

PASTORAL CARE

LIFE GROUPS

Finally, after a couple years, Our Life Groups Ministry started to open up bit by bit as 2022 rolled along.

MEN'S GROUPS/RETREAT

One of several strong factors of Mapleview is the strength of our Men's Ministries.

We are fortunate to have 2 Strong Men's Groups, who meet on a weekly basis, with an average attendance of 50 guys each week! Added to that is the "Band of Brothers" Breakfasts that happen at least twice a year.

Men, please don't do life alone, come and connect with like-minded men who are making effort to grow their faith.

We held our first Men's Retreat in over 14 years, with almost 50 men who came away encouraged and challenged. We were so privileged to have Pastor Jason Small, our District Superintendent, bring a Powerful Word, 4 times, while Pastor Scott and his team led us in great worship through out the weekend!

We have already booked our Men's Retreat for 2023! Our Speaker and Worship team are booked, and we've already had several men register!!

PASTORAL CARE, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

In 2022 there was certainly greater opportunity to meet one-on-one with people in coffee shops, homes, and at the church. There is never a shortage of needs, some of a very serious nature, others simply needing encouragement, direction, or affirmation.

I also had opportunity to lead several Marriage Ceremonies and Funeral Services throughout 2022. Both are always opportunities to share the love of Jesus!

WE CARE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Again, we were unable to host our "We Care Community Dinner". This year, it was mainly due to the logistics of meal preparation options. We did however support a couple local service organizations with volunteers and finances. Maybe, our We Care Dinner has run its course, please pray with us for the future of this ministry.

GOLDEN LIFE (50+)

Our Golden Life was certainly running full speed ahead during most of 2022! We met several times through out the year with great attendance! Events included: Strawberry Social, a BBQ & Games, and a presentation from Barrie Police focusing on the topic of Senior Fraud. We ended the year with a Carol Sing one evening, and a Roast Beef Dinner on a mid-November afternoon! Our special Musical guests, "The Saults" shared a great message, accompanied by their awesome Music Ministry. This event was LOVED by a great crowd of Golden Lifers!!

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BENEVOLENCE

Once again, because of your food donations and financial contributions, we were able to help several families throughout the year. Thousands of dollars (in gifts-in-kind and finances) that were contributed were used to cover costs of rent, utilities, and more as funds were available. Thank You to all who helped us make this possible!

POLICE CHAPLAINCY

I continue to feel honoured, favoured and privileged to serve in this role. Serving our City through Police Chaplaincy continues to be a great privilege with the Barrie Police Service! Along with my “regular duties” last year, I was invited to speak 4 times to all those who are a part of the Senior Leadership Team, consisting of almost 80 Leaders! I was invited to speak on: “How to Compassionately Interact with those in Need.” I also had other opportunities to speak at different functions throughout the year, including the Annual Chief’s Gala.

SAD NOTE: Unfortunately, I also attended the Funerals of 4 Police Officers in 2022 who were murdered in the line of duty. Marching shoulder to shoulder, literally with 1000’s of Police Officers in these funerals can be very challenging emotionally, but I’m proud to do so, in supporting not only our local Barrie Police Service, but Police Families across Canada. Please **DO NOT STOP** praying for God’s protection for our Officers here, and across the country!

MAPLEVIEW’S LEADERSHIP/STAFF

I’m so privileged to work along side of so many great Staff Members, all bringing such a great skills and gifting! As always, it’s been great working under/with Pastor Jay and Jody as they give leadership and direction to us. I’m a little biased, but we have been so blessed to have such an awesome Staff at Mapleview!

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig