



We Welcome You to Our Church

Bendigo Church of Christ has been a presence in our regional city since the Victorian Gold Rush years, having been founded in 1866. Centrally located, a stone's throw from several of the city's iconic landmarks, the church has been situated on its present site since 1926 with various additions and alterations taking place across the proceeding years.

Today, the church is home to a growing community of people who know and rely on the love of God. Our multi-generational family is well connected and delights in gathering for Sunday morning worship before lingering for fellowship. Many consider church attendance to be the highlight of their week and most are regularly present with a consistent average attendance of 140. Visitors frequently comment on the warmth, noticing this is a good place to belong.

Affiliation

Our church is an affiliate of Churches of Christ Victoria and Tasmania (CCVT). As such we endorse and adhere to the shared values of CCVT and uphold a firm commitment to ChurchSafe practices.

The Present

Our Sunday morning service is generally led by the Ministry Team with the Senior Pastor taking the majority of preaching throughout the year. We highly value biblically based preaching and teaching that is guided by the Spirit and shaped by the Word; presenting the gospel clearly and encouraging Christlikeness. We are a congregation that embraces worshipping together in song, glorifying Jesus with timeless classics and latest releases. Communion is central and constant, led by members of the congregation. Our church is a place where all attendees are valued and encouraged to use their gifts and talents in service to the Kingdom of God.

Various age-specific and cross generational ministries operate within our church, encompassing discipleship, pastoral care, mission, worship and fellowship. Whilst the majority fall under the oversight of the Ministry Team, we are grateful to the growing number of volunteers serving to facilitate regular and occasional activities.

Sunday Mornings

- Prayer meeting
- Worship Team
- Kids' Church
- Welcoming & Hospitality Teams

Regular Groups

- Mums & Munchkins
- Youth Group
- Seniors' Bible study/Hymns for Him/Aged Care Church services
- Various small groups

Mission Foci

- Operation Christmas Child
- Tikkun Olam
- Safe Water September
- Khayelihle Children's Village
- Life FM; Korus Connect and more

Leadership

Under God, our church is led by the Senior Pastor (1.0), supported by the Associate Pastor (0.8) and Church Council. The Church Council is responsible for governance and oversight and currently consists of four elected members, with attendance from the two pastors and Church Administrator (0.4).

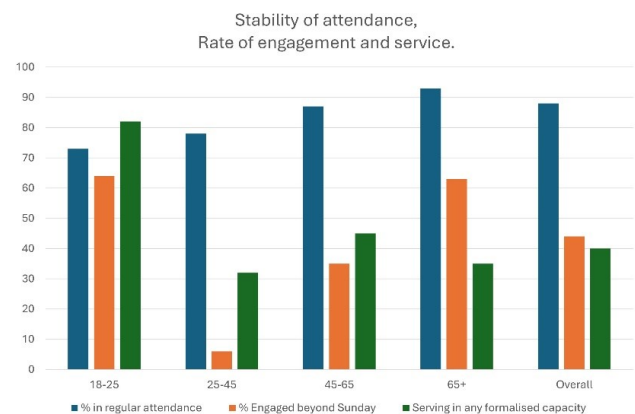
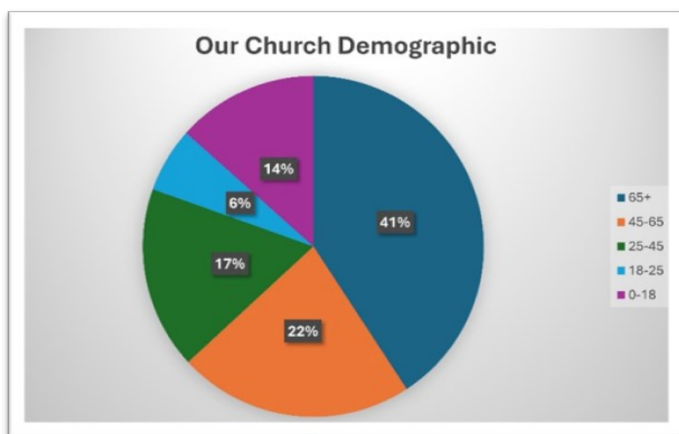
Facilities

Chapel (130 capacity), fellowship hall, children's ministry hall, kitchen, well-appointed meeting rooms and offices. Good quality AV equipment is installed throughout the facility. Shed and carpark are at rear, accessed via side street.

Statistical Information

Members: 132

Overall congregation: 172 (including children)



The Future

Our senior pastor of 20 years is stepping down from his position, leaving a strong church with a well-established foundation upon which to build new and expanded ministries.

We are well positioned to support ministry growth and development and work towards modifying our facility for increased functionality.

We are seeking God's new Senior Pastor for our church; anticipating fresh vision to walk forward together; continuing and expanding the faithful gospel presence of the Church of Christ in Bendigo.

We are preparing for a season of significant transition by emphasising discipleship, small group engagement and leadership team development. In our continual desire to grow our younger demographic, we are seeking to find purpose in local mission.

As we look to the future, we seek to review our mission focus.

Our heart is to enable each member of our congregation to grow in Christ-likeness, utilizing their unique God given gifts. We desire to become a body of believers demonstrating the love of Jesus to the community around us, by the way we love and support each other and those with whom we come in contact.

Our belong, believe, become and build logo is intrinsically family, held together by faithfulness from every angle.