

# MINISTRY REPORT

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## *Personal/Family Update*

### **Imagine 96 Years Old!**

On Saturday I attended a party in celebration of my Wife's grandmother's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. What a milestone! Imagine what this woman, Alice, has witnessed in her 96 years. She was born in the same year as Martin Luther King Jr, Anne Frank, Audrey Kathleen Hepburn and Dick van Dyke, but only the latter is still around to tell the tale of the past 96 years.

She is a qualified Teacher, who has lived a full and useful life. She is as sharp as a tack and still drives. She has kept up with technology and current affairs and is always up for a good debate. She leaves a legacy of love, interest & care for her children, friends and neighbours. It's one thing to live for 96 years, but it's something else to be active and involved at age 96!

Attending such an event makes you think. If I live to be 96, I am only middle way through. How would I spend that many extra years? Of course, such thinking is futile. It doesn't matter how many years we aim to live - the choice is not ours to make. While there are many people in the bible who lived long lives, there is no indication that pursuing longevity is something we should do. It's not how many years we live that's important, but how we live the years that we have allotted to us. It's quality not quantity that matters.

But also consider, what is the point of extra time to live if there is no extra fruit? The quality of our lives needs to be born of the Spirit if we expect a heavenly reward. The Word is full of commandment and encouragement to be more Christ-like and an expectation that we will strive to be so with the help of the Spirit. There is an absence of command to pursue Methuselah-like long life. This is all obvious stuff, but the musings rise to the surface when considering the life on a centenarian. It makes us reflect our own lives. May we look to the Lord to live the years he gives us in away that will please him and glorify him. And may we do so with gratitude and contentment

Family is doing well, we thank God for His care and provision. Our son is growing. At their school they are studying Galatians 5:22. I was encouraged to hear him recite by heart the nine fruit of the Spirit. Pray that this would not be just a memory verse to recite but that they will be evident in his life. My wife is doing well . She is studying the Attributes of God "Knowing the Living God" book with the ladies. Pray that they will grow in Christ likeness.

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### *Movie day*

We had a movie afternoon and it turn to be a fruitful day with the young men at our home from Church. I have been trying to figure out how I can serve the church family since we are not consistently meeting for gospel community. I thought if we can watch a movie together as one way of encouraging each other will be great. Thank God it turn out to be beneficial to many.

We watch a movie well known as “**FORGE**” You might have watched it. The Forge tells the story of Isaiah Wright, a 19 year old who lives for basketball and video games. A year out of high school, he still has no job, no plans, and no idea how to be a man.

At odds with his single mom, Cynthia, Isaiah is given an ultimatum - to step up or move out. Feeling the pull from his friends and the push from his mom, Isaiah is hired by Moore Fitness, but has no idea how the owner will personally impact his life. With the prayers of his mother and unexpected guidance from his new mentor, Isaiah is forced to deal with his past, sacrifice his selfishness and discover how God might have a greater purpose for his life.

There was some lessons I draw from the movie but what really stand out for me was discipleship. This is one area i believe churches including us, we need to step up. The movie primarily highlights or illustrates the biblical concept of discipleship, highlighting that while salvation is a gift, discipleship requires a commitment to following Jesus and serving others. What I really liked is that the movie portrays the practical aspects of discipleship through the story of a young man who, through the influence of his mentor, learns to prioritize God and invest in the lives of others. Guiding and supporting individuals on their spiritual journey.



## *Church update*

Our regular church gathering activities continue, including corporate prayer, the preaching of God's word, personal and corporate evangelism to reach our community. We are going through teaching on Evangelism in Sharpening hour time. Just to prepare people to effectively present the gospel well. At times we expect more and yet we haven't given them the tools to serve well. We have been reaching out to our community with few individuals but this time around we want more individuals from the church. We are planning to do that mid May Lord willing. Hoping we might be done with the Evangelism teaching. Please do pray for that.

At PBC we have been looking at 1st and 2nd John. Two weeks from now I'm planning to finish 3rd John and then Jude. Yamikani will be preaching for us this coming Sunday. Please do pray for him as he prepares. Praying and Planning to start a preaching series on the book of Galatians. after preaching through the Jude.



**Prayer Items**

- To be faithful and to work diligently as a Pastor
- For the Lord`s guidance about how to be more active in evangelism and labor of love here in the community of Area 4
- For salvation of souls through our evangelistic endeavors
- For the acquisition of Church land at God`s Kairos time
- Continue to pray for transportations challenges
- Pray for good fruit from the mens and women discipleship relationship at PBC
- Pray for growing faithfulness in private prayer for each other at PBC