



Information Booklet

I want to personally welcome you to Birkdale Baptist Church and offer you this small booklet. I hope that it helps you find out a little bit more about the group of people that make up our church and how we believe God is calling us to serve Him.

We would love the opportunity to get to know you better and help you find a spiritual home if that is what you are looking for. If you have any further questions after reading this booklet, please don't hesitate to contact me or any one of the leaders listed.

I hope and pray that God would use us to be a blessing in your life so that in turn you can bless others and connect in a real way to Jesus.

Your servant for Christ

*David Elvery
Senior Pastor.*

Our LEADERS

We are absolutely committed to building a culture of servant-leadership, that Jesus models, at Birkdale Baptist Church. The following men and women do their best to love and serve the people that God has placed in their care.

Ministry Area Leaders

Worship – Merryl Hoey
Small Groups – Vacant
Care – Alf & Rosemary Green
Mission – Bruce & Eva Beard
Children – Carolyn Cunningham
Youth – Sam Jackson
Young Adults – Sam Jackson
Women's Adults – Carol Alcorn
Multimedia – Matt Paterson
Support Services – Marcia Dickie

Our Church Board

Gary Cully
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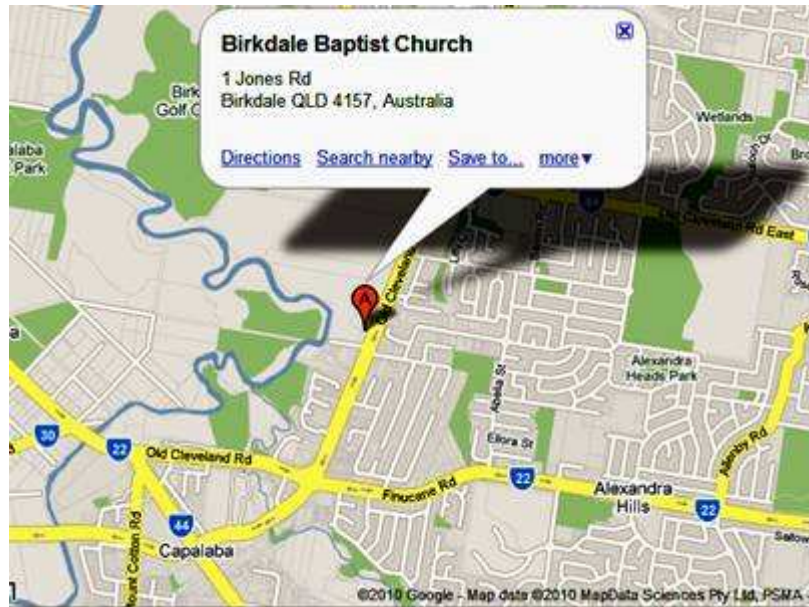
Our Office Staff

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We seek to be people who LOVE GOD MORE

... who are **directed, shaped and empowered** by Jesus Christ our Lord.

... whose hearts and lives are **surrendered to Jesus**.

... whose daily lives are an **act of worship - a passionate response** to who God is and what He does.

... whose prayers reflect how **desperately we want God** and need God.

... who out of love for God gives our resources **generously** to not only meet our own needs but **invest into future kingdom building**.

We seek to be people who LOVE EACH OTHER MORE

... where following Jesus' call to be **disciples and make disciples** is the heartbeat of every believer.

... where despite our brokenness, we **celebrate our diversity and unite** to practice **authentic community** with one another through honest, caring relationships.

... where every person is helped to fulfil their **God-Given potential** and become more like Jesus.

... where ministries are **vital and strategic**, being led and **empowered by the Holy Spirit**.

... where godly and gifted **leaders serve** at every level of the church – **listening to God**, casting His vision and together, devoting themselves to working to **bring God glory**.

We seek to be people who LOVE THE WORLD MORE

... where, for every believer, **reaching people** with the gospel is **compassionate, intentional and compelling**.

... who partner with other Christian groups in **sending and supporting missionaries** to our world – **nationally and internationally**.

... who **loves and serves** people in our local community in **practical ways**, with 'no strings attached'.

... who values the contribution of other denominations working together in God's mission – especially in the Redlands

We believe that the only hope we have of seeing our vision become reality is if God is at work, building His church through transforming the lives of the people He calls. Our absolute desire is to partner with Him in this mission. In order to help you love God, love each other and love the world, we have brought four ministry areas into sharp focus...

Worship (Loving God)

Worship is a lifestyle and should be evident through all spheres of life. We do set aside several times for corporate worship on Sunday, in the morning (9:00am) and at night (Boost, 6:00pm). Apart from the things you see happening up on stage, there are many people serving behind the scenes who contribute to these times of corporate worship. Many other opportunities for individual and group worship exist at other times during the week and these are actively encouraged.

Small Groups (Loving Each Other)

Small Groups are the lifeblood of Birkdale Baptist Church. God has wired us to love Him and to love each other. We believe that Small Groups provide opportunity for these relationships to develop in intimacy and honesty. The Small Group Ministry exists to help people develop God-honouring friendships. We run a variety of small groups for a variety of ages and life stages. A Small Group Brochure is available in the foyer if you are interested in joining one of our Small Groups.

Care (Loving Each Other)

Our philosophy of care is that everyone in our church should be involved in caring for each other. This happens in the main through informal relationships, especially in the context of small groups. Some formal programs exist to supplement these informal relationships. From welcoming new people through to supplying meals for those in need, our Care Ministry seeks to share and display the same love and mercy God has shown us. Some of our established ministries include welcoming and follow up, emergency food supplies, support of new mums, visitation and aged care. We also have a low-cost community counselling centre operating through the week.

Mission (Loving The World)

We firmly believe that every follower of Jesus is called to mission.

Local: Therefore, we seek to love and serve our local community in whatever ways God shows us, both formally and informally. Some of our formal ministries include Play Groups, Kids Hope (at Birkdale South State School), High School Chaplaincy Support, Religious Education and SUPA Club, Kids Games, Christmas Carols Night and Nursing Home Services.

Global: We support many cross cultural missionaries prayerfully, financially and by sending small teams for encouragement and special project help. Those we regularly support serve in Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Malawi, Thailand, India and Sydney.

Our mission and vision is to see the people of Birkdale Baptist Church loving God, loving each other and loving the world more and more. As such, the Worship, Small Group, Care and Mission ministries seek to empower and equip people in these spheres of kingdom living. Although we are convinced that there are no age distinctions in God's kingdom, we believe it is important to work out this vision and communicate to people in age appropriate ways. Therefore we have a number of age / stage focussed ministry areas...

Children

During the Sunday morning service (starting at 9:00am), we run **Kids Zone** for primary aged children. Each leader is committed to seeing young children engage with God and His Word. For infants and toddlers, our **Crèche** is open throughout the year with helpers on hand, except during school holidays. Parents are welcome to make use of the crèche facilities at any time during a service.

On the first and third Friday night (7:00-9:00pm) of each month, children in grades 4-7 come together for **Kids Club**. Apart from putting on a fantastic night of fun and games, the Kids Club team are passionate about helping children to see God at work in our world and in their lives.



Youth & Young Adults

We see the transition from primary to high school, and then from high school to the workforce/university/further study or training, as a critical time in the lives of young people. Those who serve in youth and young adult ministries do their best to help support them through this season.

Every second and fourth Friday night (7:30-9:30pm) in each month, we run the **Pulse** youth group for high schoolers and during the Sunday morning service, we run **Morning Shift** for grades 8-10.

Our Sunday night service, **Boost** starts at 6:00pm each Sunday night and seeks to engage youth and young adults with God and His word; we also run camps events for young people throughout the year.



Adults

The best way to find relationships with other adults is through our small groups. However, we have learned the immense value of men and women getting together without the other 'species'. So we run camps and events throughout the year, as well as small groups, specifically for men or women.



Playgroups meet at 9:30am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for Parents of toddlers up to Prep.

*In addition to these ministry areas noted above, there are a large number of **support ministries** that enable us to do more effectively the work God has called us to do. Much of this support happens behind the scenes and is carried out by passionate, humble, servant-hearted people committed to God and to Birkdale Baptist Church.*

➤ **Coming Along**

You are welcome to **get involved** in our ministries. If you have any questions about any of these ministries or want to know how you can get involved, please contact the church office or the Ministry Area Leader responsible for the area you are interested in.

➤ **Joining a Team**

There is opportunity for more people to **join a ministry team** already working in one of the ministry areas referred to above or in one of our support teams.



If you would like to find out more about how you can join one of these ministry teams, please contact the church office or one of the Ministry Area Leaders and we will help you find a way to serve that complements your passion, gifts, abilities and resources.

➤ **Supporting the Work**



We believe that giving of our resources (time, energy and money) to God's work is a sign both of our commitment to God and our love of Him. Therefore we encourage people to generously support the work of God practically and tangibly.

There is no compulsion for anyone attending our church to give money to support it's running. We see people's tithes and offerings as a personal matter between themselves and God.

However, for those who believe in what this church is doing and want to **financially support** the ministries of this church, there are a number of ways to do this. Please contact the church office for more information about how you can arrange this or pick up a brochure from the church foyer.

➤ **Joining our Church**

We encourage people who desire to commit themselves to being a part of our church to consider becoming a **church member**. If you want information about what this means or how you can apply for membership of our church, please pick up a brochure from the foyer of the church or contact the church office or one of the pastors.



Another important part of becoming part of our church is being listed in our **church directory**. There are privacy forms available in the church foyer which need to be filled out to enable this to take place.