

Maintenance

Our buildings – The Manse, Church, Church hall and Education Block and their surroundings continually require effective maintenance of both major and minor in nature. This year we have refurbished both toilets at back of hall also we had solar panels put on both the manse and hall these were in before the change in tariff which gives us 60c per kwh produced. At our September meeting quotes were received to air condition the manse when finances are available then, at the December meeting we accepted a quote for ducted air for manse and it will be fitted on 18 January, 2011.

Rosters

A great deal of work is carried out by members of the congregation who make themselves available on various rosters. We are very thankful for these people and we are extremely thankful for Margaret and Ross Clements who prepare these rosters and maintain the calendar for use of the church buildings.

Sharing Facilities

During 2010, the Samoan congregation continued to use the church each Sunday for regular church services, and other facilities by arrangement. We welcome this opportunity to assist them and the contribution they provide.

Annual Fete

Our 2010 Annual Fete in September was an outstanding success providing a great time of fellowship for our members, a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the community and to interest them in the gospel and mission and a huge financial success. Our thanks go to our conveners, John and Paul, and to all those who worked so hard before the day preparing the treats for sale and/or selling them on the day of the fete.

Insurance and Licences

The committee holds a number of insurance policies including building and contents insurance, public liability insurance, sickness and accident insurance to provide protection for the congregation in the event of untoward incidents. These insurances are blanket policies arranged by the central office of the church to provide maximum value for money. Insurance values are regularly updated to provide the requisite coverage for the property or personnel. The committee also holds a number of licences which enable us legally to use copyright material such as songs, music, the playing of CD's and DVD's as part of worship services or other church activities.

Advertising

The committee advertised in the Penrith press for Easter & Christmas services and did letterbox drops for both the Fete and Carols in the Park.

The members of the committee acknowledge the confidence you have shown in them by electing them to serve our God and you, the congregation, by endeavouring to wisely manage the temporal affairs of the parish and they acknowledge the privilege of serving our Sovereign God in this role.

P. A. Sheldon
Secretary

Committee of Management

Report 2010

Reviewing the year 2010, the members of the Committee of Management recognise the magnificent provision of our God in enabling the committee to finalise the books with income over expenditure at the end of the year. The year began with serious doubts that we would be able to fulfil our budgeted expenses as, the budget for 2010 was far in excess of any previous budgets. As Isaiah said, "The Lord will guide you always. He will satisfy your needs in a sun scorched land and will strengthen your frame" (Isaiah 58: 11). In the past year we have witnessed the generosity of our God in this parish.

Committee Meetings

At the Annual Congregational meeting in March, Paul Sheldon, Michelle Parker, Denise Sylvester, Joe Ifopo, Neil Sperinck, David Woodruff, Margaret Clements and Russell Kirk were elected to the committee. As this was less than the usual number of ten elected members the committee was empowered to co-opt additional members but no other members were co-opted. In addition, three members of the Session, namely the Moderator, William Morrow, and Elders Bruce Logan and Craig Morrison have exercised their right to attend committee meetings.

The committee met monthly, with the exception of January, for ordinary business and had two joint meetings with the Session to discuss matters of mutual concern. The average attendance at committee meetings was 7 members.

At its March Meeting the committee elected the following office-bearers – Chairperson: Michelle Parker, Deputy Chairperson: David Woodruff, Secretary: Paul Sheldon, Treasurer: Denise Sylvester, Maintenance Committee: Craig Morrison, David Woodruff, Joe Ifopo, Paul Sheldon and Neil Sperinck, and Fete Conveners Paul Sheldon and John Pickering.

Finance

As mentioned in the opening remarks, our God has shown His generosity, and over the year the 2010 budget was met. We give thanks to our God for this. More details of this will be available in the treasurer's Financial Report.

The committee continued to support the Williamson family and the Woodruff Family through Mission Partners, Presbyterian Inland Mission, Presbyterian Social Services, General Mission Program, Hospital Chaplaincy, the Richardson family through European Christian Mission, the Manton family through Mission Partners, the Bible League, the Bible Society and Tear fund as donations were received from individual members of the congregation.

supply meals for the Youth Group on a Sunday evening; and again held a combined PWA Luncheon, where both the Day and Evening groups invite other ladies from the church to see and hear how, with God's grace, we can plan and work together for his work in our church.

We have continued our bi-monthly Cuppa-n-Craft afternoons this year, where ladies are able to bring along a piece of craft work that they are currently working on and then spend a couple of hours working on the craft and chatting to the others who attend. Each session continues to begin with a short devotion, conducted by one of the members. We have also continued to prepare and distribute baby baskets to the parents of new babies in the congregation - this year distributing fourteen baskets.

This year saw a new item added to the calendar - a Church Dinner and Concert which was held on 28th August. Members of the Evening group provided a great selection of food for the many families who attended and several of the members also took part in some of the entertaining items during the evening. A most enjoyable evening was had by all - and there have already been several requests for a follow-up concert to be held in 2011.

Joining with other PWA groups is both an enjoyable and valuable time. Some of our members have attended a variety of different activities - the Dorcas Rally; the "Time Out" study at Springwood in March; the Hawkesbury Presbytery Group Rally at Wentworthville in May; and the Annual PWA State Conference held at PLC in July. Members have attended, and taught at workshops, at the Creative Camp at Stanwell Tops; the Study Camp, which was also held at Stanwell Tops; fashion parades held at other PWA branches; and Mission lunches, with an interesting range of speakers. Presbyterian Market Day was again a great time to meet up with ladies from all over the state, and, at the same time, support the work of the wider church. Funds raised at this year's Market are to be used to financially support the Country Candidates, as they move to Sydney for study.

The PWA Evening Group also share love by financially supporting Sandy Wade Ferrell, Samaritan's Purse, the Committee of Management, Scripture classes, Fellowship of the Smallest Coin, and each of the Standing Committees of PWA - Dorcas, Christian Education, Home Missions and PWMU.

We pray that our group continues to grow in love towards one another, and towards others in our church and beyond, therefore demonstrating the love that Christ showed to us. We all look forward to serving our Lord in 2011 and pray that He will enable us to grow both spiritually and in the ways we are able to use the various gifts that God has given to each of us.

"And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples"

John 13: 34, 35.

*Pam Perriman
Secretary, Evening PWA*

Evening PWA Report 2010

Aim of PWA

- *To unite women of the Presbyterian Church throughout the State in a friendly comradeship for worship, mutual help and inspiration, and for united service to Christ and His church in the local congregation, at home and abroad, by spreading the knowledge of God as revealed in His Son Jesus Christ, and to provide a channel of information, expression of opinion and action in all matters which concern women;*
- *To extend the range of Presbyterian women's influence by co-operation and/or affiliation with other organizations (other than political organizations) of a religious, educational, social, national, and international character working for advancement of God's kingdom upon such conditions, and subject to such provisions, as the State Conference may approve.*

"We are a state-wide network of Christian women supporting our Church's ministries, and participating in the wider Work of Christ through inter-church and community bodies" [SPAN September 2010.]

Throughout 2010, the Evening PWA has used this premise as a basis for how we can, as a group, better work to demonstrate Jesus' love for one another, both in our home church and in the wider community.

Our group of ladies meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.45pm. We have sixteen members, led by our President, Lisa Sperinck, and average ten members per meeting. Our meetings are quite informal, with each meeting beginning with a time of devotion. Each month, a different member takes responsibility for this devotion, by leading the group with a Bible passage, message and prayer. An important part of the meeting continues to be our time of sharing, where members are able to share their concerns, joys and achievements with a group of like-minded friends. It also gives us the chance to share, as a group, with God, as we pray for specific needs. It has been most comforting to feel the power of those prayers, and witness the way God has worked in answer to the prayers. During the remainder of the meeting we discuss the correspondence received and sent, plan and organize activities, often help with the preparation of items for one of the many children's ministries we support, and we conclude with supper. Our time together is characterised by laughter and sharing, but underlying all of this is the goal of service to our Lord.

As a group, we have also aimed to assist the whole church to better express genuine caring love for one another. Our regular activities have included the organisation of the Annual Congregational Picnic at Tench Reserve; the stocking of the Casserole Bank; helping to support the Scripture Teachers in several of our local schools; assisting with the preparations for, and being part of, STAKZ and Holiday Kids' Club; as well as the collection and preparation of the many boxes for Samaritan's Purse. We continue to

Kids' Church Report 2010

We have again come to an end of another challenging year for the Kid's Church. In this year we have been abundantly blessed with many good things, both material and spiritual. In particular, we have been blessed by all the teachers and helpers who, week after week, help run our Kids' Church. We had 8 regular teachers and 18 helpers in 2010.

We are also very grateful to those people in the congregation who uphold the Kids' Church in prayer. It makes a great deal of difference.

This year is the first year in which the second service was in operation and as the year progressed, our numbers increased. We had many highlights throughout the year - with successful combined services in May (Picnic Day), October (Kids' Holiday Club and December (Christmas service and prize-giving).

The greatest highlight has been the development of the children in the Kids' Church. Bit by bit our children are getting to know more about God. This has been done in all sections of the Kids' Church through lessons, memory verses and songs.

We are looking forward to another great year in 2011. There is always a need for more teachers and helpers. If anyone would like to participate in Kids' Church in either a small or large way, please contact Lesley or Geoff Westcott.



Know Your Bible (KYB) Report

"I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11

KYB Bible study groups have continued to function throughout the year. To remind you - KYB comes under the umbrella of CWCI which is an International evangelical ministry, so within our Bible study groups we have people joining us from other denominations or those with no church connection, who are interested to know what the Bible teaches. There are a number of different groups for MEN, LADIES, MIXED. The groups meet in different venues at different times throughout the week to try and accommodate everyone. There was a total of eighty plus people involved in the groups.

The groups meet during the four school terms, commencing at the beginning of the school year, and finishing mid November. In the four terms we look at two Old Testament and two New Testament books of the Bible. Before each term, the day groups meet together, including other groups within the Penrith area, when we have an introduction to the study with some background information. There is also an evening introductory session for evening groups.

In 2010 we have completed studies in: Romans - part 1, Psalms - book 1, The letters of John and Hosea.

In 2011 we will be looking at: ISAIAH PART 1 ROMANS PART 2, 1 SAMUEL and JAMES.

There is a continuous need for help in the creche on Tuesday mornings. Can you help? God has provided us with His Word, the Bible, which we all need to help us in our Christian walk with God. The consistent, regular looking at Scripture does truly enrich our lives, and strengthen our faith. Do consider joining one of our KYB groups, or helping with the creche in 2011. You will be made most welcome.

Emily C. Ward



Lending Library Report 2010

It is encouraging to see that books from the library are being read, and we trust that this will continue.

The lending library was set up at the beginning of 1995 to promote reading of good Christian literature in our congregation, with the aim of encouraging us all in our daily walk with Christ. A set of Guidelines was developed at the outset of the library being set up. No "Christian fiction" is allowed (Although such stories make for pleasant-reading, the truth of the 'Word of God' can often be distorted and changed to mean something different.)

We have included a variety of books suitable for all ages, including children books include biographies, autobiographies, church history, works relating to missionary work, Christian living, bible study and prayer, as well as other works of a similar nature.

Audio-visual formats are also included with recordings of bible studies sermons.

Conferences and choir singing (within legal limits of performing rights and copyright law) Magazines include, 'The Presbyterian' Christian Woman" "Scripture Gift mission magazine" There are booklets and tracts which can be taken by members of the congregation and given out appropriately to others.

The Session will be ultimately responsible for the contents of the Library, and may be called upon for advice if there is any disagreement relating to the inclusion of particular titles into the collection.

We ask members of the congregation to return books when finished reading, as others may be waiting for a particular book A note pad is provided for signing "in" and "out" of books.

We ask also that you refrain from putting books into the library. Instead, you are invited to give books to one of the committee members to read and review. We do not want to overload the library. The library is self funded - there is a little box on the booklets table in the foyer, should you wish to donate towards the purchase of new books, or booklets.

When you take a book home please feel free to let your neighbours family members or friends read the book should they so wish, before returning to the library.

Why not take a book on holiday with you even if you don't read it someone else may be interested to read it.

Do enjoy reading from the church library in 2011!

Committee Members include... Joy Reid, Sarah Woodruff, Robyn Davies and Emily C. Ward. We will be very willing to answer any questions you may have re the library.

Emily C Ward....Lending Library Committee Coordinator

Scripture in Schools Report 2010

Ethics has not impacted on us this year. Scripture will continue unchanged at Penrith South in 2011.

What a wonderful answer to prayer!

We still have the opportunity to go into schools and tell children about God's love, who Jesus is, what he has done for them and continues to do for them.

My sincere thanks go to Michelle Parker, Diane Lower (from the Cambridge Park Community Church), Julian Farrell and Chloe Williams (from Imagination Church) who help teach at Penrith South.

Thanks to Joy Reid and Beth Moore and any others who share Jesus elsewhere in our local schools. If you have a spare Tuesday morning and would like to come and see or help please talk to William, Steve, Michelle or myself. (Matthew 9 : 35-37.)

It has been encouraging to see some of our scripture children coming to STAKZ or the Kids Holiday Club. Thank you to all who pray for our work. You are part of God's work.

Heather Shaw
SRE Coordinator for Penrith South Public School



STAKZ - Weekly Kids' Club

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." (Luke 18:16)

What a year... what a year!

What a challenge 2010 proved to be !

With a dedicated team of leaders and helpers, an enrolment of fifty-four children (half of whom have no church affiliation), an average attendance of thirty-four, the field to be reached is indeed ripe for harvest.

Our weekly program included Bible teaching, prayer, creative craft activities, games, singing and a great afternoon tea – served by our kitchen staff.

One of the highlights of the year included a visit from Mr David Young (Children for Christ) who presented the gospel story in an interesting and relevant way, maintaining the children's interest throughout. Mr Young involved the children in craft activities and games, emphasising that they were using their God-given gifts.

Our Year 5/Year 6 children attended Winter Camp at Stanwell Tops over the long weekend in June, where they joined with several hundred other children from throughout New South Wales. A wonderful experience, due in no small way to the financial support of our congregation.

STAKZ kids followed with great interest the trip to Cambodia by Miss Emily Ward, sending a donation to be used for children in a Cambodian Orphanage. With the money, shoes were purchased for each child.

We are indeed grateful to those who assist in various ways each week with STAKZ. Despite the fact that, on many occasions we have been short of helpers, God has indeed been gracious and has supplied our needs.

We have appreciated the support of our minister and his involvement. STAKZ is indeed a challenging ministry of our church – to children in the Penrith area and we, the team members, feel privileged to be involved.

Jean Ferrington – for the STAKZ team



building with the kids is an ongoing labour. Therefore, we need your prayers. Would you join with us in praying for PTG and the precious kids He has given us to care for? Please pray that the kids might grow to be mature disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Steve Gould, Hannah Mercer, Hedley Thompson and Kelly Sheldon



PTG - Youth Group Report 2010

Our aim at P.T.G is as Paul wrote in Philippians 3:14 to – *press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus*. That's why we're called P.T.G – Press Toward the Goal. We pray that the kids we minister to will not only start strong in the Christian life, but continue on following Jesus their whole lives, pressing toward our heavenly goal.

PTG went well during 2010. There were many challenges and joys. Sadly we said goodbye to Hannah Mercer at the end of term two, after serving as a gifted leader for three years. We miss you Hannah!

In the first half of the year, Steve, Kelly and Hannah participated in a day of training run by 'Youthworks'. This was with the goal of honing our skills as leaders. We were reminded of the importance of relationship building with the youth – not just sharing our Sunday nights, but our very lives with the kids. The first half of the year we finished off some of our 'Studies 2 Go' series and also used some DVD resources. For the second half of the year, we used a set of teaching materials called 'Programs 2 Go'. This was a change from what we as leaders and kids were used to, but it helped us to work on relationship building as well as solid Bible teaching.

In the second half of the year, I got sick and was out of action, but in God's abundant grace He provided another leader at just the right time. Hedley Thompson came to minister to the youth of PTG. He has adjusted well and is loving the challenge and joy of youth ministry.

Each week we continue to enjoy meals provided by the evening PWA – thank you ladies! This enables us to have fellowship over a meal before we head next door for a time of worship and encouraging one another at Night Church. Additionally, in 2010, we continued to support Nathan and Kathy Griffith (APWM / ECM) in their mission work in Portugal.

We enjoyed some exciting outings in 2010: Ice skating, PY soccer comp, Unreal mini-golf, pizza and movie night, Laser Zone, as well as the PY Winter Camp, where we had a large group of young people attend.

In the year past, I greatly appreciated the faithful, prayerful and hardworking leadership and support of Hannah and Kelly in terms 1 and 2, and Kelly and Hedley in terms 3 and 4. We look forward to 2011 with confidence in our God who provides for all our needs and who is doing great work in each of the kids in PTG.

At our term 1 planning meeting for 2011, we were reminded of some cheap substitutes to effective youth ministry. Three of these were: a preoccupation with numbers, an over reliance on activities (to the exclusion of Bible teaching and application) and 'hype' with no substance to our meetings. Our training as leaders and our teaching and relationship

Kids' Holiday Club Report 2010

The 2010 Kid's Holiday Club was a really great time, not just for the children, but also for the leaders, and for those who worked behind the scenes. Sometimes our plans didn't appear to be working, yet during the week of ministry we saw God step in, and enable the Team to work together with unity and joy.

A total of 54 children registered, 4 children attending on one day, 5 children attended for 2 days, 2 children attended for 3 days, 10 were present on 4 days, and 33 participated on all 5 days of the week of activities. Those 54 children came from 31 families. Of those 31 families, 12 families attend our church, 7 families attend other churches and 12 families attend no church that we know of.

The title was 'Son Rock – Kids Camp' and the teaching sessions were based on bible characters who demonstrated what it means to be: Accepted by Jesus, Protected by Jesus, Saved by Jesus, Forgiven by Jesus and Living for Jesus. The songs further stressed the importance of trusting in and following Jesus.

Our daily program included craft, games, teaching, singing, a mission segment on Australia (especially Aboriginal ministries) and, of course, morning tea. Many from the congregation were involved in the leadership of these activities and we were very thankful for the prayers of our church family.

A BBQ was held to conclude the program and we were pleased to welcome parents and friends of the children. This gave us a great opportunity to speak to people, some of whom were strangers to us, but others we are growing to know through the contact we make with them at KHC and on Fridays at Stakz.

Children participated in the service the following Sunday, singing and reading selected bible passages and even dancing down the aisle at morning worship. Also in attendance were many parents. Yes, it was a wonderful (if exhausting) week and we acknowledge the contribution of many. Mostly, we give thanks to our mighty God for the many blessings given to us in this outreach.

Steve Gould



Attached is the audited report figures in the Presbyterian church (F) order;

Penrith Presbyterian Church
 230 Stafford Street
 PENRITH NSW 2750

Income & Expenditure Statement
1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010

Income

Freewill offerings	\$144,889
Special offering donation	\$9,500
Bank Interest	\$30
Other Income (Fete Garage Sale etc)	\$18,224
Total Ordinary Income	\$172,643

Expenses

Pastoral Staff Stipends/Supply	\$61,390
Pastoral Staff – Non Cash benefits/allowances	\$44,406
Pastoral Staff Superannuation	\$12,862
Manse Allowance	\$22,204
Less Workers compensation refund	(\$23,308)
MDP	\$7,000
Other Missions	\$6,488
Assembly Assessments	\$2,530
LSL Assessment	\$1,370
Property Expenses (Utilities/Maintenance/Insurance etc)	\$10,174
Congregation Expenses (Day to day – phone printing post etc)	\$8,569
Presbytery Expenses	\$375
Total Expenditure	\$154,060
Gain of Income over Expenditure	\$18,583



Organ Trust Funds	340.00	0.00	0.00	340.00
PIM Dollars for Diesel	0.00	133.10	133.10	0.00
Short Term Mission Fund	865.81	0.00	0.00	<u>865.81</u>
Recorded Trust Balance as at 31 December 2011				\$4,847.50
GST	72.89	5,126.30	5,199.19	0.00
PAYG Withheld	1,614.00	6,864.00	8,478.00	0.00

Outreach commitments directly from church funds include:

- * Wentworth area Chaplaincy \$1,600.00.
- Support for clergy in outback areas \$1,000.00
- Presbyterian Church Allowah Hospital \$1,500.00
- Vanuatu Building Program \$1,500.00
- MDP (Mission development program) \$7,000.00.

We continue to reach out from our church touching many areas. God's love through you, our congregation, is ministering far and wide, in our district, country and overseas. I encourage you to continue to look outside our square.

I will continue to praise your efforts by saying so much love and support was seen to happen with Samaritan's Purse, the Church fete, Kids Holiday Club & STAKZ and other areas you know where their was either financial support or other contributions made.

The Kids Holiday Club was supported to the extent that no additional supplies were needed to meet the morning teas for just on 50 children for each of the five days the event ran - that is a lot of morning teas. With some left-overs, STAKZ was the beneficiary as afternoon tea is served to approximately 40 children each Friday of the school term.



May God prosper you as He prospers our church.

May God's grace and love be with you.
Denise Sylvester (Honorary Treasurer - Retired)



offering as our funds were very low at that time. I wish to thank those members who were able to give and collectively gave a total of \$9,500.00 this generosity allowed us to get on with the task at hand. I know the hearts and prayers of the whole congregation as one worked through that time.

Listed are the various trust funds showing the opening balance as at 1 January 2010.

The movements in and out of the different trusts show that the congregation has supported various activities with funds received to the value of \$18,711.54. There is \$4,847.50 as at 31 December 2010 held as trust.

The Carols trust is not complete for 2010 with a Council refund of \$600.00 anticipated and some expenses not received at this time. As soon as the transactions are finalised cheques will be remitted to the Children's Ward Nepean Hospital and the ICU. The donations will be small this year as the Carols were transferred to the Church of Christ due to rain and although they were well presented the carols crowd was small compared to those who usually come to the reserve.

May 2011 be a fine night and the bucket collection be doubled as a blessing to the hospital.

Trust funds are remitted on a monthly basis. Any mission giving received by the church is in the relevant mission organisation's hands during the following month.

Trust Funds Handled 2010

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Opening bal</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Closing Bal</u>
Tear	543.60	5,075.35	5,618.95	0.00
Bible Society	0.00	.50	.50	0.00
Carols in the Park	1,517.65	3,064.35	4,741.73	-159.73
Bible League- Persecuted Christians	0.00	1,379.70	1,379.70	0.00
PresAID	0.00	462.00	462.00	0.00
Pioneers – Blumer's	10.00	95.00	105.00	0.00
OMF -	0.00	95.00	95.00	0.00
Mission Partners - Williamson's	0.00	45.00	45.00	0.00
Mission Partners - Manton's	120.00	1,270.00	1,390.00	0.00
Choir Trust	229.18	0.00	0.00	229.18
Kids Church Trust	2,358.78	886.18	1,085.40	2,159.56
STAKZ Friday Children's Club	432.37	1,530.45	1,400.07	562.75
Kids Holiday Club Trust	1,021.00	850.00	1,090.87	780.13
Youth Camp	25.10	2,429.70	2,385.00	69.80
Samaritans Purse	0.00	375.00	375.00	0.00
Haiti Appeal		476.76	476.00	0.00
Pakistan Appeal		543.45	543.45	0.00

Treasurer's Report 2010

As at 31 December 2010

During 2010 we saw the grace of God resting on the people of our church. There have been many issues to overcome, not only with a big budget to meet but with many health issues affecting our precious members.

Our God knows our needs before we ask. By His grace and through his faithful people He meets the challenge of all our needs.

As servants of our God most high we are challenged daily to trust God and this includes our personal finances and the finances to operate our church.

Again in 2010 we had a budget that extended us further than any previous year in the history of our church. Through God's grace we have covered all our needs and a few wants, being outreach gifts to other organizations, even some maintenance that has been beneficial to the manse.

Air conditioning was ordered in December and installed early January in the manse, this fulfilled an outstanding approval from a congregation meeting some years ago. Also by special arrangement, solar panels have been placed on the manse and church hall, the ultimate aim will be to aid in the reduction of the cost of electricity to both the manse and the church.

We had the opportunity to not only recover the funds shortfall of \$3,152.05 from last year but have managed to report a \$6,447.95 cash surplus to commence 2011.

Our total income from offerings, donations, old time dances, fete, garage sale, and some small receipts amounted to \$172,643. Our budget was set at \$174,832, with the recovery of some insurance through workers compensation which reduced our stipend responsibility, we were able to comfortably rule off 2010.

The 2011 budget will be set by your new treasurer and we welcome David Stewart who has taken up the mantle to report to you.

With God as our guide and in whom we trust I encourage you, each person individually, to review your financial commitment and meet the 2011 budget that will be presented by David. As always our desire is to operate our church with integrity and honesty within our community and to pay all our accounts promptly.

As at 31 December 2010 all accounts have been paid, the books have been audited and the F form prepared for the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of NSW.

During the first part of 2010 we called on the congregation to assist with a special gift

Prayer Group Report 2010

Our theme in 2010 was “LORD, Teach us to pray”. That theme should be a constant theme for every one of our lives. And being a theme for our lives we should be those who put it into practice. But we need our Lord’s help to make us praying people.

There is nothing special about the people who meet on a Wednesday morning for prayer. There is nothing special about the prayer they offer. The only thing special is that we have a God who wants us to pray together – symbolically joining hands with each other in calling on Him to work amongst us, and praising Him for all His goodness to us and to all peoples.

The group meets each Wednesday morning during the year, to pray for our church, its leaders and people, its organisations, its missionaries, and for the world in which we live. There are usually 8 of us, and through praying together we have come to know each other better.

We thank God for Doug Murray who weekly leads us in a devotion from God’s word to focus our attention on prayer and the God who answers prayer.

We know that many of you regularly pray in private for God’s work among us and through us. However we encourage you to consider joining us. We pray because we know that unless the LORD God builds the house, we labour in vain in trying to build it.

If you would like us to pray about anything that concerns you, please give a note to Emily, Doug or William. We also encourage you to join us one Wednesday morning at 9.00 am at the manse where we now meet.

William Morrow



Day PWA Report 2010

It is with great pleasure that I present this report of the Day P.W.A. for 2010.

In January, 2010, several ladies met at Jean Ferrington's for a planning day for 2010. It was decided to have seven business meetings a year and four social meetings each during the year.

Our first social meeting was in March. As it coincided with Harvest Thanksgiving we asked Thelma Logan to be our guest speaker and to tell us about her memories of Harvest Thanksgiving over the years. Thelma spoke on her memories of Harvest Thanksgivings around the 1930's.

The next social meeting was in May when several of our ladies visited Allowah Children's Hospital. They were greeted with a delicious morning tea before being shown over the hospital. It was a very interesting and informative day and they were most impressed with the facilities there.

July was our Annual Luncheon. This year we had a Chinese theme where sixty people enjoyed a delicious Chinese meal prepared for us by Lesley Westcott and Tracey Mercer. We then settled back to listen to our guest speakers Kate and Michael tell us about their life and experiences while they were working in Asia and how they could quietly talk to some people about Jesus.

Our September meeting was again a social event of memories and afternoon tea. Photos of our younger days were displayed which aroused much interest and discussion. People were then invited to show any memorabilia that they had and to give a short reminiscence about the article. Shirley and Hedley Thompson entertained us with three musical items.

We started the P.W.A. year with our Annual Christmas breakfast where 25 people enjoyed the delicious cooked breakfast prepared for us by our men. Thank you once again to those men. Our speaker was Rhonda Daley who spoke on the work of Allowah Children's Hospital.

During the months of August and September we again had the Small Coin Jar in the Church. We were able to send \$200.00 to Market Day. Thank you to the congregation for your generous support.

We were pleased to be able to again help some of our primary school children attend the PY Winter camp where, by all accounts, they had a great time.

Our major donations for 2010 were to the Committee of Management, Home Mission and Church Extension, PWMU, Homes for the Aged, Dorcas Park Patrol, P.I.M., and Christian Education.

Lynette Ryan, Secretary

With growth and change we are again in need of "Pastoral Carers". If you feel that you are able to keep watch over say five or six members of congregation in your group or neighbourhood, please speak with an elder. Session is looking to reorganise and revitalise the Fellowship and Pastoral Care ministry at an early date.

Again, we must give thanks to God who through the Spirit has guided us in Session to show compassion and love and give thanks for His care of the Rev. William Morrow with good health and spiritual guidance. During the year William has required special leadership skills and commitment to support our church family and ministry programs in meeting such a range of unexpected challenges.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." Rev. 2:7 NKJ

Jesus came to earth to restore humankind and to again offer them the tree of life. Those who are in the new paradise, the New Jerusalem, will partake of the tree of life forever.

Together in His service,

Bob Green - Session Clerk



and Pastoral Care, Children and Youth, Local outreach and World Mission. Session continues to grapple with the overall program but has determined a Mission statement, with goals and strategies being worked on for each area. Unfortunately, the later half of the year saw a number of elders progressively incapacitated and as a result the matter remains a “work in progress”.

Many of the congregation are aware of Child Protection (Breaking the Silence) Unit. This is now to be known as the Safe Church Unit which has a wider scope. Should any member of the congregation have a concern in relation to the broad area of Child Protection they should bring the matter to the Rev. William Morrow or an elder.

During the year, a number of joint meetings were held with the Committee of Management and group leaders from the various church organisations. Members of Session give prayerful thanks to all these groups for the work they are doing and blessings brought to the congregation in general. Also, we must give thanks to all those individuals who volunteer in assisting with the ministry, cleaning, mowing, fete, etc. We give thanks to God for those whose work is unknown, but to a few.

Again, we are complimented on the very important matter of being a welcoming church; Tom, Jim, Gordon and Leonie carry out this ministry faithfully each Sunday. For this we must all give thanks. In particular, we have been delighted to welcome into our church family members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church congregation from Emu Plains. Sadly their number did not enable continuation and the decision to find an alternative congregation was taken. We give thanks to God for the work of His people in their faith and service.

Session and the congregation are most appreciative of the many who contribute and participate in some way for the organisation and conduct of the various services; selection of hymns, music or by providing the music. A talented group of people, but they also look for more to join them and assist. Can you play a musical instrument? Would you like to participate? Please talk with John Pickering or Ingrid Gould.

Ann, Kelly and Ingrid lead a dedicated group leading us in our Songs of Praise, they would like you to join them. Wouldn't it be great to see the choir active again?

Then there are those who sit, unseen to most, working the audio visual desk. This role is carried out week in week out by a dedicated few and does require intense concentration, not an easy job. But, they too would like some extra helpers! Will you give it a go?

We pray that God will give our spiritual leaders strength and guidance as they lead us with His Word; that He will be with the Rev. Steve Gould and his family in their hour of need.

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“For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.” Phil. 1: 29 – 30. NKJ.

Suffering is actually a gift from God, for in the midst of suffering He comforts us and enables us to rejoice. Suffering, is a blessing because it brings eternal reward. God sees suffering as a tool to accomplish His purposes both in His Son and in His children. Suffering, moreover, matures us as Christians in the present and enables us to be glorified with Christ in the future.

The year 2010 has been one of immense blessing, joy and suffering. Whilst we have seen growth across a varied age group, and similarly new members through baptism many members of our congregation have suffered incapacity and ill health. Session elders in particular as a group have suffered through personal incapacity, illness within their own families, the Church family and in particular the illness of the Rev. Steve Gould.

For some time Session had recognised the need to increase the active eldership numbers and whilst several names were put forward, Simon Enese and Neil Sperinck were in due course inducted.

With the commencement of the second morning (Family) service at 10.30 a.m. the work load on the elders has been increased. This has seen aggregated numbers increase, albeit steadily. We give thanks to God for this growth.

Growth in particular has seen an expansion in the Kids’ Church and STAKZ, and, Session is grateful of the team leaders and their dedicated team members. It is vital that these areas continue to be supported. If you can help on a Friday afternoon please speak with Mrs. Jean Ferrington, she will be most delighted and, if you are a good organiser even more so!

Throughout the year the parish has been blessed to have a number of visiting preachers who have opened the Word of God to us, including a special visit from the Rt. Rev. Robert Benn (then Moderator General) in March.

Session Retreat: May 29th saw all elders spend a day in contemplation and general discussion of the Strategic Plan, to re-organise the ministry programmes and teams. Ministry areas have now been determined as; **Prayer, Worship and Teaching, Fellowship**

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REVIEW OF SERVICES CONDUCTED DURING 2010

BAPTISMS

June Benjamin Whitney
July Brock Sperinck
Jaydon Sperinck
September Peter Guevarra
October Ana-Maria Coptil
November Jasmine Enese

WEDDINGS

May Matthew Perriman & Katie Williams
December Stephen Aldous & Hannah Mercer

FUNERALS

January Ida Hardiman
February Dorothy Matthews
March Walter Lavalette
William Taylor
April Eva Luxford
Alfred Hoath
August Una Heeney
Charles McKinnon

SPECIAL SERVICES

31 January – Dedication Sunday
7 February – first Family service
14 March – Harvest Festival
3 October – Kid's Holiday Club Service
10 October – dedication of Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes
12 December – Kid's Church & Stakz Service

PREACHING SERIES

Luke (20) Revelation (11) Prayer (5) God's Promises (7)

Single Sermons:

Psalm 22 Luke 4 Deuteronomy 6 Psalm 67 Jeremiah 37

GUEST PREACHERS

John Ackad (MECO) Robert Benn (Moderator General) John McClean
Robert Tsai Peter Williamson (3) Kamal Weerakoon
Mark Mitchell (Scripture Union) Alex Shaw (Global Recordings)

OTHER PREACHERS

Bruce Logan (3)

2 Private Communion Services were conducted for our older members.