



**Growing disciples in Mount Barker ...
Through every member's gift ...
Of an extra \$10 each week.**



Dear TMB Family,

Imagine a church family working side by side in ministry, serving each other, growing in maturity, and seeing lost people across the region join us as they come to know Christ!

In God's kindness, we have tasted some of this wonderful vision in our nearly 7 years as a church, and now we have an opportunity to take a new step in moving forward together. As we look towards 2017 and beyond, we face a significant challenge in our finances, and we have a great opportunity to partner together in seeing disciples grown to maturity in Mount Barker.

We are asking you, each adult member of the TMB family, to prayerfully consider increasing your weekly giving to our church by \$10.

We anticipate finishing 2016 with a deficit of approximately \$82,000. I'm sure you will agree that it is not possible to sustain a deficit of this size which will continue to hinder ministry and even our very existence.

The Leadership Team and the Trinity Network Board have agreed on a budget for 2017, that seeks to reduce our deficit as we go forward. As you know we have engaged Mount Barker's leading commercial property agent to find a tenant to take over our office lease. We deliberately inserted two break points into our lease agreement, mindful that we may need to exit early, so we will exit the property in November 2017 at the very latest.

Our costs have been very lean since we began our church, meaning there is not much room to reduce expenses, other than by cutting staff.

We don't want a lack of finances to hinder ministry, and we are very thankful to God for the generosity of his people who have given to the work of the gospel at TMB thus far.

There are about 120 adults in the TMB family who regularly attend on Sundays. If each adult were able to give an additional \$10 each week, then under God, we would be giving an additional \$1200 each week, or an additional \$5200 each month. This would allow us to finish 2017, still with a deficit, but much lower than anticipated, and will put us in a good position to continue and grow in 2018 and beyond.

For some of us, it will have been some time since we last assessed or adjusted our giving. Some in our family may not have yet commenced giving regularly. Thus the goal of giving an additional \$10 each week, is probably within the means of most of us.

Will you, as a member of the TMB family, and a fellow-worker in the cause of the gospel of Jesus, prayerfully consider how you may be able to continue to partner with us in contributing to the ministry and life of our church?

In order to gauge our family's response to this opportunity, we are asking you to respond by placing the response slip over the page in the collection bag or Everything Box on Sundays. Please do this after you have increased your giving so that it is an accurate representation of your response.

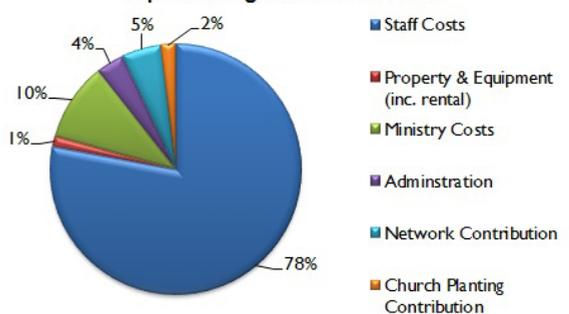
If you have any questions, or if you would like further information, please speak with me or with one of the Leadership Team; Matt Kerrison, Katy Walker, and Nathan Watts.

In Christ
Clayton Fopp

**Trinity Mount Barker
Income & Expenses**



**Trinity Mount Barker
Expense Budget Breakdown 2017**



A snapshot of disciple-making at TMB...

Hahndorf Bible Study Group - Louise and Joe Trinkle

We've enjoyed being part of various Bible Study groups during the past 10 years, all of which have given us a great community as well as Christian fellowship and Bible study. However, the past year had seen the Hahndorf Tuesday group become static, despite much prayer and human effort.



In August, our group changed to a new format inspired by Trinity Hills, in which ladies

met one week and men the next, meaning no need for babysitters.

We knew of several people who could not attend a Bible Study group because they had younger kids, and we felt that God had other plans for our group.

In just a few weeks, we have six new members and are all enjoying new friendships and interesting discussions. We pray that God will continue to bring more people.

Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study Group - Andrew Newman

The Wednesday morning men's Bible study has been a great encouragement since kicking off this year. As a faithful gathering of men, we've been submitting ourselves to God's word each week, seeking to understand what He is saying to us and longing to glorify Him.

We can see God at work in us even through the different stages of our lives.

As one of our guys put it, "We have all been challenged in differing ways. Being able to work through these in a supportive and godly way makes all the difference".

South African Bible Study Group - Michelle and Mauritz Barnard

I would love to share how we came to hosting a Bible study group:



The lease was about to expire on our Mt Barker rental home and the owner intended to sell, leaving us looking for a new home. After a couple of failed attempts, we were one month off the end of our lease and still had nowhere to go.

We had our eye on a property in Nairne, but the agent told us she would choose a tenant from the ample applications she already had. Mauritz tried his luck anyway and applied (without telling me).

Later that morning, Clayton Fopp asked if we would host a Bible study at our house.

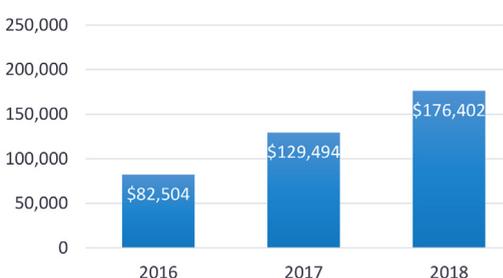
Mauritz and I were not part of a Bible study group because we felt we did not have the time. However, we liked the idea of inviting God into our home and accepted Clayton's offer, confident God had a plan.

That afternoon, to my surprise and confusion, we were offered the Nairne house and arranged to view it for the first time that night, worried about its suitability. We also learned our existing home, which we'd hoped to lease periodically, was selling.

To our surprise, we absolutely loved the house! We moved in three weeks later. On September 22, we had our first Bible study in our new home. We strongly believe that because we invited God into our home, God provided us with a home!

TMB Deficit Projection

If giving remains at 2016 average



Response Slip

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have."

2 Corinthians 8:12

I/we (please circle as appropriate) have increased our giving to the gospel at TMB by \$_____/week.

Please cut out response slip and place in the collection bag or Everything Box.