

# Minister's Report


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We have an excellent team of Deacons and Officers for which I am very thankful. It's a real privilege to work with them all. I'd like to thank everyone who has work so hard this year as part of the EBC family. I would especially like to thank those of you who have taken the time to encourage me, Melanie and the family – It makes all of the difference. Val has written an excellent report of the year and I see no point in repeating it! But I would like to offer a short reflection upon where we find ourselves.

As I write this Melanie and I find ourselves stating our 8<sup>th</sup> year at EBC. Melanie and I went to a lovely restaurant recently. It was Posh! Everyone was dressed smartly, the room looked great and the food had really long names! But the actual food was just OK. I'd had better for less money and that made the whole experience disappointing. If a restaurant's food disappoints then nothing else matters. At church it's exactly the same, if our proclamation to the world isn't Jesus, his life, death, resurrection and that he is the hope to a broken world all of the other stuff can distract us from what we are really here for and that is to "Delight ourselves in the Lord" – to put Christ's plan first.

We continue to achieve and make a real difference. For you as a Church, can I encourage you to believe that you are the body of Christ, you matter and you are needed, as Christ is the head and he wants us to be his hands and feet in the world and to share his love and heart with others and if we don't do it somehow that damages the church and the eternal destiny of those we are called to reach.




 Eastwood Baptist Church  
 2018 Motto Text

Delight  
 in yourself  
 in the **LORD**  
 And He  
 will give you  
 the desires of  
 your **heart**  
 Psalm 37:4