mission Action Team Receipts	1,760
Offerings	161,984
Other Income	470
Special Collection	1,934
Total Income	227,656

Expenses	Total
Accounting & Bookkeeping	452
Bank Fees	166
Christian Support	9096
Church Functions	12,649
Church Ministries	8,252
Cleaning	9,039
Electricity/Gas	2,745
Insurance	10,997
Office/General Administrative Expenses	1,254
PCQ	
Assembly Assessment	16,905
Ministry Support (Sustentation) Fund	5,415
Nth Bris Pres Assessment	100
Printing, stationery & supplies	373
Rates	1,788
Repairs & Maintenance	11,736
Stipend	72,311
Superannuation	11,997
Telephone & Internet	1,431
Utilities	3,765
Workcover expenses	544
Total Expenses	181,015

Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31st December 2024



Current Assets

Main Cheque A/c	17,950
NAB Term Deposit	20,000
NAB Term Deposit 2	40,000
NAB BHPC Women A/c	503
PCQ Capital Fund	77,491
GST Receivable	983
Total Current Assets	156,927

Non Current Assets

Plant & Equipment	236,937
less: Accumulated Depreciation	57,814
Total Non Current Assets	179,123

Net Assets

336,050

Members' Funds

Accumulated Surplus (deficit)	336,050
Prior year GST adjustment	
Total Members' Funds	336,050



2025 Budget

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	Variance Act - Budget	2025 Budget
Income				
Total Offering	161,984	174,000	-12,016	186,000
Special Collections	1,934	2,000	-66	2,000
Donations	6,563	0	6,563	0
Mission Action Team Receipts	1,760	2,000	-240	2,000
BHPC Women Receipts	-119	0	-119	0
Church Function / Craft Receipts	753	1,000	-247	2,000
Total Other Income	54,781	4,000	50,781	4,000
Total Income	227,656	183,000	44,656	196,000
Expenditure				
Minister				
Stipend	40,255	39,000	1,255	42,000
Superannuation	11,997	12,000	-3	12,600
Ministry Allowance	12,506	12,500	6	13,000
FES	4,137	14,000	-9,863	0
EPFB	15,126	4,800	10,326	14,700
Ministry Worker - Part Time *				
Stipend	0	0	0	6,030
Superannuation	0	0	0	1,810
Ministry Allowance	0	0	0	2,500
EPFB	0	0	0	6,030
PCQ Assessments				
PCQ Assembly Assessment + SMP	16,905	16,690	215	14,610
PCQ Ministry Sustentation Fund	5,415	4,776	639	5,268

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	Variance Act - Budget	2025 Budget
Presbytery Levy	100	100	0	100
Supply Preaching	288	0	288	1,000
Church Ministries ^	8,252	9,000	-748	9,000
Church Functions	12,649	5,000	7,649	5,000
Christian Support #	9,096	12,000	-2,904	12,000
Cleaning	2,703	9,600	-6,897	9,600
Gas and electricity	2,745	2,500	245	2,500
Insurance	11,541	14,000	-2,459	14,000
Rates	1,788	2,000	-212	2,000
Repairs and maintenance	18,072	12,000	6,072	12,000
Telephone and internet	1,431	1,200	231	1,200
Utilities	3,765	4,000	-235	4,000
Other Expenses ~	2,244	3,000	-756	5,000
Total	181,015	178,166	2,849	195,948
Operating Surplus/Deficit	46,641	4,834	41,807	52
Capital Works %	53,632	8,000	45,632	15,400

* Budgeted 2 days per week July - December

^ Youth group \$4000 + BHSS RI/Breakfast Club \$1200 + Library \$600 + Materials \$2000 + \$1200 KC/ Creche

MAT proposal \$7500 + MAT receipts + special collections + BHPC Women/Craft receipts

~ Subscriptions, printing, software, administrative expenses, audit

% To be funded from term deposits



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