

18 th October – 25 th October			NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER SUNDAY, 25 th October 2026	
SUN	9.00am	Morning Worship	Speaker:	Neil Folling
MON	5.00pm	Drug ARM	Worship Leader:	Phil Brady
	6.15pm	Boys Brigade	Welcomer:	Graham Hughes
TUE	9.45am	Connect Group	Morning Tea:	Marilyn Barnes & Helen Brain
	7.30pm	Home Group	Counting & Lock-Up:	Marcus Barnes & Denise Hughes
WED	9.30am	Ladies KYB	Bulletin Email List If you would like to be added to the bulletin email list, please send an email to the church email advising Marcus and he will add you to the list.	
	5.30pm	Men's Shed		
THUR	9.00am	Thrive & Flourish		
	10.00am	CHOICES Craft Group		
FRI	5.00pm	Drug ARM		
	10.00am	Heart Sisters – Craft		
SUN	9.00am	Morning Worship <i>Boys Brigade Church Parade</i>		

Sound Desk Email

If you have any photos or videos to be included in the Sunday Services, you can email them directly to the Sound Desk Tech Team at sounddeskmbc@gmail.com by 5pm Thursday of each week.

Church Office Hours

The Church office hours are still the same. Tuesdays & Fridays 8.30-11.30 am. Please note office hours can change suddenly depending on things that may be going on at the church.

Did you miss a Service?

If the answer is yes, don't panic we have a way for you to catch up or even if you would like to watch a service again or share it with your family and friends. You can find our previous services on our Facebook page or on our YouTube Page. If you would like a DVD copy, please see an elder or the office and we can make that arrangement for you.

FINANCIAL OFFERING UPDATE		ONLINE BANKING DETAILS			
11/10/2026	\$2,456.00		General	Mission	Property Development
2026-2027 YTD Average	\$1,922.27	BSB	704 - 913		
2026-2027 Budget	\$2,488.26	A/C	400 039 301	400 046 348	100 001 860



Sunday, 18th October 2026

Nehemiah one

This morning, we're going to begin a new series of sermons going through the book of Nehemiah. For those who would like to study more or are going to our small groups here are a few bible study questions on Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 1 teaches that true restoration begins not with rebuilding walls but with a heart broken before God—marked by honest grief, confession, Scripture-shaped prayer, and dependence on God for courageous action.

Discussion Questions

1. Nehemiah had never seen Jerusalem with his own eyes, yet it burned in his heart. What is it about God's purposes that you have only heard about or read about but has never actually moved you to action — and why do you think that is?
2. The accountability partner said, 'You don't hate your sin enough. You actually love it.' If someone who knew you deeply said that to you about a specific area of your life, would they be right? What would you say back?
3. Nehemiah held a position of extraordinary privilege in a pagan empire and yet never lost his burden for God's people. What specific privileges or comforts in your own life are most likely to quietly smother your concern for the things of God?
4. The sermon pointed out that Nehemiah asked about the people before the city. If you are honest, when you think about church, what comes to mind first — the experience, the programs, the music, the building — or the actual spiritual condition of the people sitting next to you? ... **Cont.'**

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Welcome to MARYBOROUGH BAPTIST CHURCH

Are you new to town? Just visiting or a newcomer to church-going? We are happy to welcome you and pray that you may experience the presence and blessing of God here today. We invite you to join us after the service for a cuppa and a chat in the hall at the rear of the church

Today's speaker: Neil Folling

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5. Proverbs 25:28 compares a man without self-control to a city without walls. What is one 'wall' you know you need to build in your life right now, and what has kept you from building it?

Have a great week Neil

If you have any **news, events, prayer requests** to be included in the bulletin, please email either: admin staff – mbhbaptist@mbhbaptist.onmicrosoft.com or drop into Bulletin Notices folder in the letter box by **Wednesday 5pm** of the week you would like it included or you can drop them off into the Bulletin Notices pigeon hole in the office on a Sunday or a day the church office is open.

Prayer Points:

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His Courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His Name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100:4-5)

- Praise God for His goodness, favour and grace to us
- Pray for wisdom for the pastoral search committee in guiding the path to a new pastor to lead us; and for a clear sense of calling for that person.
- Pray for the upcoming community outreach events with community dinner on Saturday 28th November.
- Pray for God's provision for our church finances
- Pray for God's guidance in the nomination and endorsement of Elders
- Pray for those facing illness & distress including Rhys & Jackie, Les (palliative care) & Didy, Tony S, Bob, Brad, John C, Jan & others you may know.

URGENT NEED: The New Hope School In Nairobi is in desperate need of extra support to purchase uniforms for many of the Children. Pastor Edward is going to put in an order in November. Shoes cost \$20, Trousers \$20, Dresses \$20 and Boys Shirts \$10. If you can help please place a donation in our mission Box or online, with reference as 'New Hope'. Their food situation is also desperate. Please prayerfully consider giving if you can. Math 25:35-40

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Nominations for Elders NOW OPEN!!!

Nominations are now open for Elders. Tony is coming to the end of his term. Both Marilyn and Tim R will be continuing on in their Terms. If you would like to Nominate someone for an Elder please see Neil, Marilyn, Tim R, Marcus or Judy B for a nomination form. If you would like more information on what an Elders duties and requirements are please speak to an Elder or Neil.

Pastoral search committee (PSC)

The following people have accepted responsibility to serve on the Pastoral search committee: Tim R (Chair), Marilyn B, Shazz K, Geoff S, and Val R. Please uphold them in prayer & convey any input regarding potential candidates to Neil or the Elders (Tony, Marilyn, Tim R). The PSC will keep you informed of developments.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON EVENT

Come join us on Sunday, 8th November at 2.30pm for an afternoon with a varied and entertaining program and will conclude with a cuppa in the hall afterwards.

Church Anniversary

Special thanks to all those who contributed to the success of our 143 year anniversary celebrations last Sunday. The careful decoration of the hall and sumptuous display of edible treats reflected the extravagance of God's care for us and His enduring faithfulness was recounted and celebrated repeatedly through the individual testimonies that were shared. **To God be the glory, great things He has done; great is Thy faithfulness O Lord. THANK YOU**

Memory Book

We invite your contribution to a parting gift for Rhys and Jackie to honour their ministry among us. Personal reflections, photos, anecdotes and appreciations of your interaction with Rhys and Jackie over the past six and a half years will be compiled into a memory book to give to them. Please pass on these items to Celia or Helen D by **Sunday 8th November**. Private cards / expressions of thanks are also encouraged and will remain sealed and be passed on to them if that is your preference.

Up Coming Dates:

- 8th November – Pleasant Sunday Afternoon
- 22nd November – Boys Brigade Church Parade
- 12th December – Christmas Carols (info coming soon)
- 13th December – AGM & Members Meeting

A message from the COACH Coordinator

Empowering Powerful Communities Success Stories

David's Story

David Barrington has engaged with churches in the past, but had difficulty in forming a sense of belonging and developing purpose. He felt frozen out of any sense of belonging in mainstream church.

His journey ultimately led him to the Grainery Church in Newcastle, New South Wales , where he has been an active member of their Empowered Faith Community (EFC) since 2018. The Grainery work deliberately to ensure that the Participants of their community meal, often people who can't find a place of acceptance, develop a sense of belonging.

Empowered with opportunities to actively contribute and be a leader in his social space in community, David in the words of Pastor Paul West has experienced "holistic development, body, soul and spirit".

David is an engaging man, who is encouraged to pray for others and is given a platform through the leaders meeting (called the Pilot group), to contribute inspiring and creative ideas on how to reach into the community in his social space. Just recently, David strongly encouraged by the leaders of his EFC, elevated his contribution to his community by delivering his first preaching message to his contemporaries and the leaders. He has been entrusted with his very own EFC business card, with his contact details on it and community meeting times. He is learning to lead small groups By being offered a platform to participate and use his gifts, talents and strengths David is not a consumer or client of a meal service, rather he is an empowered owner. This ownership engenders purpose, re-shapes identity and as we have seen with David and his business card, stimulates the motivation to invite others to participate themselves.

Mark Matthews Empowered Faith Communities Co-founder & National Manager

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The Gift of Giving: CHOICES LiFT 30 for 30 Initiative

Later this year, the CHOICES LiFT Program will invite children to share kindness through the creation of **30 care bags** for people experiencing hardship.

Each care bag will contain essential food items such as canned meat, tuna, crackers, and poppers, along with hygiene and comfort items including antiseptic, band-aids, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and travel-sized shower gel. Every bag will also include a heartfelt handwritten card from the children.

Donations of suitable items can be placed in the church foyer between **11 October and 13 December**. Alternatively, you can support the initiative with a **\$30 donation**, which will be used to purchase care bag items. Cash donations can be given to **Marilyn Barnes**.

Together, let's show that **kindness multiplies when shared**.

Volunteers Needed!

CHOICES is seeking volunteers to support our upcoming ministry and community outreach events over the next six months. Opportunities include School Holiday Programs (Dec 14,16 and 18), Stop & Chat at Station Square (Nov 3 and 17), Community Connections Dinner (Nov 28th), Angel Tree deliveries (Dec date TBC) , and our Extraordinary Lives Back to School Pool Party (Jan 23, 2027).

Whether you can help once or regularly, we'd love to have you on the team! Contact **Nikki** on 0407 583 561 for details or add your name to the **Volunteer List** in the foyer.

CHOICES Connection & Craft Morning

Running weekly **10:00am – 12:00 midday**, in the **Church Hall**.

Join us for a warm and creative morning of connection and craft. Each week we'll learn a **new craft**, share ideas, and enjoy good company.

Bring along any project you're already working on — knitting, crochet, painting, card-making, or anything you love.

Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend.

Cost: Gold coin donation each week – a contribution towards morning tea