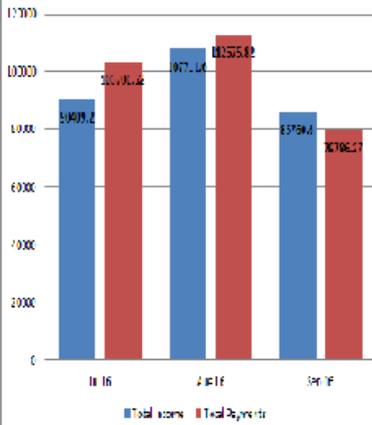


News Letter 32



WFBA - Income and Expenses Q3 - 2016



From the RD's Desk The BU Executive meetings are always very challenging with an overloaded agenda in preparation for the annual BU assembly. The financial presentation was once again the most challenging item. There is a looming deficit of R400.000 which has put tremendous pressure on the ministry of the BU. If one looks at our own Finances in the graph we have a deficit of R35 395 for the month of September. This situation has seriously affected the payment of our church planters on time which affects their personal budgets and the paying of the debt. Our appeal is for churches to reconsider their giving and to promptly make their monthly contributions. On the other hand our Parow 2 Consultation was once again well attended. The response of those who attended was very encouraging. As an executive we are looking forward to working with the leaders of the 5 Bold Steps set out below. There is an excitement in the air which we would like to share at our last council mtg

The Parow CONSULTATION 2

On 29th July 2016 eighty three pastors, church leaders and BU Officers met at the Parow Golf Club for the **Parow 1 Consultation**. All the inputs from Personal Questionnaires and the Table Discussions have

now been collated and analysed. The information tells a very powerful story of the state of the Baptist Union and the nature of changes being called for. In order to provide feedback and to take the matter further, **Parow 2** was convened on Thursday 15th September 2016. We were very encouraged to be able to welcome 60 pastors, church leaders and BU Officers to this event. In a nutshell, the results of Parow 1 can be summarised as follows: What defines us as Baptists is no longer as unique as it once was, with other groups holding to very similar positions. In the light of this, relationships between pastors and within the Baptist Union become an important element of Baptist unity. However, that unity is being challenged by a level of theological diversity and other factors and need to be addressed urgently. The services offered by the BU are not always aligned to the needs of pastors and churches, but there is an overwhelming call for a new and better form of the Baptist Union. There is a strong willingness and desire to work together to extend the Kingdom and God and to build up all local churches. A deep concern is expressed over disharmony and lack of genuine fellowship across the diverse groups that make up the Baptist Family with a call to deal with this issue. So the following five bold steps were identified, and work groups established to begin to address each one:

BOLD STEP 1: BAPTIST IDENTITY

What needs to change in our Baptist Principles to build an impenetrable foundation for unity in diversity?

BOLD STEP 2: RELATIONSHIP

How can we build relationships so strong that even our theological differences will not be able to overcome the love and unity?

BOLD STEP 3: PASTORAL CARE

How can we establish such a powerful process of Pastoral Care that no pastor would want to turn away from it?

BOLD STEP 4: BU SERVICES

What services must the BU offer to make the Baptist Union the number one partner of every Baptist Church and every Baptist Pastor?

BOLD STEP 5: RACIAL INTEGRATION

What must we do to address the racial inequities of the past and eradicate racism from amongst us for ever?

So the delegates at Parow 2 volunteered to take on one of these topics and discuss and develop what should be done, how it would be done, by whom and when. Each group will be meeting with the WPBA Executive to share their plans and build this

new future together and we intend to devote the November 2016 WPBA Council Meeting to hearing from each of these groups what they would like to recommend that we do together. We are so thrilled for the wonderful spirit in which these consultations have taken place and grateful to the Lord for the way in which he is leading us so clearly. This material is also being presented to the September 2016 Baptist Union National Executive in Johannesburg. Please continue to pray for the presence of the Magnificent Saviour amongst us, leading, directing and filling our hearts with love and unity.



	Aug-16	Sept-16
Church Tithes	53 362	46 605
Tithes Budget	82 000	82 000
Budget Deficit	-28 638	-35 395

October Birthdays

- 1 John Thomas
- 2 Dave Stemmett
- 3 Marisha Clarence
- 4 Brian Wood
- 5 Bobby Watts
- 7 Elizabeth Rinquest
- 9 Claudia Wesson
- 11 Vanessa Loots
- 13 Deon Malan
- 14 Colleen Rinquest
- 14 Mark Walters
- 16 Alfred Daniels
- 16 Malcolm Cunningham
- 18 Ian Mc Donald
- 27 Marlin Felix
- 28 Muriel Stav
- 29 Patricia Phillips

On Sunday 11 September 2016, **Portland Baptist Church** inducted **Pastor Neil Tobin & his wife Cheryl** as the Pastoral couple for the second time. They have served as members of the Church for 28 years of which 14 years were as the pastoral couple. In 2013 they left and amidst the many challenges in their lives God's hand of guidance and protection lead them to accept a call back to Portland. They had a memorable Induction Service lead by Pastor Clive Jacobs, well supported by the Mitchells Plain Ministers Fraternal. The Silvertown Baptist Youth Group of the 80's ministered in song. Family members were part of the induction prayer. The church members and the many friends present rejoiced in thanksgiving to God's for his provision of the new Pastoral couple.



The **Denneremere Baptist Church** inducted **Rev. Alfonso and Samantha Veerapen** into the pastorate on 4 September 2016. Alfonso while studying at CTBS served the church as an associate bi-vocational pastor. The company he previously worked for transferred him to Gauteng Province, where they spent 4 years. They were involved in ministry at Centurion Baptist Church and pastored Buccleuch Community Church during this time. In early 2015 circumstances led the family to return to Cape Town, as well as a clear prompting from the Lord's, which happened in August 2015. In April this year the pastoral position became vacant and Alfonso was invited to be the senior pastor. The induction was led by Pastor Deon Malan and Dr Charles Dickson challenged the Pastor and the church from the book of Judges, "Making God's Reality your reality". The air of celebration and excitement was evident church!



On the 11 September 2016, **Rylands Baptist Church (RBC)** hosted the ordination service of **Andrew van der Walt. Andrew & his wife Millicent** are currently the interim Pastoral couple at RBC. The service was led by Pastor Gabrin Gawie (Ebenezer Baptist) and the ordination was conducted by WPBA Co-ordinator Clive Jacobs. Pastor David Livesey (Family Church) led the congregation in the prayer of commitment and setting apart. Pastor Llewellyn Clayton challenged the pastoral couple and congregation to be washed by the Word of God, to seek His wisdom and understand that there is a weight to ministry. There were some special items of song and dance: Jeremy and Tania Koeries, Crystal Kannemeyer and David de Vries. With the excitement of a young and energetic pastoral couple, we wish Andrew and Millicent with Rylands Baptist Church the best in their new season which God has birthed. Let us continue to hold them in our prayers and extend our helping hands as they endeavour to move onto God's agenda.



At a special Sunday service on **25 September Pastor Neil Smith was inducted as Senior Pastor at King of Kings Baptist Church.** Approximately 18 months ago Pastor John Thomas, who has led King of Kings for almost 30 years, announced he was retiring and immediately set up a succession plan to help the church through the transition. Pastors John and Neil entered a mentoring and training phase at that point which culminated in a moving service in which Pastor John presented Pastor Neil a custom made waistcoat as a symbolic illustration of handing over the mantle of authority & leadership.



October Diary

WEEK 1

**Sat 1 To
Wed 5**

**BU
ASSEMBLY**

**Maranatha
Retreat and
Conference
Centre**

WEEK 2

**Thurs
13**

**WPBA
Executive**

**To meet
Leaders of
Parow 2**

WEEK 3

Fri 14

**To Sun
16**

**Metochai
Camp in
Betty's Bay**