



Enfield Baptist Church Profile

A new decade is approaching, and a successful and exciting era of Pastoral leadership is drawing to a close for **Enfield Baptist Church**, as Senior Pastor John Beasy concludes almost 24 years in the role this coming December.

Evolving from the amalgamation of Hampstead Baptist and Hillcrest Baptist Churches in 1984, (a continuing presence on the Hampstead Baptist 'footprint') **Enfield Baptist Church** has developed its presence in the local community, in Baptist Churches SA, indeed globally in the World Baptist movement. The consolidated hub of facilities and programs on site has earned EBC a solid reputation as a Community Services leader and Activator.

Our gathered church community comprises 245 people, reflected by way of rolling Sunday attendance average of 170, (145 adults/ 25 children) of which more than half of the adults are active in home/small groups.

The local community profile is transitioning from traditional inner-north 'working class' socio- economic characteristics with an ageing population, to an exciting hybrid of multicultural urban renewal and redevelopment with diverse socio-economic parameters, trending towards a younger demographic profile. Happily, the young family mix in our fellowship is a good reflection of that trend, and a requirement for ministry focus.

The nearby Lightsview development will see 6,000 new residents by Project end, including a major sporting complex currently nearing completion 500m from our doorstep.

Reflecting our 'in- the- community' presence, the significance of our non-Sunday participation almost matches our Sunday attendances, in the order of 8,500 encounters, presenting opportunities for influence across the year. The representation of Christ in our community comes in many forms;

- 'New beginnings' Op Shop,
- Community Partnership Centre (CPC), which incorporates and integrates the
 - Community Visitor Scheme
 - Christians against Poverty (CAP)
 - Prisoner Release program
 - Den's Community Garden
 - Prison Fellowship Australia
 - Partnerships with Baptist Care SA

EBC's signature ministry is LifeWell, providing comprehensive restorative care for people in our community with a focus on the whole person. This unique ministry, birthed from the Church, has now influenced our wider BCSA movement by virtue of four LifeWell centres planted in context of local Baptist churches across Adelaide. The annual LifeWell conference also serves the wider church and is in its 13th consecutive year.

Along with these major initiatives, other significant connections are made through more than a dozen valued and respected areas of focus including play-group, friendship and craft group, and a men's shed.

On a broader front, EBC has involvement directly and indirectly with Bangladesh, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand missions, including Church members on current or past mission assignments.

EBC is active in support of Australian Baptist agencies such as Baptist World Aid, Global Interaction, Crossover Australia, and State Baptist agencies such as Baptist Care SA (Westcare). Other missions supported include Leprosy Mission, and a range of justice related causes on a fund raising basis.

Church members are well served by the leadership team under the Senior Pastor, and represented by a Board and support staff who have well established governance policies and practices in place. This enables a highly effective Ministry Community team to pursue EBC's vision and outwork it's mission.

The past decade has seen significant growth in property assets for EBC, with auditorium renovation, the CPC centre established, and car-parking capacity expanded. We have been pleased to partner with Baptist Churches of SA. Loan repayments are well ahead of schedule, and remain a focus in member giving priorities. Long run giving propensity has been strong for EBC, with current weekly giving in the order of \$6500, to support essential and discretionary financial obligations. Diligent stewardship by Community Life Pastor/Finance Officer, Jenni McKee, and the Senior Pastor, assure the Board and Membership that we are competent to manage financial and operational responsibilities with clear strategic direction for the next and subsequent years.

There is a real sense of belonging that shows through when attending EBC, whether in worship, for which we have gifted and committed leaders 'out front' and in support, or at an onsite or external community event. Regardless of who you are, there will be a palpable, sincere, and genuine welcome, demonstrating our desire to see 'more people more like Jesus', knowing He is Lord of all.

Come and try for yourself!

Enfield Baptist Church is well placed to respond to a new Senior Pastor, led by God, to further His Kingdom in this part of the world, into the 20's and beyond.