

Continuing Ministries

Praying that these will keep on developing...

Prayer ministry at 9am
Alive@5
Men's Breakfasts
Women who brunch and Pray
Mothers' Union
Services
Youth Group
Godly Play
Music
Pastoral Carers
An acute needs ministry
Bible Study groups expanded
Prayer: before church; prayer groups; Prayer Partners
And others....

Overall Goals and Criteria

Each ministry should be clearly contributing to one of the following:

1. Bringing the gospel – (evangelism or pre-evangelism)
2. Building up believers
3. Building up the church
4. Bringing the love and life of God to the needy

The Ministries could keep in mind a process of growth or movement, represented, for example, by stepping stones:

What steps are needed to help a person enter into or receive this ministry?

What steps are needed after this ministry to help a person move closer to Christ, further into service, ...



Where to Now?



During August and September we asked the question: What ministries do we think the Lord wants to start, develop, continue, change, or bring to a close/pause, in the next few years?

Lots of people shared their ideas about this either in discussion groups or by email to Dale. Church Council is now taking this a step further.

October and November is the time to pray and ask the Lord to raise up workers for the ministries he wants us to start or to develop.

Where to Now?

Step 1 Sign Up to Pray

You are invited to join in a month of prayer using the special Prayer Diary. Pray on your own or with others day by day for the kinds of things outlined below. Get your copy of the Prayer Diary today.

Step 2. Pray

Pray and ask the Lord

- ⇒ to raise up workers for the five New Ministry Teams mentioned below
- ⇒ to help those involved in the Continuing Ministries (see below) to keep on developing and improving what they do
- ⇒ to show you if he is calling you to join one of the New Ministry Teams
- ⇒ to show you if he is calling you to some other ministry

Step 3. Sign up for Ministry

In November, sign up if you think the Lord is calling you to be part of any of these ministry teams or some other ministry (more info about how to do this in November)

Step 4 Church Council sets up teams

At its meeting in November CC will set up teams and leaders to establish and agree on goals, vision, parameters, purpose and some of the 'how' of each ministry

Step 5 The teams will then report back so CC can review the foundations of the ministries

Step 6 Commission the teams to start and to report regularly to CC

New Ministry Teams

Is the Lord calling you to be part of any of these ministries? You may or may not have a clear idea of what that call might involve. The key thing at this stage is to recognise that the Lord wants you involved in it in some way.

Families with Children

A team to plan, coordinate, foster, initiate ministries of evangelism, care, building up amongst both adults and children, in families with children.

Gospellers

A group of people who know the Lord has called them to evangelise who would pray and support each other. It doesn't necessarily involve any events such as running Alpha (although it could). This is a group for people who are ready to actually have a go at sharing the gospel. Not necessarily together. Could be individual or group work. Praying for and encouraging each other is the key thing.

Performing Arts Ministries

People who have a call to use the Performing Arts (including events such as Bassendean's Got Talent) as a means of outreach, building up the body, or bringing the love and life of God to the needy.

Welcoming

A team to plan and do the welcoming of new and old into both church meetings and into the fellowship of St Mark's. This is a wider ministry than just welcoming people at the church door on Sundays, although it would include that.

Ministry to the needy

This team would include the Benefit Shop ministry but expand it to be a broader ministry to different kinds of needs in Bassendean.

Need some help, some clarification, or want to talk over any of these matters?

Please talk to Dale, John or one of the Church Council.