

More Memories



Four Years
and
Counting!!



Another year older!!

Well here we are again, as July 2015 brings The Mission Church's 4th year to an end it's time for our annual look at what we've been up to in that time. It's been another great year that has seen the church grow both spiritually and numerically as we seek to glorify God in Cwmrhydyceirw and Parc Gwernfadog.

Growing numerically

In year four we were delighted to welcome Barbara Smith, Jacqui Edwards, and Derek and Cindy Stanley in to membership. It has been a real encouragement to see them come amongst us and become a part of church life at The Mission.



Women's social



The Mission Church on Scrum VII!

In January The mission Church sponsored part of the Morriston Monkeys Rugby Team Jersey. When the Morriston First XV played in a final featured on Scrum V it was the Monkeys that made up the guard of honour.



Out and about

No Mission Church booklet would be complete without a look at all the places we've been out and about at throughout the year, so the next few pages will take a look at some of the memories we have of August 2014-July 2015

Folly Farm



Growing Spiritually

As September 2014 rolled around we began to work through the book of John on a Sunday morning and in our Connect groups. Mark has preached the majority of Sundays with Steve and Simon taking over the duties from time to time.

A Morning With Christopher Ash

February 2015 saw Christopher Ash, Director of the Cornhill Training Course at the time, come and spend a morning with us and a group of around 30 other men from churches around the South Wales area. We heard Christopher preach from the Psalms as well as fielding questions from the guys.



EMA 2015

The Mission Church Elders once again made their annual trip to London together for the Evangelical Ministry Assembly and this year they were joined by Les from The Mission and Scott Philips from Ty Gwyn Church in Llanelli. Speakers included Reuben Hunter, Christopher Ash, Bruce Ware and Vaughan Roberts. The theme this year was Identity Crisis. It was a good time for fellowship amongst the group and God spoke clearly through His Word that week.

Midlands Women's Convention

The ladies of the church made a change this year, heading north on the M5 instead of East on the M4 and ended up at the Midlands Women's Convention. This year Carrie Sandom was the main speaker on the theme of Restore and Reform from Nehemiah.

Family Services

Family Services have continued throughout our fourth year. Our aim with a family service is that it be a gateway to the life of the church and that it would involve all the members of the church family from the youngest all the way up to the eldest. We have songs with actions, singing, dancing, interactive talks and a Bible story in the service. And then afterwards we eat and have fellowship together. Naomi normally joins us to face paint and Gary provides us with a bouncy castle. If the weather is good enough we may even get the pool out and the children love a good splash around!!



Beginnings

When the people running the local Mother and Toddler group decided they couldn't do it any longer the church sought God as to whether it would be right to take it over. At the start of September 2014 Beginnings started at the Memorial Hall on a Monday and Thursday from 9:30 until 11:45. We have seen lots of great things over the last year including people coming from all over Swansea as well as Port Talbot, we've even had one mum come from Salisbury more than once!! We've also seen people from Beginnings attend our Family Services as well as one family coming along on a Sunday morning.



Connect Groups

Our Connect groups took a big step forward in April 2015 as they moved from meeting fortnightly to meeting once a week. This year has seen the addition of a family connect group on a Thursday afternoon at the Memorial Hall. We eat together as well as having a time of games and a bible story. This runs alongside the groups at Ian and Dawn's on a Monday, the Senior Connect every other Wednesday, and the one at Mark and Mary's on a Thursday evening.

Discipleship Groups

There are several discipleship groups running throughout the life of the Mission Church, normally all male, or all female. These groups are studying a variety of books as they seek to be more like Jesus. These include: Christian Beliefs by Wayne Grudem, Point Man by Steve Farrar, Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden, Disciplines of a Godly Woman by Barbara Hughes and Disciplines of a Godly Man by R. Kent Hughes.



SWAGG

In February 2015 the SWAGG (Sundays with a Great God) went from meeting once a fortnight to weekly on a Sunday evening. Mark came in and took on the teaching duties as the group went through a modified Christianity Explored course.

As well as learning more about Jesus the group had several outings this year including a weekend away in May to Llanmadoc which involved a surprisingly warm surfing lesson!!



Community

At The Mission we believe that God calls us to serve the local community and we try to do this in different ways. In our fourth year we Pat and others from the church organised a Macmillan Coffee Morning. We hosted Jon and Sally Dobbs from ROPE in August as well as continuing to give to ROPE to aid eye clinics in Kenya, Dolpa Hope Home in Nepal and provide for lunches for children in El Salvador. Once again we have had two season tickets for Swansea City that have been used to bless over 40 adults and children with links to the church

Gardening

The church has continued to tend to the garden at The Memorial hall on a regular basis. There is now a small group from the church who turn up regularly on a Tuesday to weed, feed the plants, water and clear the garden!

