

### Some Highlights of our Journey

- April 2004—the church formed a committee to review previously approved plans to assess their ongoing suitability.
- 16/6/05—the church agreed to submit a new Development Application (DA) for a two-storey structure incorporating the Toronto Assistance Centre.
- 23/08/05—the first meeting of the Project Management Committee took place.
- 1/12/06—DA approved but restrictive practices included—to be contested.
- 24/8/07—Taxation Dep't gave approval for tax-deductibility for the new building through the 'Toronto Baptist Church Christian Education Building Fund'.
- 25/9/07—DA removing restrictive practices finally approved
- Oct 07—2009—Geotechnical & engineering plans, acoustic reports, traffic reports, finalisation of architectural plans, costing from contractors etc!!
- 19/2/09—Cost of building estimated at \$1,565,000
- 12/6/09—Construction Certificate approved
- 2/7/09—Loan for \$900,000 approved by Baptist Investments & Finance.
- 4/7/09—first working bee to commence pulling down the existing hall.
- Oct 09—excavation of block and back retaining wall construction complete
- Mid Nov 09—concrete poured for ground floor
- Dec 09—Brickwork commenced.
- Feb 10—concrete poured for second floor
- March 10—regular Saturday working bees commenced.
- June 10—main roof completed and internal work begun
- Oct 10—commenced construction of carpark & gardens (incl. demolition of 2 houses).
- Nov 10—internal painting, toilets, electrical work, air-conditioning
- Nov 10—Loan reduced to \$700,000 due to God's blessing & His provision.
- Dec 10—working & cleaning, more working & more cleaning!!
- 22/12/10—Interim Occupancy Certificate obtained.
- 25/12/10—Christmas Day Service in our new auditorium!!
- Feb 2011—Refurbishment work on toilets in back hall & construction of garage

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. David Williams

**Assoc. Pastor (Youth):** Rev. Andrew McKeown

**Elder:** John Fragar

**Deacons:** Ron Craggs (Secretary), Barry Campbell (Treasurer),  
Mitchell Bennett, Phil Carlton, Stuart King, Gordon Layton, Ben Scott.

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# Church Opening Celebration For God's Glory

27th February 2011



### A Message from David Williams, Senior Pastor

It is with great thankfulness to God that we celebrate the resource of this new building. While the process has taken some time, it is terrific to be able to enjoy and benefit from its completion. We look forward to being able to use it for ministry, outreach and community service.

I am very conscious that many people have contributed to the building over the years in numerous ways. There have been those who recognised the need and planned towards its construction; those who have manually worked on the building; those who organised and coordinated people or material; those who have given time and money towards the building; those who have supplied food for others doing physical work; those who have offered encouragement, and those who have prayed for the safety of workers, the completion of the building and that God would receive honour through how the building is used. Whatever part you played—thank you.

While the church is the people who meet together to encourage one another, and serve the local community, the building provides a very useful tool in doing that.

So, while today marks an end to the construction phase, it also marks the beginning of exploring how the building can be used to serve others and introduce them to Jesus.

May God give us all we need to continually be thankful for his kindness. As God has been generous to us, may we reflect that same generosity in how we use this building.

### Psalm 145: 1-7

*I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.  
Every day I will praise you  
and extol your name for ever and ever.*

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.  
One generation will commend your works to another;  
they will tell of your mighty acts,  
They will speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty,  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.  
They will tell of the power of your awesome works,  
and I will proclaim your great deeds.  
They will celebrate your abundant goodness  
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.*

*(New International Version)*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

|  |                      |   |
|--|----------------------|---|
| Welcome  |                      | Lisa Bennett  |
| Singing  | To God be the glory  |   |
| Prayer of worship  |                      | Rod Campbell  |
| Bible Reading  | Psalm 145:1-13       | Tim Kemmis & India Shume  |
| Singing  | Dwell in Your house  |   |
| The building and God's faithfulness                      |                      | Dean MacPherson   |
| Power point  |                      |   |
| Thanksgiving and dedication of the building for ministry |                      | John Fragar & David Williams  |
| Singing  | Praise my soul       |   |
| Greeting from Hunter Baptist churches                    | Regional minister    | Kevin Warner  |
| Announcements  |                      | Ron Craggs  |
| Offering   |                      |   |
| Crèche—for pre-school children                           |                      |   |
| Singing  | How Great Is Our God |   |
| Bible Reading  | Nehemiah 8:1-12,18   | David Scott   |
| Choir Item   |                      | conducted by Michelle Fragar  |
| Message  | 'Continue to Build'  | Ken Clendinning<br>(Director, Ministry Support & Development of Baptist Churches NSW & ACT) |
| Singing  | For all You've done  |   |
| Prayer   |                      | Andrew McKeown  |