

Lifestreams  
Christian Church  
SOUTH PERTH  
A Christ Centred Community

Annual General Report 2011



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# AGENDA

**Welcome**

John Bond

**Praise/Worship/Prayer**

Worship Team

**AGM** - Meeting chaired by

Warren Wild

1. Acceptance of the Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting
2. Adoption of the Annual Report
3. MOTION #1  
That Lifestreams Christian Church Inc agrees to become the Trustee for Lifestreams Community Trust and that the Church Constitution is updated by adding the following words under Clause 5(I) "To be Trustee for Lifestreams Community Trust".

**Prayer for Servant Leadership Team Members**

**Celebration Media**

**"What's Next" message**

John Bond & Team

**Corporate Prayer**

John Bond & Team

**Closing Worship Bracket**

Worship Team

**Supper**





**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
31 OCTOBER 2010**

**Welcome and Prayer**

Senior Minister, John Bond, welcomed those present and opened in prayer. After a time of praise and worship, the Vice Chairman of the Servant Leadership Team, Rob Anson, opened the Annual General Meeting.

**Adoption of Minutes from Annual General Meeting 25th October 2009**

Rob Anson spoke to the Financial Statements and encouraged people to speak to Graham Faulkner or to members of the Servant Leadership Team with questions. He affirmed that the Servant Leadership Team and the Senior Ministry Team were in the process of carefully managing expenditure.

Moved: Bob Barnard

Seconded: Christine Ockenfels. Carried.

**Adoption of the Annual Reports**

Moved: Graham Faulkner

Seconded: Bob Beaver. Carried.

**Business Arising**

There was no business arising.

**General Business**

John Bond reported that all of the current Servant Leaders were reaffirmed to their roles for the next twelve months. This announcement was followed by a gathering of the church around the Servant Leadership Team members for prayer, setting them apart for ongoing ministry.

**Close**

The Vice Chairman closed the Annual General Meeting portion of the gathering which was followed by a time led by John Bond when the church affirmed God's work in the life and ministry of the Church. This was followed by John Bond sharing from Isaiah and corporate prayer in small groups.



# 2011 REPORT FROM SENIOR MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

We want to begin by again thanking everybody who is a part of our Church community for their commitment to the cause of Christ. What ever part you play we thank you for being involved with us in serving our Lord and Master.

As always there is much to thank God for over this past year of ministry together. We have also been blessed, taught much, disciplined a little, and also stretched in our faith journey as a church.

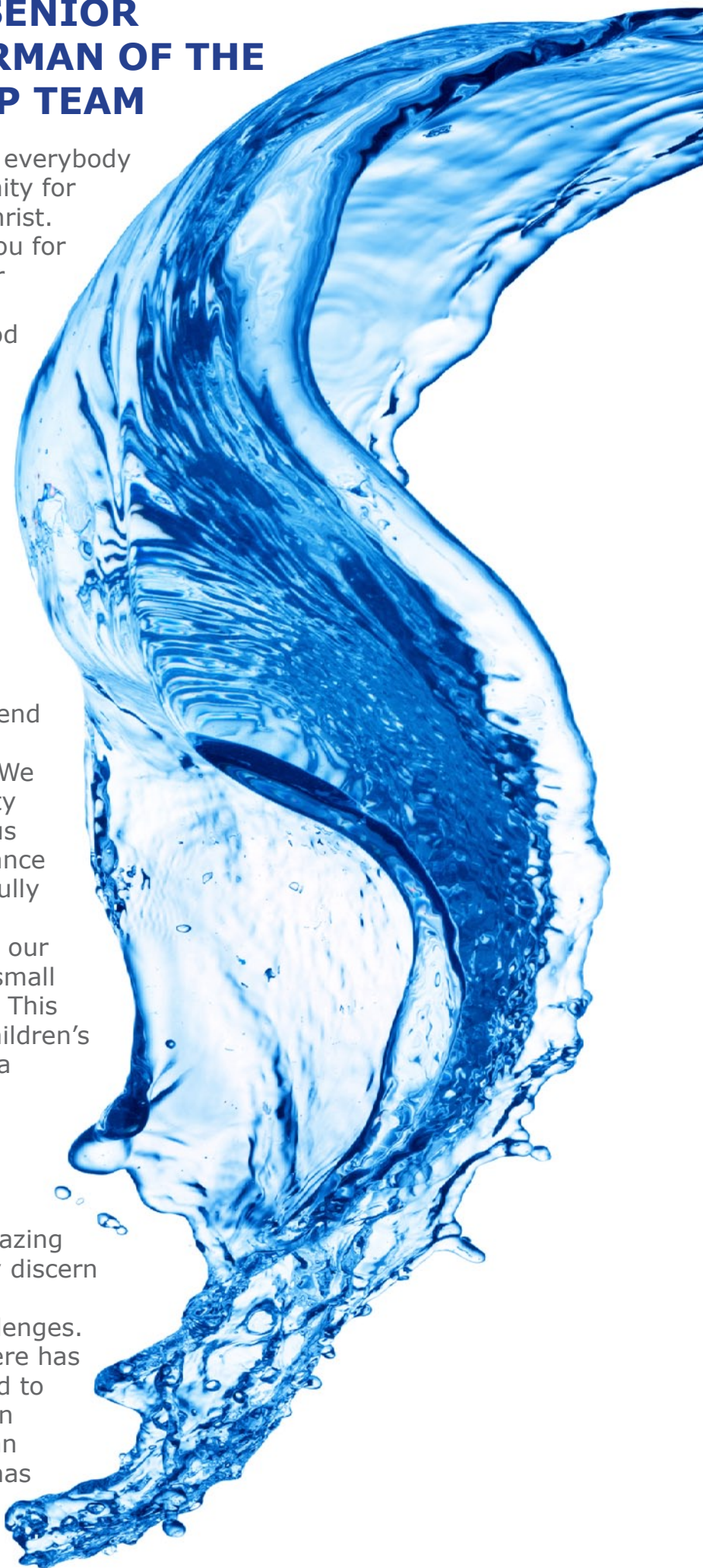
You will read in the following pages from all of our ministry areas so we want to focus on a couple of broader items that affect us all. We want to raise three of issues of concern.

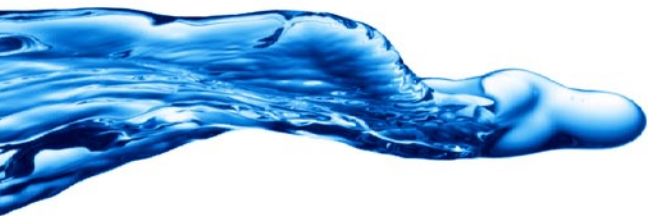
1. For years we have felt we have won the fight against the national trend of people only coming to weekend celebration once or twice a month! We now find that we are like the majority of Christian churches with many of us not as committed to Sunday attendance or involvement. We need to prayerfully address this.

We have grown as a congregation in our reach and number but have seen a small decline in our average attendances. This affects ministries, particularly our children's ministry (which is and must remain a priority).

2. We desire to be a praying congregation but have not seen a growth in our corporate prayer events. This is a concern to us. We are seeing God answer prayer in amazing ways but we are going to prayerfully discern our response to this.

3. We are facing some financial challenges. There are a number of reasons. There has been a salary increase recommended to the churches by Churches of Christ in Western Australia - this has meant an increase in the budget. Our giving has become a little more sporadic - we give when we attend, we don't when we don't! We are not a





tithing congregation - God has a tendency to put the squeeze on any church that doesn't first honour Him. We will positively address this issue over the coming weeks.

We will be supporting Mount Pleasant Church of Christ in their decision to move with external governance and autonomy and rejoice that the Lord has enabled us to support them in coming to this position and decision.

As a result of their decision we will prayerfully seek to plant a new congregation somewhere South. A healthy church will have daughter churches. We are committed to this. Please continue to pray for our Project Development Team as they work behind the scenes exploring all the developmental possibilities for our property. We appreciate this team that is shaping the housing, prayer, medical, ground and ministry facilities, childcare and auditorium possibilities.

Our theme of humility and prayer for breakthrough has had an impact. We have been humbled individually and as a church. We are praying more and more. Remember a prayer-less church or individual is a self sufficient church or individual. We don't want to be that! However, we are thrilled that over the last few months we have had a steady stream of people coming to faith and being baptised. We all want to see more

We want to thank the Servant Leadership Team, the Senior Ministry Team, all staff, the leaders and facilitators of all our ministry groups, life groups and Bible study groups for another year of faithful service. It is a privilege to serve you for the Lord.

Our overarching vision and commitment is that we will be a "Christ Centred Community passionately committed to transforming our World". May God enable us to move towards this call in our Kingdom endeavours this coming year.

John Bond  
Senior Minister  
Lifestreams Christian Church

of that. We want to help people find and follow Christ. This is our bottom line and mission.

We have also begun to talk about succession for the Senior Minister role. We already have a team ministry model and we are talking about what that might mean moving into the future. Please pray for the Servant Leadership Team and Senior Ministry Team as they prayerfully consider the steps ahead.

Our National and International reach as a church has grown significantly. Our church is a church of Kingdom influence with reach into our Churches of Christ, the Kingdom more generally through Arrow, Compassion, Pastors Networks in the City of South Perth and greater Perth, our growing C2C family, and new indigenous church planting ministries in Kenya and Indonesia as well as the existent nations. We ask you to pray that the Lord will enable us and bless us so that we can give to these open doors of opportunity.

Now we launch into another year with the major theme of Self or Spirit? What a positive question for us to ask and apply to all our personal and corporate endeavours. To that end we have begun a series on 'Appropriating the Power of the Holy Spirit'. During the year we are also going to spend some time looking at what it means to be a 'Radical Disciple' and some general 'Stewardship' themes.

Neville Roediger  
Chairman  
Servant Leadership Team

# MINISTRY INTEGRATION

The single thing that excites me most about our Body of Believers is that the commitment to walking closely with Christ continues to strengthen. Individually and corporately, this commitment to hearing from God through prayer and His Word means that we can be confident about God's particular call on us as a church. As we continue to grapple with the complexity of life, I believe that it's vital that we continue to encourage one another in the spiritual disciplines so that we see God's Kingdom enlarged at home and across our world.

As we move out of one season where we believe God's challenge was to grow in our understanding and experience of humility (and the link to prayer and breakthrough), we ought not to be surprised that for this next 12 months, God has posed the "Self or Spirit?" question to us.

A key text is Philippians 2:1-11. Here Paul composes a magnificent song that calls us to sing our lives in the same way that Christ does. In particular verses 3 & 4 set out the very clear options that we have: to live selfishly or to live humbly. As one writer puts it, "You have basically two choices: humble yourself and God will exalt you, or exalt yourself and God will humble you ... Rick Warren has said, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less".

The Christlike characteristics including humility, dependency on God through prayer and the Word and pouring out our lives for others are what we hope permeate our ministry staff and all of the activities and work that we do. It is our hope and prayer that these particular words from God take root and are embedded in our hearts and minds. And it is our hope and prayer that what we do as a ministry team is a blessing to our church and community so that together we are encouraged and strengthened in our faith.

With all of the above in mind it's my privilege to commend to you the Ministry Staff Team for their willingness to do good work all the while embracing our vision and mission and values. We thank you for releasing us to serve the Church and Community and we thank you for the partnership we share in the Gospel of Jesus.



# **LIFESTREAMS COUNSELLING & LIFESKILLS CENTRE**

Our team of Counsellors has been a valuable resource for help and support both within the church and the wider community. Over the past few months we have been reviewing the Counselling Ministry in the light of changes to Government Policy which has had an impact on our ability to provide fee rebates.

As the Manager of Lifestreams Counselling, Keren Masters oversees a number of students and trained staff who work part-time offering one on one counselling as well as group courses. It was a delight to see one of our students, Lemuel Tan, graduate with a Degree in Psychology but bitter-sweet to farewell him to a posting in Merredin.

This year the team have offered a number of courses including "Kids with Courage". This course in particular was immensely encouraging for children from the local Karawara community. We see the potential for courses like these to bring care and comfort to people outside of the church in ways that help them to see our desire to be a welcoming community.

There are so many stories that could be told about how people are helped through our Counselling service! Whilst we cannot share those, we do want to thank the Lifestreams community for supporting this very special ministry area - making it possible through our gifts and prayers to ensure that vulnerable people can receive and experience Christian care.

## **DEEPER (LIFESTREAMS CHRISTIAN CHURCH DISCIPLESHIP)**

Deeper courses run regularly at Lifestreams Christian Church, with a view to providing each of us specific ways we can mature in our walk with Christ. As we are all at different places in our journey with Christ, so to a wide variety of courses are made available. These include courses on prayer, marriage, Childsafe training, understanding the Bible, journalling, discovering your SHAPE and also specific men and women times which have all been beneficial in maturing, releasing and empowering people in their faith journey with Jesus.

One person commented after doing a course:

"I had a great time meeting people that I had seen around church but had never had an opportunity to talk to. We really connected easily as we shared around God's Word. It was amazing to experience God speaking to me and then hearing how God had spoken to others in our group. It was so encouraging".

Our hope is that many more of you will take advantage of the great opportunities the Deeper courses provide for you to become more Christlike, thus travelling more freely and lightly. These courses also give us an opportunity to explore how we are living, as we look through the filter of the 'Self or Spirit' focus.

Tania Watson  
Executive Minister



## **PRE-PRIMARY MINISTRY**

The opportunities to be with children and to share the knowledge and love of Jesus with them continues to bring so much joy for those of us who serve in Beamers, Twinklers and Sparklers (Sunday ministry) and playgroup during the week. There are so many delightful things that we get to hear as they share their stories with us. It's a privilege to hear little ones tell stories about the people and things that are important in their lives. It's also a very great privilege to hear them respond and interact with the stories and truths of God's Word.

Our ministry teams are a real gift to us as a church family. From creatively preparing lessons from God's Word to the thoughtful preparation of activities, the care and concern for the children to the making of morning tea. Our teams are a blessing to be a part of. It has been a challenge to keep our teams up to full strength because of the loss of some key leaders and volunteers. In particular, we farewelled our longest serving team leaders in David and Margaret Bell mid-year. Whilst we miss the Bells very much, it has been fantastic to see a number of people volunteer to serve and take their place.

We want to continue to commend to the wider church our pre-primary ministry teams in prayer. We thank each one on our teams so much for their time and gifts. We also want to thank Amy Fletcher who has continued to provide great support to the teams through her behind-the-scenes preparation of materials and oversight of the resources. On behalf of our church family we want to thank Amy for her ministry support and we also want to uphold her, Russell, Levi and the new addition to their family due in 2012!

In 2012 we expect to see several new additions to our pre-primary ministry as several babies are born within the church family. So if you enjoy babies and little children, then we encourage you to give pre-primary ministry a go! We believe you'll love it and will want to be a part of a sensational team!

Amy Fletcher  
Pre-Primary Minister

# **ROD THOM, SENIOR YOUTH MINISTER (OVERSEES AGES 5-28) EMILY DICKINSON, COMMUNITY YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS MINISTER**

It's been another massive year in our youth ministry!  
Here are some of the "highlights":

- We have been seeing a small flow of people make decisions for Christ and being baptised
- We are blessed with a wonderful Senior Youth Team, Emily Dickinson (YOUTH, YA's), Sue Vawser (ADMIN), Brett Stanford (RIOT & YOUTH CHURCH), Kendall Wall (SURGE), Lynette Dewing (TREK), Chris Mayne (WORSHIP), Ryan Stanford (EVP) & all of the Lifestreamers TEACHERS
- We have an amazing team of LEADERS/VOLUNTEERS who serve week in and week out in the following programs:
  - o Lifestreamers Church, Years 1-7, Sunday Mornings
  - o SURGE, Years 7-9, Sunday Mornings
  - o TREK Youth Group, Years 6-7, Friday Nights
  - o EVP Youth Group, Years 6-9, Friday Nights
  - o RIOT & Youth Church, Years 8-12, Friday Nights
- SURGE now operates in both services and continues to work closely with Lifestreamers
- Beccy Jones, at the end of this year, will graduate Yr 12 with an ACTIVATE Cert 4 in Christian Ministry. It's been great to see her grow and mature in her walk. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for her
- WILD LIFE 2011 (Emily Dickinson) PRAISE GOD FOR...
  - o The privilege of training youth leaders through Wild Life
  - o The cross-over from Wild Life to Youth
  - o The positive relationships that have been built with the high school students and with the City of South Perth
- Wild Life continues to reach into the community and provides for us the space where we are able to see and respond to community youth like Christ
- YOUNG ADULTS (Emily Dickinson) PRAISE GOD FOR...
  - o The spiritual growth that has occurred in our young adults this year
  - o The vision and passion that God has given to the young adult steering team
  - o Many of the young adult small groups have grown spiritually and in numbers
  - o An increase in connections amongst old and new young adults





Some of our challenges have been...

- Replacing key leaders this year! However God has given us different strategies that seem to be working really well
- Seeing people respond to the Gospel

Please continue to pray for these things...

- Young people to make decisions to follow Christ and to be baptised
- That God will continue to raise up leaders who are prepared to count the cost and help young people find and follow Christ
- The future shape of youth ministry
- That God's Spirit will continue to move in our young people. That they will follow Him with everything
- That some of our emerging leaders will do ACTIVATE next year
- Wild Life: An increase in numbers and energy levels
- Wild Life: The leaders to be more involved in planning the program
- Wild Life: Continued positive relationship with the City of South Perth Council and the community
- That the majority of our young adults will want to belong to a small group
- For the young adults to grow in their compassion for their friends and for the community
- An increase in young adults involved in mission and prayer
- A way to reach the young adults at Curtin and Karawara
- For our parents. That they will really take seriously the challenge of intentionally discipling their children

Aaron Greaves, James Kiely, Jacob Morrow, Sebastian Watson, Emily Murray (on a stick) and Alicia Webb at our 2010 end of year ROAD TRIP for graduating students



After 16 years of youth ministry here at Lifestreams and to still be a part of what God is doing is a massively precious thing. Over those years I have had the joy and the privilege of walking and growing with a number of amazing young people and leaders. Some to this day are still going strong in their relationship with Jesus and some have walked away, which is always sad.

I guess as I have grown, one of the biggest lessons that I have learnt is that youth ministry isn't the be all and end all. It's really important and it has its place, don't get me wrong, but we are "PLAN B!" Parents have the greatest influence on their kid's lives, that's "PLAN A!" Our youth ministry exists to get alongside families and to champion discipleship that not only happens at youth group or at church but also in the home.

South Perth Youth Ministry is in partnership with parents and one of the thrilling things for me has been seeing parents step up and help out across a number of different ministries especially in Lifestreamers (Kids' Church) and to really take seriously the challenge of discipling their children. It's my hope that we will continue to work together as we seek to help our young people in our community FIND and FOLLOW Jesus.

I also want to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who invests into the youth of our church and those in our community. God Bless you as you preach and live out the Gospel! Your work for the Lord is never a waste of time!

John 3:17 - For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

Thank You and God Bless.

Rod Thom  
Minister, Senior Youth

# COMMUNITY MINISTRY

1 Thessalonians 5:11

'Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing'

1 Corinthians 12:27

'Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it'.

We hope and pray that these verses become a reality more and more at Lifestreams Christian Church. There are no spectators when it comes to developing community. We are all involved, in a variety of ways, according to our gifts, abilities and other factors. But we are ALL involved. Some people pray every week for the developing of community, some are very actively involved in a variety of ways helping people connect in. Our Sunday New Friends ministry is coordinated by Linda Taylor, who makes these comments:

"The New Friends corner is a safe and welcoming place for people to hang out, get great free cafe coffee, especially home prepared food and receive a warm welcome. Many people frequent the New Friends table until they have established friendships within the larger church circle and some join the team!"

We have had a few people lately who have walked/driven past the church and decided to come in. It is such a privilege to engage with them and help them on their journey towards God. Often there are opportunities for prayer around the New Friends area. Some people have never experienced being prayed for openly by name before, others who are Christians appreciate the support and encouragement.

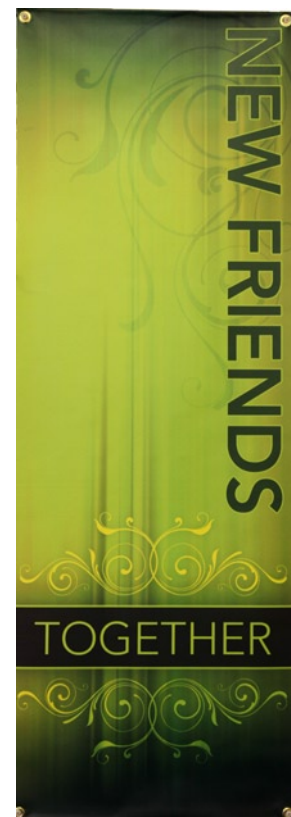
I'd like to thank all the New Friends team for the way they pray, look out for, welcome and try to include people. They have wonderful servant hearts, often helping when they aren't even on roster, just because they see a need! It is amazing how often God links just the 'right' team member to a new person. Our team range in age from young adult to...one of our bakers, Joy Murphy, who turned 90 this month!

Thank you for those who notice people in the service and/or bring them to the tables. Your welcome before they even come to the table is so important.

Currently there's a need for a few more people to join or be on standby for the first service New Friends table area. Let me know if you would like to be involved in this ministry.

There is a variety of ways you can actively be involved in creating community. In March a group of 20 Lifestreams Christian Church people did a significant grounds makeover of St Martins Anglican Church in Kensington. This resulted in much blessing for their aging congregation and great community amongst us all.

So being involved in creating community does require humility and effort but the result is worth it. Can I really encourage you to take more risks in being actively involved in developing community in and beyond Lifestreams Christian Church. Let me know if you would like to be more involved or if you have some good insights that you want help to activate so that Lifestreams Christian Church becomes a more Christlike community.



## SMALL GROUPS

This year we have seen the emergence of some new Small Groups for a variety of reasons. Some groups have birthed new groups, others have formed out of existing relationships, one formed very much through God's leading and another through a reality check. We need to be in a growing relationship with people we can be honest with, will encourage us, pray for us and speak words of love and truth into our lives. Lifestreams Christian Church Small Groups can provide that and more. No matter what age you are there can be a group where you can experience God through people, so please contact us if you wish to find out more.

Emily Dickinson does a fantastic job with the placement and encouragement of the Young Adult Small Groups and their leaders. A few people pray weekly for the Small Groups ministry, which is very encouraging. Fruit is becoming evident.

One of our group leaders, Gaye Chambers, shares some of her reflections:

"We are a small group of seniors who meet on Monday afternoons to share God's word and pray together. Several of our members have had major health issues and it has been exciting to see God's answer to prayer; when someone has a quick and pain free recovery from surgery, when another lady was very conscious of prayer upholding her as she underwent a breast cancer operation, when a young man we had been praying for was delivered from the darkness of depression. We also have a commitment to pray each week for some of our church missionary families and do enjoy feedback from them. A challenge this year has been fluctuating numbers (depending on health, holidays and family commitments) but as long as there are at least three of us, we enjoy fellowship and a prayer time. One of the joys of being part of this group is to know we can call on members at any time to pray for each other and be comforted knowing they will continue to do so until there is an answer".

Jess Radny shares some reflections on her Young Adult Small Group:

"We have been blessed to have had our group grow so much over the last 12 months that it has split into two. Since then each group has once again grown to almost full capacity in less than 6 months!

It has been really exciting to see some people find confidence in praying more in the group and our faith has grown when we actually see the answers to our prayers come to light. The major themes of prayer have been focused on uni, work, unsaved friends and family and direction God wants to lead us.

We have also challenged ourselves to have accountability partners, girls with girls, guys with guys. It has been great to have that extra one-on-one time every fortnight or so to journal and chat about what God is doing in our lives. It helps to see and experience God as a more central part of our lives".

I would encourage each of you to be involved in a Small Group.

David Stanford  
Community Minister

# “BEAUTIFUL”

A team led ministry by Isabelle Gault, Sophie Decottignies, Anne Dawkins, Jessica Gorman and Rebecca Hawkins to promote unity and connect the women of all ages in our church. Beautiful is looking to partner more and more with other ministries to serve and follow the vision of the church. (C2C, Craft group and Youth so far)

In October 2010, 50 ladies enjoyed a coffee and cake afternoon tea at the Boatshed café, followed by a Beautiful Walk by the river. They discovered their heart sisters (prayer partners). The ladies found that time of sharing important and a desire for a retreat was mentioned. (This will happen 14th October 2011)

19th May, during the C2C Mission week.

The team organised a coffee and cake evening with a focus on mission to support the C2C week. Chris Hanna was the speaker. She introduced the Heartsease ministry to Lifestreams Christian Church. 130 ladies enjoyed the warm atmosphere of the Lifestreams Christian Church café. A team of men helped to serve. This partnership between C2C ministry and Beautiful was a success. We will continue to work together next year. A seed was planted by Chris Hanna, which led to the next project. The ladies enjoyed the space for fellowship. Many brought friends from outside the church.

17th September, launch of Quilts for Africa, supporting Heartsease ministry. During Friday Craft, about 20 ladies will be making quilts for African Street children. 5 teachers will show how to quilt. While learning, the ladies will share, walk together, enjoy devotion and pray for the child they are quilting for. This is also an outreach as non-Christian women will participate.

“I’m overwhelmed by the response of the wonderful women at Lifestreams and continually thank God for you in the amazing way the group has taken on the vision of blessing the poor and street children in Uganda”. Chris Hanna

Our next events will be:

- 14th October, 2010 Beautiful retreat.
- A cocktail party for the dedication of the quilts 19th November, 2010.

We are looking at creating a babysitting list. The youth can help families (mums). Create a bridge between the 2 groups.

I want to encourage you as a woman, to be an ongoing blessing to each other.

Isabelle Gault



# MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Ministry at Lifestreams Christian Church has always included many and varied activities. While these continue, this year we have taken steps to build stronger foundations and support for ministry to men without imposing any greater formal structure. A Men's Co-ordination Group (MCG) has been formed to improve communication amongst men who are connected to their various individual groups. The principle is to 'fan the flame' of men who have the vision and inspiration to make a difference for God through their work with men.

We especially aim to not dictate what to do, but to encourage men to do the ministry God calls them to. Rather than committees, discussion, organisations, we've been hearing words like prayer, relationship, humility, communication and breakthrough.

Activities such as Blokes Night Out, four wheel drive adventures and escapes to the country have continued. While the emphasis appears to be on enjoyment, there is something much more relational and spiritual occurring. Men appreciate the different circumstances. "Here I've enjoyed just getting away and doing things which I can't do at home". "It's a chance to talk to other blokes, like we can't on Sundays" they say.

This year we've added 'Conversations' evenings and the Fatherhood Project, to provide opportunities for men to talk together as men in a relaxed unstructured environment. 'The Valiant Man' program has run to guide men to a greater degree of purity through healing and practical action. Men here express a new commitment "I thought I was doing OK, but I've had to evaluate some things again in a new way", "It's good talking to someone who knows what I'm going through", "Nearly everyone I know should do this".

Lifestreams Christian Church Men's Ministry isn't a program, series of projects or events. It's a way to build relationships with other men, encourage and connect men, and to give them opportunities to be who God wants them to be.

Brett Hughes  
Men's Co-ordination Group Facilitator



## PASTORAL CARE

During the past year we have endeavoured to see people and respond to people as Jesus would – both in the family here at Lifestreams Christian Church and in the Community in general. Asking the question many times: “What would Jesus do” in this situation and with this person? Has it altered our response and actions? - we trust so - always - maybe not - maybe sometimes we have failed, but I believe we are endeavouring to hit the mark of asking those questions each time, more than not! Has Jesus been seen in our ‘life’ as we have sought to respond to people in ALL areas of need? We trust so.

Once again this past 12 months our Shepherding Elders have been a blessing, in the areas of prayer, personal contact, practical assistance and endeavouring to minister to many people. Sadly over the last couple of months we have said good bye to Bill and Bonnie Arnold, and David and Margaret Bell. They will be greatly missed in the area of Pastoral Care.

We have continued to supply many food vouchers during the last 12 months - most of these have been given to folk in the Community. So many have experienced a tough year. We are currently looking at this whole area of ministry, and wanting to see if we can do it better and if changes can be made to improve the process. Back at Christmas time we supplied 70 Hampers, and were able to bless once again the Shed people and others associated with Lifestreams Christian Church in some way. Many families and individuals were blessed by this ministry at such a special time of the year. Once again the Hampers were of a very high standard and people were proud to be able to give them away. What a blessing.

***“We have been  
blessed to be a  
blessing!”***

We trust that as we continue to provide support in the area of Pastoral Care - visits, phone calls, emails, meals, cards, counselling, practical assistance, that we continue to show the love of Jesus and continue to grow in our journey with God.

I’d like to take this opportunity of thanking ALL who have given of their time, talents, energy, and very often just a listening ear in all the above areas and maybe some that haven’t been mentioned. We have all been blessed to continue to be a blessing!

Looking ahead in anticipation to another year of serving together,

Julie Bond  
Facilitator, Pastoral Care



# SHEPHERDING ELDERS

The Shepherding Elders have been appointed in our church primarily for the ministry of prayer and care. Recently we have had some of our Shepherds leave. Bill and Bonnie Arnold have left Australia with Bill's work taking them to Nigeria. David and Margaret Bell have moved to Geraldton for work. Currently we have 15 shepherds, 2 of which are Rob Skattebol and Polly Lee.

Rob's comments:

"This has been a great year of being involved in various areas of prayer in the church. My role as a Shepherding Elder has been very rewarding, not only praying for people's needs, but also seeing answers to prayer. Praying after services, visiting people in hospital, and following up others at home brings light to the words, "love and care for one another".

Having the opportunity to pray into a number of ministries every week has been both encouraging and fulfilling. I believe that praying weekly for all our leaders, for men, small groups and new friends has been very beneficial for them and for the life of our church. I look forward to continuing in His service to this church".

Polly's reflections on behalf of her and Patrick are:

"It is always a joy and challenge for us to serve the Lord in the role of a Shepherding Elder. It opens up more doors for us to pray for and keep in touch with more people that we had not previously known. Through this ministry, our eyes are opened to see how God is on the move and working in different people in His different ways. I share this story with permission.

Months back we prayed for a young lady's skin problem in her scalp. A few weeks later, she shared with us what had happened after we left this matter in God's hand. By faith, she took what we prayed in heart and deeply believed right at that time her scalp was healed and did not doubt at all. But week after week, her scalp was still itching and bothering her. In one Sunday worship time at church, while she couldn't bear the itch and kept scratching, she asked the Lord, "Haven't you already healed me?" as she just finished the question, she felt a deep impression to check her hair and she did. What she found was that the itch was only due to head lice in her hair and it was not the scalp problem; the scalp problem was long gone. Praise the Lord. We are so encouraged by the faithfulness of our Father in answering prayers and humbled by the faith of that young lady.

We hope this story can truly bring glory to God and encourage more people to put their trust in Him, no matter what the situation, through prayer".

Every answered prayer is a miracle. Continue to get others praying for you no matter what the issue, and keep praying for one another.

It has been a great joy and privilege for Julie Bond and David Stanford to work with this team of people in the growing ministry of prayer and pastoral care.

David Stanford  
Community Minister

and

Julie Bond  
Facilitator, Pastoral Care

# MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers)

MOPS this year has been an exciting group to be a part of. At the end of 2010 a group started praying for the 2011 year, that MOPS would be sensitive and obedient to the opportunities that God gave to minister to the group of mums attending and the families they represented. Our Steering team meets regularly to plan and pray.

Over January we held a weekly "coffee" morning at church which saw between 9 mums (on a 40 degree day) and 35 mums come to buy a coffee and let their kids play. It was a great time for mums to catch up and it was through these informal mornings the word about the who/why/where of our MOPS group spread into some new circles.

This year we have had the awesome blessing of seeing more non-church women attend MOPS. Some things I have had the privilege to be told by them are:

"MOPS is such a blessing to me. I can't believe that someone else would willingly look after my children while I can relax and spend some time with other grown ups".

"Do you mind if I invite my friend to MOPS? I just think it's the "AHHHH" space she needs and I think it would be really good for her. There's something here I think would help her".

On our first MOPS morning this year I asked a new non-church mum how she came to be at MOPS and she told me how she DOES NOT do church - but is attending because her friend invited her several times. She was just coming once so that she could tell her friend she'd tried it and it was not for her. She has only missed one session since.

We currently have nearly 60 mums on our 2011 MOPS books. 1/3 are non-church, just under 1/3 from other churches and the rest are from Lifestreams Christian Church. Our average attendance is between 30 and 35 each fortnight. The mums are from diverse backgrounds and family circumstances - include mums who are single, have no extended family and whose partners work fly-in fly-out.

Some 2011 highlights: 35 women squished in the kitchen to make their dinner; learning how to sew a button on; discussing the importance of a quiet time/devotional time; sharing favourite Bible verses; being organised, kids and chores; testimonies; and, David Stanford's talks on the unfinished work of Christ (at Easter), and Fathers Day. We hope and pray that all of our MOPS mums who come, hear every week that God made them just right - just right for who they are, just right for their family, just right for their children; and that they are doing the best job they can. Our focus each week is not the talk but the opportunity that the talk and morning gives us to spend some time in conversation, hear the stories of those around us and encourage each other.

MOPS mums have also been encouraged to join small groups at church, take part in the Deeper courses that are running; nearly all attended the Colin Buchannan concert.

MOPPETS continues to grow as our numbers grow. Our MOPPETS carers are also getting the opportunity to share with the Curtin University students and other non-church volunteers who come to help care for the kids. We are so thankful for our carers.

Rina Keh, one MOPS mum, reflected, "For me MOPS has been very helpful in so many ways in my journey as a mother, a friend, a wife, and the person God wants me to be. I have been blessed with the chat that I had with the ladies, about parenting, marriage, even how honest they are when they were in the lowest moments. I don't have one favourite moment at MOPS because every moment I have with MOPS is so precious to me". Thanks for your prayers and support for this ministry.

Victoria Bell - MOPS Co-ordinator

# LIFESTREAMS CAFÉ

“Community Tastes Good”

It's all about serving.

Lifestreams Café seeks ways to serve the church community, supporting those in ministry and providing an environment where relationships can flourish. I believe that we get a little better at doing this each year.

Riot Café provides a warm atmosphere and a good feed on Friday nights. Phil Porter greets, serves and builds relationships with the young people nearly every Friday night. Leanne Thom, Sue Thygesen, Ricky Wulfse and Peter Dickinson continue to faithfully volunteer their services. It would be difficult to run Riot Café without such commitment.

A particular highlight this year has been the growth of the Sunday morning team. Our staff continue to take on more tasks, becoming increasingly autonomous. Their ability to work well with each other is more evident this year. This is a huge advantage as it allowed Deanne Johnston to step into the role of Acting Café Manager with ease during August/September.

Additionally, we have sought to refine service.

New products have been introduced to meet specific needs.

The fruit toast is a quick breakfast solution for those who have early Sunday morning commitments.

Our smoothies provide a healthy snack, especially for those with gluten-intolerance.

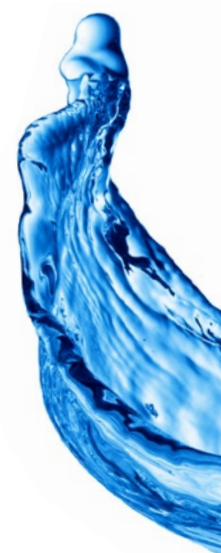
We continue to produce high quality coffee using products from 5 Senses, a locally owned company engaged in Direct Trade, Fairtrade, Organic and Rainforest Alliance business practices.

Ellen Morrow  
Café Manager



## WORSHIP & CREATIVE ARTS

- Audio Visual (AV) - We are so blessed to have such a dedicated, hard working AV team. On Sunday mornings, they are the first people to arrive and usually one of the last to leave. Throughout the year they have served with great humility and commitment and although they are not often seen "up front" they contribute much to the worship life here at Lifestreams Christian Church.
- Worship Leadership Team (WLT) - The WLT have served and led the worship ministry this year with wisdom and humility. They have contributed to guiding the worship ministry and focusing on our strategic areas of Prayer and breakthrough in relation to worship. The WLT include Charlotte Butler, Jane Gerhardy, Chris Mayne, Jolene Beaver, Diana Fetherston and Mel Crothers.
- Worship Leaders - We have been blessed with a multiplicity of worship leaders who are diverse in their leadership styles yet united in their commitment to see Jesus' name lifted. It has also been exciting to see new worship leaders emerge. We have encouraged our worship leaders to be flexible and open to the leading of the Spirit during community worship, resulting in wonderful, Spirit filled times of worship. Our worship leaders include Mike Abbott, Matt Lance, Alicia Webb, Kendall Wall, Chris Mayne, Daron Crothers and Melissa Crothers.
- WAVE – WAVE stands for 'Worship Acoustics' Vocal Ensemble. Kim Sebbage has established a fantastic core of committed singers who are passionate about worship and this has resulted in WAVE becoming a vital part of our Sunday worship times. Due to personal reasons, Kim has had to step down from leading this ministry and we are thankful to the Lord for his faithful service. Jolene Beaver and Diana Fetherston have stepped up to lead WAVE and are doing a wonderful job. Please pray for more new singers to be raised up.
- Dance Teams - A second Lifestreams Christian Church dance team has been established. This is a younger team of 8-12 year olds. Our hope is to see these girls grow and develop in their love of dance and worship just as the current "older" team have done.
- Worship & Creative Teams - Both the Friday night youth teams and the Sunday teams have continued working towards our vision to see "every heart engaged in the deepening worship of Christ". Everyone serves with humility and we are all endeavouring to grow in listening to the Holy Spirit and following His lead in our times of worship together. We are blessed by the many team coordinators who serve including Jackie Choo (Team 1), Grace Sobejko (Team 2), Charlotte Butler (Team 3), Chris Mayne (Youth & Team 4), Jeremy Lim (AV) and Kelly Gaunson (Dance Team).
- Future - We are trusting God in the months ahead for further breakthrough in our community worship times. That we would sense more and more the leading and prompting of the Holy Spirit. That our creative teams would thrive and grow. Finally, pray that we would see someone commit to an internship in the Worship & Creative Arts Ministry.



# PRAYER

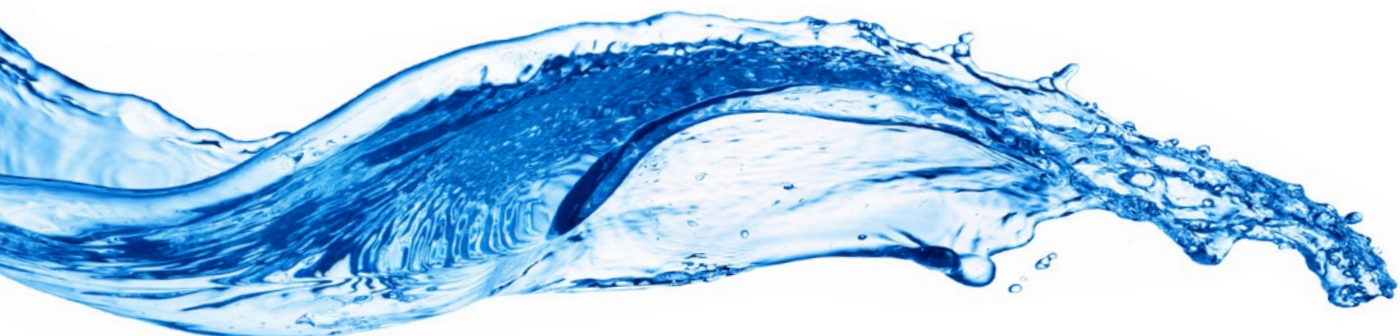
With the specific focus on prayer, humility and breakthrough, the Lifestreams Christian Church Prayer Ministry was to play a major role in seeing these things come to pass.

We celebrate:

- The 120+ people who are part of the Lifestreams Christian Church email prayer database and pray into weekly prayer requests. During the year, each member was contacted and encouraged for their faithful ministry. Each person responded positively and expressed that they love praying specifically into issues and concerns. We praise God for the faithful prayers at Lifestreams Christian Church.
- We are also thankful for the many prayer partners who exercise vital prayer ministry on Sunday mornings and Sunday nights. They have seen the Lord move in many individual and community situations.
- We have been staggered at the many miracles and breakthroughs that the Lord has performed and I list a number below for your encouragement:
- Countless healings that He has performed this year including, a hip healed, recovery from serious car accidents, response to cancer treatments, release from depression, a baby in the womb restored, an ankle restored, the common cold healed and so much more.
- The number of baptisms recently.
- Children in schools committing their lives to the Lord.
- The new partnerships and open doors of ministry for Lifestreams Christian Church.

Prayer:

- Currently, about 40-50 people regularly attend our prayer nights. We are seeking that 20% or 100 people attend our Sunday nights because statistics reveal that when 20% or more of a congregation join together in prayer, God seems to move powerfully. One example of this is seen in the Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, South Korea who now has over 800,000 members in their fellowship, yet only approximately 22% of their congregation is committed to praying together.
- In view of all that, we have a growing expectancy in regard to the potential of community prayer. The leadership of Lifestreams Christian Church has a vision to see at least 20% of the Church committed to praying together on a regular basis.
- For the Lord's continued healing and evidence of His power in people's lives.



# CHRIST 2 COSMOS MISSION (C2C)

We celebrate:

- Last year 1,165 people gave their lives to the Lord throughout our C2C partnerships, workers and ministries from our Community, in our city, in our country and across the 10 nations that the Lord has us involved in. We celebrate that this has continued this year as many others are coming to the Lord. This is a real breakthrough in prayer!
- That Monica Wheatley has come on as a C2C Youth Intern and is passionate about mobilizing young people in mission. We also are excited and praise God for raising up Jess Radny who is our C2C Young Adults Coordinator – Jess is also passionate about seeing Young Adults engage in mission.
- We have a faithful C2C Team who do so much in this great ministry. We are so thankful for these people who serve and give:
  - June Angus – Pastoral Debriefs / Finance / Mission House
  - Ben Chin – C2C Wall / C2C Web / SE Asia Coordinator
  - Di Mullins – C2C Support Teams
  - Robert Skattebol – C2C Prayer Coordinator / C2C Shepherding Elder
  - John Bardsley – Teacher / Mission Mobilizer / Cross Cultural Mission
  - Jess – C2C Young Adults Mission Coordinator
  - Monica – C2C Youth Mission Coordinator & C2C Intern
- The introduction of a new mode of communication in the C2C e-newsletter has been well received.
- The many mission trips that have gone out this year; we make special note of Jane Gerhardy and the teams that she has led to Thailand and Myanmar on numerous occasions. These are fast becoming great outreaches into the communities in which they minister, providing great opportunities for the local church to build relationships.
- The Lord continues to open doors for John Bond's Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI) ministry. This has also opened a door to us as a Church as we take on new national partnerships.
- We are especially excited about the new partnerships as follows:
  - Yusup Lifire, Indonesia – Yusup and the Church have a burning desire to plant churches among the urban poor.
  - Bishop Kamau, Kenya – Church Planting among unreached people's and a very special connection with Josh Bond through Sonlife Africa who is serving the needs of the poor.

Prayer:

- As we did our surveys in 2010, it was humbling to see that the Christ to Cosmos Community sphere was in fact our weakest link. The Community sphere is represented by the City of South Perth. This moved us to pray in order that we would see breakthrough in this sphere. We are now excited by the following possibilities that have emerged over the last year and especially as it relates to our community:

- Karawara – our research has informed us that this is one of the most disadvantaged suburbs in Perth. At the time of writing, we are praying into what the Lord wants us to do. Pray for a breakthrough and that the power of the Gospel will be evidenced.
- Moorditj Keila Aboriginal Group – we are exploring real links with Garry and Dena Gower and are excited about future partnership. This is an evolving process. Pray that there would be a great integration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians and that real blessing will come to our city as a result.
- We are looking at how we can engage in Christ’s mission amongst the staff and students of Curtin University. We need wisdom and the Lord’s timing on such things.
- Grant and Sarah Wright together with Ben and Janelle Chin have stepped down from their roles at CrossView Australia (formerly New Tribes Mission). They have also concluded their partnership within the C2C family. Pray for them in the transition from missional leadership within CrossView to other missional ventures they will be undertaking.
- Taking into account our current missional activity as well as allowing for future growth, we have prayerfully discerned a Faith Target of \$200,000 for the C2C financial year (June to May) – we are trusting the Lord to bring these funds in and we want to invite you to pray about this and consider your involvement before the Lord.

## **MEDIA & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

We celebrate:

- That our internal IT systems are providing a necessary and viable platform for ministry. This includes the introduction of our Alpha Intranet which is a great communication program and enables people to be on the same page.
- We were able to give a number of formatted laptops away to pastors in developing countries who have received these with joy. These laptops have been donated by businesses.
- We praise God for our technical director, David MacPherson who continues to excel in this area and provide key support to staff and volunteers.
- We praise God for Chris Nixon who has given a day a week to build into our Visual Media Ministry at Lifestreams Christian Church.

Prayer:

- We are seeking to have 1-2 people take on a Media and Communications Internship – pray that the Lord will raise them up.
- Tania Watson is building a Media Team who will devote themselves to video output initially.

Daron Crothers  
Minister - Worship, Prayer & Mission

and

Melissa Crothers  
Worship & Creative Teams Co-ordinator

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# **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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