

Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter in a series of publications as we move towards our 50th Anniversary of the inauguration of Mosaic Baptist Church (previously Belconnen Baptist Church).

The 50th anniversary of the founding of a church is a statement to the success of both the church leaders and the congregation.

Over the coming months it is hoped to give you a look at where we have come from, what is happening now, and where we are headed.

We eagerly look forward

Our Church's Anniversary



“The church is a living organism, enlivened by the presence of God’s Spirit. It’s the body of Christ, a community of worshippers that exists for God’s pleasure and to live out the kingdom that Jesus preached and promised.”

Tim Conder

to the induction of Rev Phil Waugh on 8th May, and the ministry and leadership he will bring.

We will also be celebrating our cross cultural workers in May with several events planned.

The main anniversary celebrations will take place in September

Thank you to those who have contributed to this issue:

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Bruce & Sheila Millar,
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Let's All Celebrate

40 Days of Prayer

Today marks the end of our 40 Days of Prayer. How wonderful that we were able to unite in praying together as a community with a common focus. Thank you to those who put together the booklet that

led us through. As we continue on our journey let us continue to pray as a community for:

- Our world that has so much unrest at the moment.
- Our country and its leaders.

- Our church pastors, leaders & missionaries.
- Our outreach programs.
- Our own commitment to God and His church.



Golden Jubilee



"In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession"

(Leviticus 25:13).

For Mosaic Baptist Church this year 2022, is the year of jubilee. During Old Testament times, God in His wisdom made known to His people His heart that all people should be free. Owners of slaves were instructed to allow their slaves to return to their homes, families, and possessions. But Jubilee meant much more as we read on:-

"You shall make the fiftieth year holy, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee to you; and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you

shall return to his family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee to you."

It was to be a joyous time, a time of thanksgiving, a time for the people to return to their roots. Now we are not under law and we do not have slaves that need to be set free, but there are some aspects of Jubilee that are worthy of our emulation in this age.

A PROCLAMATION TIME – we definitely want this jubilee year to be a time of proclaiming the saving gospel of Jesus who is The Way, The Truth and The Life, when so many have lost their way

A JOYOUS TIME – yes we want this jubilee to be a joyous time with praise, celebration, music, dancing and singing.

A THANKSGIVING TIME – a time when we can express our thanks to our Heavenly Father for His leading in the formation of Belconnen

Baptist Church in 1972, the establishment of North Belconnen Baptist (Evatt) a few years later and the Gungahlin congregation in more recent years.

A VISIONING TIME - a time when inspired by the past we set a new vision for the future knowing that God's promises are sufficient to accomplish much for His kingdom in these challenging times.

We therefore encourage you to catch the vision, pray for the celebrations as the details are progressively announced and volunteer your services to make



this a great event in the life of Mosaic Baptist Church.

~ Dean Wishart

Getting Started

We recall early in 1970, having just arrived from overseas, that we were surprised and delighted at an announcement at a morning service of North Canberra Baptist Church asking for interest in the starting of a new church in the Belconnen valley. This announcement was made in all Canberra Baptist Churches and was the trigger for us and for others to relocate into Belconnen.

It is interesting to recall some of the people who were thus motivated to meet together and dream about what a new church in a brand-new area and in a brand-new decade, and for us in a brand-new country, might look like. We had amongst us a variety of visionary folk most of

whom had their roots outside Canberra.

We were young with young families and seeking to establish new careers in the rapidly growing capital city of about 90,000 people and an ever-growing number of government departments. There was a buzz of excitement as ideas flew around.

We felt no pressure to conform to the desires of a parent church as the other local churches seemed happy for a grass-roots leadership to arise. Innovative ideas in the area of outreach through community service, an all-age Christian education programme, and an

interest in missions surfaced very early.

A weekly church service was convened after a few months, then 18 months later we formed as a constituted Baptist Church employing a part-time pastor.

~ Bruce & Sheila Millar



Bruce, Sheila & Robert
Sep 1970

A Word From the Chair of Mosaic's Board

We all welcomed 2022 with a great deal of anticipation. We looked forward to the reduction of the impact of COVID-19; the introduction of our new senior pastor, Phil Waugh and the celebration of our golden jubilee year at Mosaic Baptist Church. These and other things all pointed to a significant year in the life of our church and community. I certainly pray that our Lord would fulfill our dreams and hopes for a better year - a year of encouragement, greater freedoms and the expansion of the gospel in our community.

As Jesus' church, we hold the rich treasure of God's love and forgiveness, which is transformational when we allow Him to dwell with us and grow us into faithful disciples and a healthy expression of His body, the Church. I sometimes wonder if we have

withdrawn a little too much and that our light is not burning as strongly as it could be. Whilst there may be some legitimate reasons for this, it is time to fan the flames of the good news in our hearts, in our households, in our church and in our community. Let the flame of the good news of Jesus grow strong amongst us again in 2022.

I pray that we might all get behind the celebrations of our Anniversary. There is much to give thanks to God for. He has done many wonderful things through Belconnen/Mosaic Baptist Church over our past 50 years and most importantly; we need to look forward, just as the original members of our church did, to what God might do in the future. To create a space for his Holy Spirit to be at work, for His Kingdom to continue to come and His will be done.

Thank you to Tammy and her team for the plans that they are making for our anniversary year. Please consider getting involved and may God be celebrated in all we do.

Blessings in Him,

~ Ric Small



A Word From One of Our Newest Members

Mosaic has created a space for me to further grow in my faith, an environment in which I feel supported and encouraged to pursue my ever loving God.

In return I have appreciated finding ways in which I can equally provide blessings similar to that which the church has given me. It has been a

privilege to join and be a part of the membership, as well as youth ministry and sometimes the data crew.

The Mosaic community is basically my extended family, who have continuously looked out for me, throughout my 15 or so years with mosaic.



Ellen Johnson who became a member in Nov 2021

A Word from Scripture

All our direction and ministries will flow from Christ and lead us deeper into him, the anointed Head of his body, the church.

For his body has been formed in his image and is closely joined together and constantly connected as one. And every member has been given divine gifts to contribute to the growth of all; and as these gifts operate effectively throughout the whole body, we are built up and made perfect in love.

Ephesians 4:15b - 16. (The Passion)

A Word From Our Youth & Kids Pastor

I came to Belconnen Baptist Church in early 2000's, I don't know exactly what date, but I'm pretty sure this is the ball park. Not long after I started attending I met some key friends that I remain connected to today. I first began serving in the Youth Ministry, and it became obvious very early on, that this wasn't just a past time, or a ministry, this was something that God was placing on my life as a calling. That calling continues today.

I've had various roles working with young people in one way or another in the community welfare field and have been connected with Youth Ministry at Mosaic for over 20 years. In 2020, when Chaplaincy ended, I was quite lost as to what God might be calling me into next. When the Youth Pastor role became vacant due to Mosaic's staffing changes I agreed to fill that role, although I still remain somewhat unsure as to whether I am called to be a Pastor. I do know this, in my experience, God will use us while ever we

remain available and open for Him to do so. I am open for Him to do so.

I am not particularly strategic, or visionary, so asking me about future plans and priorities can be hard. What I can say is this, at our recent Leaders Retreat we all left with a sense of hopefulness. I am personally very hopeful for the New Ground that I see on Mosaic's horizons. I believe we will see our multi-congregational model flourish, and that we will see God's Kingdom come forth in powerful and dramatic ways.

~ Mandy Gray



An Organising Committee For The 50th Anniversary

Our Church Board decided to celebrate our 50th Anniversary and appointed Tammy Scougall to head up a committee to plan and implement all the arrangements.

A number of people have volunteered and a program covering March to September of this year is taking shape. However the old adage "many hands make light work" is certainly true and Tammy (0400 043 644) would love

to hear from you if you can help in any way.

If you have any contributions to the newsletter ie photos, articles and other mementos over the years please send them to:

benthien@homemail.com.au.



Our Pastors Past & Present

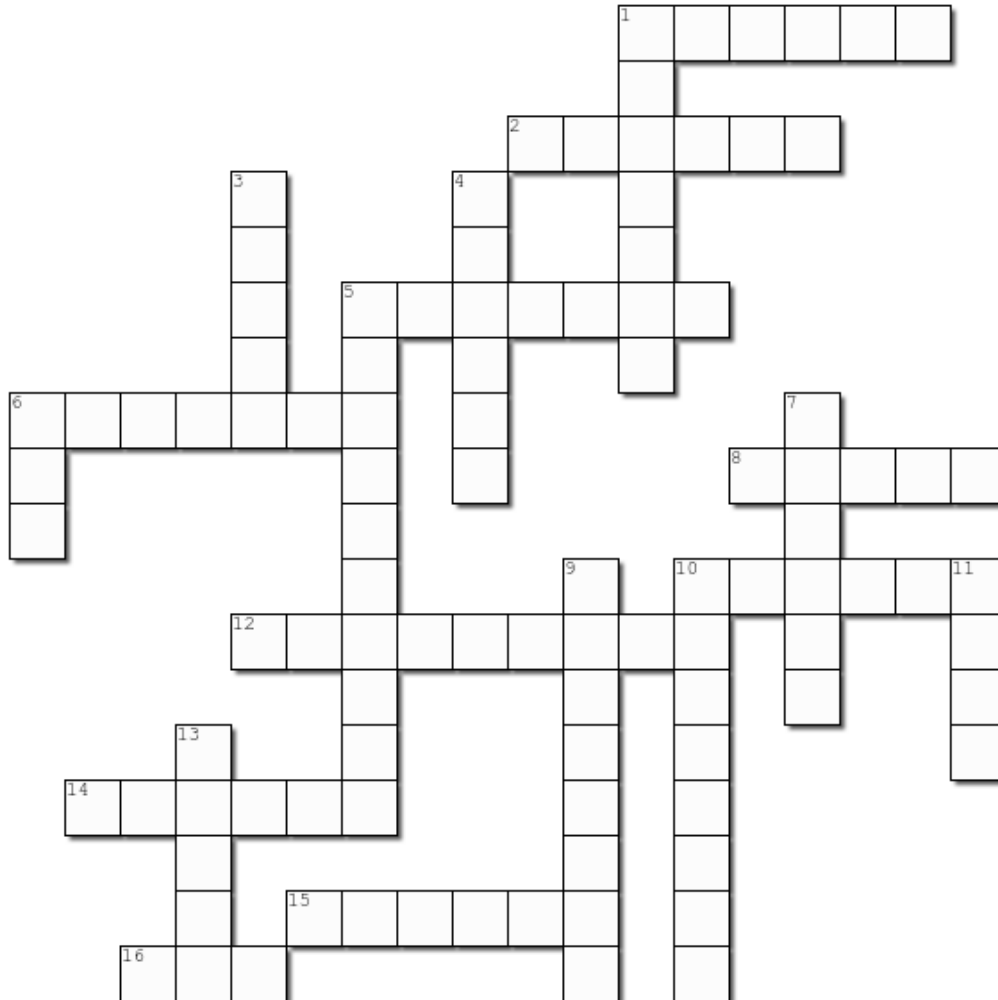
Rev Roger Ellem 1971-73
 Rev Dr Garth Eichorn 1974-86
 Rev Jim Stebbins 1979-81
 Rev Jim Allen 1982
 Pastor Warren Green 1983-85
 Mr Max Lord 1985-86
 Rev Doug Davis 1987 and 1993
 Rev Linton Smith 1988-2000
 Mr Ian Kerr 1992
 Pastor Keith Johnston 1995
 Pastor Chris Hunter 1993-97
 Rev Gary Strachan 1996-2007
 Pastor Steve Rodda 1998-2002
 Rev Mike Clark 2001-02
 Rev David Moyes 2003-2012
 Rev Sally Burton 2005-09
 Pastor Katie deVeau 2005-07
 Pastor Rebecca Jeffrey 2002-06
 Pastor Stuart Jeffress 2003-07
 Pastor Paul Noble 2008-13
 Pastor Kathryn Jeffress 2008-09
 Rev Clayton Riddle 2007-19
 Pastor Paul Rogers 2009
 Pastor Stephen Smith 2010-12
 Pastor Jenny McQuiggin 2004, 2010-19
 Pastor Jason Harris 2010-16
 Pastor Andrew Robb 2012—
 Rev Arthur Payne 2013
 Rev Dr Ian Hawley 2014-15
 Pastor Lisa Robb 2013-21
 Rev Rhys McFadden 2016—19
 Rev James Ramsay 2016—
 Pastor Jude Hatfield 2015-19
 Pastor Deborah Stanley 2017
 Rev Mark Beresford 2018—
 Pastor Mandy Gray 2020—

Although not listed as pastors, Susan Hansar and Cathy Kennedy worked with the pastoral team in their roles as Creative Ministries Directors.

Compiled by Sally Burton

Test Your Knowledge of Our Church

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

1. Senior pastor from 1988 - 2000?
2. Epic Youth meets on this night.
5. Surname of first full-time pastor?
6. Two ministries that took place in the past at BBC were Boys & Girls _____?
8. We have just completed _____ days of prayer.
10. What group was held by Keith Johnston. Model _____
12. We look forward to the arrival of our new senior pastor.
14. Where did the church first meet? Page Infants _____
15. The name of our Op Shop is Another _____?
16. Are we accredited as a safe church?

Down

1. A current ministry is Creative _____?
3. Steve _____ instigated the drama group.
4. What does 's' stand for in ESL?
5. Items NOT sold by our Op Shop.
6. Abbreviation for Belconnen Baptist Church?
7. We changed our name to _____ Baptist in July 2013 .
9. A week time ministry for parents and their bubs.
10. A number of our missionaries are based here.
11. A popular ministry to men in the community is The Mens _____?
13. How many campuses do we have?