

2019 and BEYOND

Kathy & Steve's Convictions coming out of Sabbatical

Having spent 4 months speaking with pastors, visiting strong, growing churches in Brisbane and Sydney, reading, reflecting and discerning what the Lord has in store for the next season of ministry at PBC, we feel so encouraged. We come back refreshed and above all with a clear conviction for the future...

we want to see more lives being transformed by Jesus Christ at PBC!

We have been reminded many times that PBC is a healthy church. It is a place where we genuinely love God and seek to express that in worship and service to Him. It is also a family where people genuinely love others, both within and beyond this building and seek to express it with care, compassion and generosity. If we were to picture PBC as a tree, we are a strong, good-sized sized, healthy tree.

And we're also a very busy tree – lots of activity, lots of ministry and lots of contact with the neighbourhood surrounding us. And this is where our conviction for the future comes in.

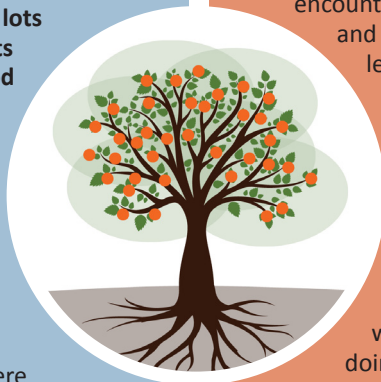
We are healthy, growing and active, and so we desire to see more fruit: more transformed lives. We do see some. There are those who have come to faith. There are those who have come to walk in closer



step with the Holy Spirit. There are those who have found healing.

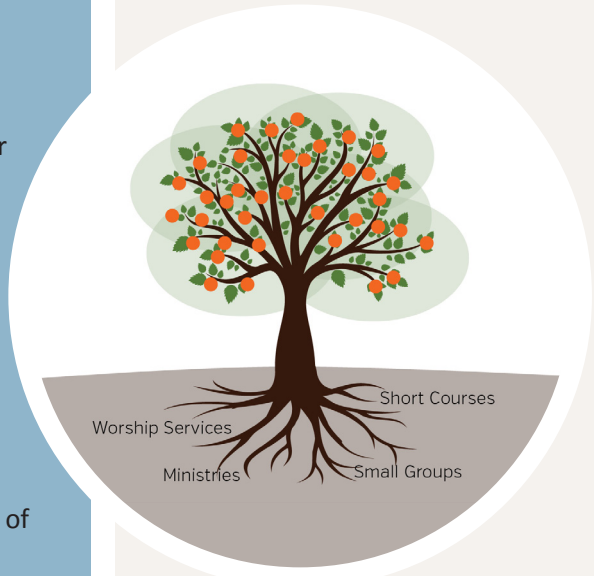
But in the next season at PBC we want to see more.

To hear more stories of encounters with the grace and love of Jesus that leaves lives forever changed. To see more people coming to Christ for the first time. To see more baptisms. For all of us to be overflowing with recent stories of what God has been doing in our lives.



In 2019 we want to take a fresh look at our Sunday services and the ministries that we are doing as a church and apply some of our learning through Sabbatical to this conviction of seeing more lives getting transformed.

Ultimately, we know that only God can transform lives. We recognise that a tree can be healthy, but in order for it to produce much fruit, the soil that it is growing in needs to be built up. Our PBC tree grows in the soil of prayer.



In 2019 we believe that the Lord is calling us to prayer. Specifically, the words that we believe He has given are Ask, Seek & Knock.

That every person, from the youngest to the oldest, those who are new to faith through to those who have walked with the Lord for many years, that all of us would pray for God to transform our lives and the lives of others. Asking with faith and expectation. Seeking the love and presence of the Father. Knocking, praying with boldness and persistence for God to open doors.

The team will be sharing more about Ask, Seek and Knock and ways that we can do this together in 2019. Our prayer is that hundreds of us will commit to build up the soil of prayer in this place.



A.S.K

Ask • Seek • Knock

2019 in a Nutshell

- We will be inviting you to join us to A.S.K. God to pour out his transforming love and grace.
- Our ministry team will work with our ministry leaders to ensure that the goal of seeing lives get transformed is central, and that our strategies in each ministry are clear and focussed.
- We will continue to support our church plant in Parramatta City and develop ways of strengthening the relationship between our churches.
- We will be intentional in replicating leaders in preparation for future growth.

Other things you should know for 2019

Interns

Our desire is to continue to raise up younger leaders at PBC and give them opportunities to step up in leadership and ministry. We are blessed with some brilliant young adults at PBC and we look forward to letting the church know on 9th December who will be our PBC intern in 2019.

Worship pastor

We are continuing our search for a worship pastor and once again we ask for your prayer. In the meantime, Travis will step into some of the worship pastor role, with Cassie Lloyd assisting him by continuing in her role of providing practical co-ordination of the morning worship teams.

Some initial dates for 2019

Breathe – 2019 women2gether retreat
Saturday 2 March

Volunteers Appreciation Night

Monday 11 February
Come and be blessed and inspired for a new year of serving the Lord together.

Life in the Spirit

Discover more of who the Holy Spirit is in your life. We highly recommend Life in the Spirit for all Christians. The LITS intensive involves 8 weekly sessions plus a Saturday retreat. The sessions include worship, testimonies, teaching and small groups. In addition, there are daily readings and reflections that allow the Lord to personalise all that we are learning. Commencing Wednesday 20 March, retreat Saturday 27 April.

Pastoral team roles in 2019

Kathy Bates (Full-time)

Leadership (*leadership of the pastoral team, development of lay leaders, vision development*)

- Transformation (*courses to explore faith, discipleship courses & other encounter experiences, prayer ministry*)
- Communication (*utilising all forms for effective communication within and beyond the church*)
- Women's ministry

Steve Bates (4 days)

Leadership (*executive and supervisory roles*)

- Pathways (*welcome and integration, membership, small groups, pastoral care*)

Travis Ryan (Full-time)

Sunday services (*worship, teaching series, service design*)

- Compassion (*Lunch in the Park, hampers*)
- Young Adults

Cassie Lloyd (1 day)

Practical co-ordination of the morning worship teams

Kaye Ryan (2½ days) and **Ben Wilson** (1 day)

Youth ministry

Lynn Watson (2½ days) and

Mireille Kean (1 day)

Children's ministry and Playtime

Jo Sterland (24 hours)

Ministry assistant

Valdi Gravitis (2 ½ days)

Operations Manager (*Compliance, property, IT*)

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If by faith and prayer, we believe that we will see an increase in the Lord transforming lives, then we anticipate numerical growth.

Part of Steve and Kathy's Sabbatical research was to look at churches who had additional campuses and the different models they were using.

We have pondered 'what could it look like for a committed group from PBC to revitalise a church in a nearby suburb?' We invite you to join us in seeking the Lord for his timing and plans.