

Financial Update:

A short presentation will be given by Chester during the service – reminding the fellowship of our vision and budget commitment for 2015 / 2016 – reviewing the information below.

Our average total giving this year is:

- \$244 / week below last year's average; and
- \$679 / week below this year's budget.



2015/16 Vision & Financial Update

- AGM – agreed to Associate Pastor primarily focus on developing and expanding existing ministry links – focussed around young children, schools and families.
- AGM - Budget of \$2,823 / week approved (similar to 2014 / 15 budget)
 - Year to date 2015 Total average weekly offering is: **\$2,144**
- Giving was up \$490 / month in 2014 / 15 – but a significant increase in giving is required before we can call an associate pastor
- The proportion of Direct bank transfer / I-Give (credit card payments) is increasing – leading to more stable monthly offerings

Year	Budgeted Offerings	Total Offerings	% Direct + I-Give
2013-14	\$2,350	\$2,190	13.9%
2014-15	\$2,841	\$2,388	15.1%
2015-16	\$2,823		

WENTY ONLINE

Over the last couple of months or so we have been working on some different ways to continue to present the Gospel in ways that meet the various different segments of our community.

One of these is the online world and as such as we established a website which can be found at: www.WentworthvilleBaptist.org

and a Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/wentybaptist>

We will be expanding it over the coming months but at the moment it has copies of the Newsletter, helpful links and updates on things that are happening. The Facebook page will include things that are happening and interesting, humorous and helpful items. The goal is to spread them out exponentially through your own social circles as well as make sure they are found when running a search.

We are looking for people with some tech skills or good writing skills who are interested in helping us maintain and grow this ministry. If you are interested see Peter or Rick.



CHURCH SUPPORT PLATFORM

We have been working with a tool called Planning Centre that helps in planning and managing the services and after some testing we are looking to expand its use further to include managing our Church Directory and a few other things. So if anyone has good technical skills, or report writing skills (HTML, CSS and Liquid Markup) please see Peter.

VIRTUAL MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

As a number of the Men will know we have found it quite hard to commit to a regular face to face Bible Study with work and family commitments. We have been reviewing the option of running a virtual Bible Study online which would probably take the form of readings etc. that could be done sometime during the week and a free flow of comments using an online secured space (perhaps FaceBook Groups). The intention would be that we would run this online each week and then once every 6-8 weeks we would try and meet up for a meal. This is open to suggestion so if you are interested, intrigued or inspired come and see Peter.

Monthly Total Offerings – 2014 / 2015 vs 2013 / 2014

2015 / 2016 Budget: **\$12,232 / month**

