



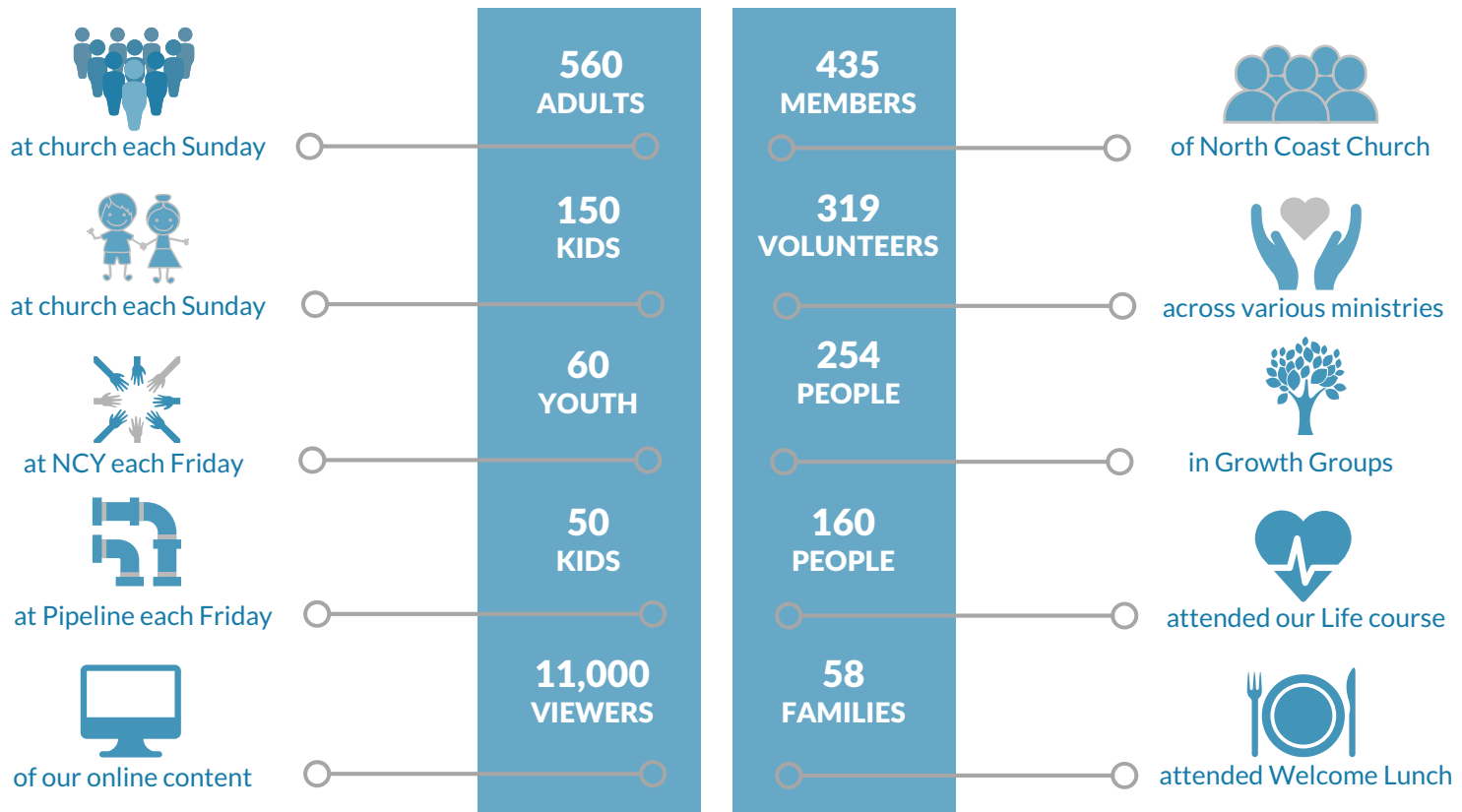
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MINISTRY REPORTS 2020

See how God has used North Coast in 2020 to reach more PEOPLE with the good news of JESUS Christ!

2020 IN REVIEW

Praise God for all that He has done at and through North Coast this year:



MINISTRY REPORT

Over the past few months, we've been struck by two key passages. The first has reminded us about Who grows the church and the second about how He does it.

Firstly, in 1 Corinthians 3:5-7, Paul clearly shows us that the growth of His church is not because of one or two men – or any man! It is God who gives the growth.

"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters in anything but only God who gives the growth."

This is very important for us as we look to a new year and plead with God to grow His church here at North Coast. Who will we look to for growth? Only God has the power through His powerful gospel word by His Spirit to make people who are dead in sin alive in Jesus Christ. Look to God to grow His church.

Secondly, in 2 Corinthians 4:7-9, Paul shows us how God uses us to grow His church.

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed.”

God puts the treasure of His gospel in us by His Holy Spirit. He does this to show that we are fragile, like clay jars, but **He is powerful**. The context here is suffering. Some of us might feel hard pressed and afflicted, maybe even perplexed, though not many of us are persecuted or struck down. Although our suffering isn't as extreme as Paul's, God does give us difficulties. He does this to show two things: Firstly, that we are weak and needy. Secondly, that the power completely and utterly belongs to God and not us. **This is how God grows His church**. He shows us that he doesn't need us to do it. And if He does use us, he makes sure that we know our place. The power does not belong to us, but to Him.

In light of all of these, here are some **encouragements** from 2020:

- God continues to speak powerfully through His word. Preaching through Romans 5-8 and digging deeper in Growth Groups has been a great joy.
- God continues to provide for His church. We are enjoying a season of extra guest preachers and the opportunity to give younger preachers more of a go.
- God continues to bring us to our knees in dependence on Him. We have heard many reports of increased prayer across NCC as we look to our gracious God to grow and sustain His people.
- God continues to bless, grow and use the Oversight Board, the ministry team and a large volunteer leadership community to grow His church.

Some **challenges** in 2020 include:

- We are weak and continue to take our eyes off the majesty and supremacy of Jesus Christ and instead look to ourselves for strength.
- We continue to forget that God grows His church through His powerful word by His Spirit in the context of His people in community - not through our cleverness or strength.
- We are significantly under resourced as a ministry team and look forward to adding extra depth at the right time.
- We are not as mature in Jesus as we think we are as a church. We need to grow in depth in Jesus, through His word to serve and love Him more and more.

Although 2020 has been a uniquely difficult year for everyone, and put significant pressures on us as a church, **our gracious God and Father has held us close** and continues to speak His gospel word of hope, comfort and grace to us, as He grows His church.

The vision God has given us as His church continues to light our course and inspire our all. Please join with us in continued prayerful commitment to this **grand eternal venture**. There really is no more worthy end to give your life to.



**We see Jesus Christ standing
with crowds of people from Perth and beyond
made alive by His Spirit through His gospel
and delighting in Him for all eternity
to the glory of God the Father**



MAGNIFICATION

Matt Malcolm

Magnification's mission is to see crowds of people magnifying God's glory in our corporate gatherings through heartfelt adoration of Jesus Christ in His gospel.

Over the course of 2020, we have been encouraged by Jesus Christ and His gospel Word continuing to be the central focus and power of our Sunday gatherings; the growth in our online and digital efforts as a result of COVID-19, which has increased our reach significantly; and that our 6pm congregation has grown a lively, worship-filled, Jesus-centred culture.

Alongside these encouragements, some challenges included moving the corporate gathering online; working on our audio production and the imbalance in music volumes across the auditorium, and a need to invest in the equipping of our volunteers to achieve a consistently high level of musicianship and production.

For 2021, please pray that God will continue to bring more people to hear Jesus Christ proclaimed throughout all scripture; that we remove any obstacles to gospel growth in our gatherings; and that we, as a church body, will grow in our expression of authentic affection towards Jesus Christ in response to His amazing gospel of grace.



MEMBERSHIP

Paul Iswariah

Membership's mission is to extend a sincere hospitality to all who come to North Coast, add to and spur on meaningful membership, and cultivate mutual love caring to the glory of God.

We have been greatly encouraged in 2020 by the generosity of people serving and caring for each other in practical ways during our COVID-19 lockdown. We are grateful to God for a successful relaunch of our physical gatherings, to which we have had about 85% of our members return. We have welcomed over 50 new families since our relaunch and have had encouraging attendance at our Welcome Lunches.

2020 has presented us with some unique challenges, including connecting with new folk while 'gathering' online and reconnecting with the members who haven't returned to our physical gatherings. The interim halt on gatherings also significantly impacted our Pathway, which will only run in full in Term 4.



Please pray that we will finish 2020 well and launch into 2021 strong as we pursue our mission for Membership in support of the broader NCC vision, and for more members to join our teams.

MATURITY

Our mission for Maturity is to see crowds of Christians from North Coast living as mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

God's provision and mercy in 2020 has been so tangible. COVID-19 saw us grapple with adapting to an online environment before, in His mercy, returning to meet physically again. It's difficult to stay connected and to deeply encourage one another online, but the Lord provided and sustained us during this time. It has also been encouraging to see that our online presence has brought new people into our growth groups and the North Coast body as a whole. Yet, in that, we faced many challenges. Ministering to people from an arm's length was difficult and some have found it challenging to return to growth groups after COVID-19 restrictions lifted. Not having a dedicated Maturity Pastor is an ongoing challenge. In this new COVID-impacted age, reaching people to mature in Christ continues to be an area that we trust God to guide us in!

Looking to 2021, please pray that God would grow His people in number and maturity at North Coast. Please also pray that God would provide mature, skilled and available people to help in the ever-growing maturity area.



MINISTRY

Gemma Bronkhorst

The mission of our Ministry area is to encourage, enable and equip members at North Coast to serve together effectively and with joy, and use their gifts to build up the body of Christ.

Some of the encouragements of 2020 have included the 70 people that signed up to serve as part of our serving drive at the start of the year and the 300+ people at North Coast who serve on Sundays and during the week. It is wonderful to see people so changed by the gospel and Jesus' sacrificial service to us that they are willing to give of their time and energy to serve at North Coast!

The two main challenges for 2020 were re-thinking serving in the context of COVID-19 restrictions and the ongoing need for more volunteers, particularly for our NCK teams and evening Guest Services teams.

For 2021, please continue to pray that God will raise up more people who are willing and able to serve in our various teams and areas. Please also pray for our internship program for 2021, particularly that God would raise up maturing Christians who are considering gospel ministry.



MISSION

The aim in Mission is to preach the gospel so that our people are inspired and equipped to share it as well. This will lead to them build relationships and live lives that demand an explanation so that crowds of people are converted.

Reflecting on 2020, encouragements include the creation of an External Mission Committee to help us better support our external mission partners and the 160+ people who have attended our Life course – both in person and online – so far this year. Challenges for 2020 included not being able to run Winterfest, which is usually a major evangelistic community event, and not having a dedicated Missions Pastor.



Please pray that God would continue to use us here at North Coast to share His powerful gospel and that we would be a church of believers who are other-people focused, always sharing the love and grace of Jesus in word and in deed.

NORTH COAST KIDS

Al & Rachelle van Zijl

NCK's mission is to tell kids the good news of Jesus and pray that kids would put their hope in Him!

This year, we have been so encouraged by the way God used COVID-19 restrictions to reach kids far and wide through NCK online. This brought unique opportunities such as NCC families getting to share YouTube links with not-yet Christians and being able to invite neighbours and friends over to watch NCK online. NCC has also been able to support other churches who didn't have the manpower or equipment to produce online content. Another great encouragement has been Pipeline Kids Club! Despite COVID-19 interruptions, we have had an average of 50 year 4-6 kids coming along, with 30-40% of those kids not usually attending NCC and new kids coming every single week because our kids are inviting their mates. Praise God!

Our biggest challenges this year have been not having enough team leaders, who are pivotal for our kids to be taught the good news of Jesus from the Bible; and reaching kids who have grown up in church and are familiar with the Bible – teaching the Bible creatively and applying it to where our kids are at can be difficult.

Please pray for God to keep using Pipeline to bring more kids to Jesus, to raise up more team leaders and to work powerfully so that kids are gripped by the good news of Jesus.



NCY's mission is to show youth how fully satisfying Jesus is by the proclamation of Christ throughout all his Word and by modelling our lives as leaders who delight in and serve God joyfully.

We have been greatly encouraged in 2020 by the hard work of our youth leaders to build our youth community online during COVID-19, which meant the continued engagement of youth at NCY. We ended Term 3 with 72 youth! We are grateful to God for Hennie and Mike, our self-funded youth pastors in-training, particularly for their important contributions to NCY leading and growth groups. We also praise God for our youth parents who faithfully support us in prayer, with words of encouragement and with food for our youth every Friday!

Some challenges for 2021 include Hennie and Mike being able to raise financial support so that they can continue to serve at youth; and recruiting 5 more youth leaders, especially young women for our female youth to look up to!

Please pray for God to raise up more leaders, particularly young women, provide for Hennie and Mike financially in accordance with His good will and, most off all, for our youth to be made alive in Christ and own the decision to follow Him!



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