

# CHURCH LIFE Profile

## Dalby Baptist Church

- This dynamic report contains your survey results. It celebrates your strengths,
- helps you build vision and direction, and move forward together into the future.

### LISTEN TO EVERY *voice*

You will hear the responses from all your attenders summarised clearly in one report

### SEE EMERGING *trends*

You will see how your church has progressed grown or changed in trends over time

### UNDERSTAND THE BIG *picture*

You will know how your church ranks next to others in clear comparisons and benchmarkers

#### Your Profile results are based on:

Attender Surveys (aged 15+): **96 forms**  
Church Code: **BA303800**

# Dear local church,

**This Church Life Profile contains your church's unique results from your participation in the 2022 National Church Life Survey.**


We provide this profile to you, along with supporting resources, to help you strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future. This profile is part of a Church Life Pack of resources, including the Church Life Survey Workbook, to help you and your church make best use of your results.

Our hope and prayer is that these resources will help, encourage and equip your church in it's mission and ministry.

- The NCLS Research Team

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 **Weighing up Your Survey Results**  
It is always important to consider who participated in the survey and in what context. Compare the number of people surveyed (shown at the bottom of each results page) with the total number in the church. Consider what else was happening in the life of the church at the time of the survey and whether/how it might have influenced their responses.

### Dalby Baptist Church in:

2022 - **96 forms**   2016 - **150 forms**   2011 - **77 forms**   2006 - **120 forms**

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# Dashboard

## Dalby Baptist Church

96 adult attender forms



### The People of this Church

Average age (years)	46
Female	53%
University degree	30%
Non-English speaking background	0%
New arrivals in last 5 years	27%
Young people aged 15 to 19	7%



### What We Value and Prioritise

Value: Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching	54%
Value: Ministry to children or youth	39%
Prioritise: Spiritual growth (e.g. direction)	47%
Prioritise: Building a sense of community	37%



### How We Relate to God

Experienced much growth in faith in past 12 months	33%
Private devotions at least weekly	79%
Agree faith in God is an important part of who I am	97%
Worship services always/usually challenge me to take action	56%



### How We Relate to Each Other

Strong sense of belonging	79%
Found it easy to make friends	67%
Involved in group activities at church	60%
Satisfied with activities for children under 12 years	90%



### How We Relate to Community

Helped others in 3 or more informal ways in last year	56%
Involved in local church service, justice or welfare activities	29%
Part of community groups not connected to local church	52%
Feel at ease sharing faith with others	75%



### Our Vision and Leadership

Aware of and strongly committed to church's vision	29%
Agree this church is ready to try something new	39%
Attenders who perform at least one leadership or ministry role here	57%
Leaders encourage use of gifts & skills to a great extent	20%

## People of This Church

This Summary Profile contains a snapshot of your church's unique results from the 2021 National Church Life Survey. This profile is based on 96 responses from attenders aged 15+ .

Supporting resources available at [ncls.org.au](https://ncls.org.au) may also help you to make best use of your results, to strengthen the vitality of your church, grow an owned vision and plan for the future.



### Demographic Profile



#### Gender

**53%** are female

**47%** are male

N.B. The percent for those who chose 'other' will be included in denominational and national reports. Figures have been rounded to 100%.

#### Marital status

**78%** are currently married

#### Ethnicity

**98%** are born in Australia

**2%** are born overseas

**2%** are migrants to Australia

**1%** speak a language other than English at home

#### Employment

**39%** are employed full-time (30 hours plus)

**11%** are retired

#### Education

**30%** have a university degree

**39%** have a trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma



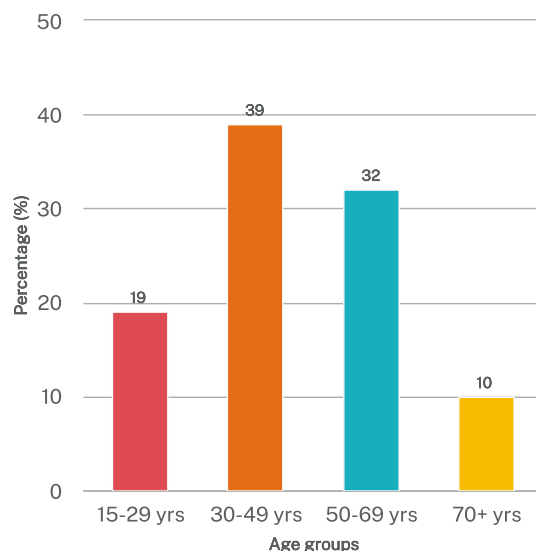
### Age and Intergenerational Ministry

**46** is the average age of all attenders

**90%** are satisfied with what is offered for children aged under 12 years

**78%** are satisfied with what is offered for youth aged 12 to 18

**93%** agree that people of all ages are encouraged to get involved at this local church

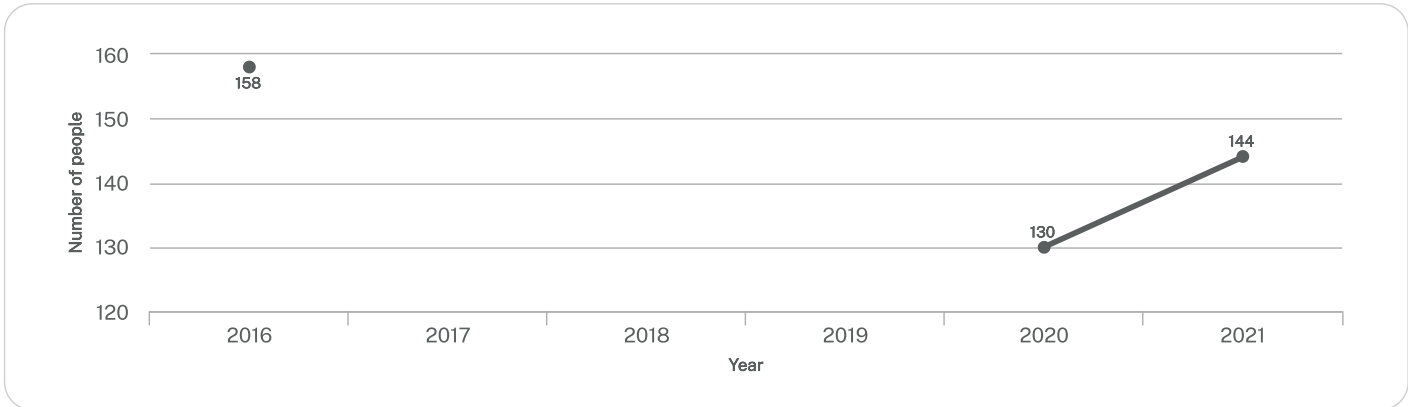


# Church Attendance and Background



## Attendance Patterns

### Estimated attendance



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

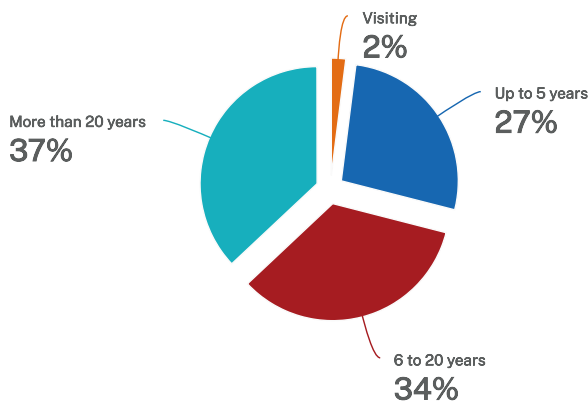
### Attendance at this local church (including online)

- 97%** are frequent attenders (monthly or more)
- 81%** attend weekly or more
- 71%** have attended this church for more than five years

### Attendance elsewhere (in person and online)<sup>+</sup>

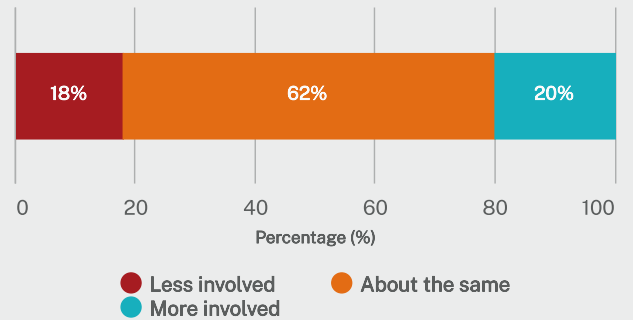
- 78%** do not attend any other church
- 9%** attend elsewhere, in person
- 14%** attend elsewhere, via online services

<sup>+</sup>Note attenders could choose more than one option



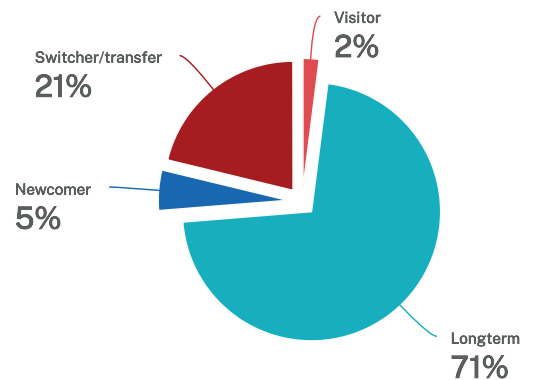
### Impact of COVID-19

Current involvement compared with 2019 (before COVID-19)



## Church Background

**27%** of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years

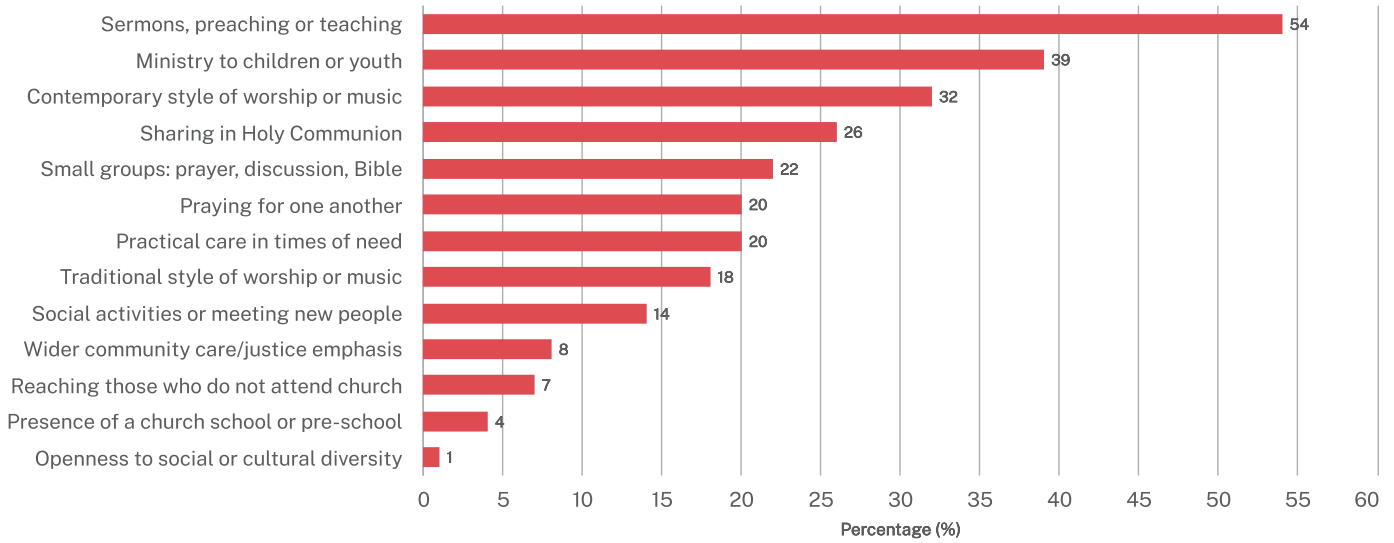


# What People Value and Prioritise



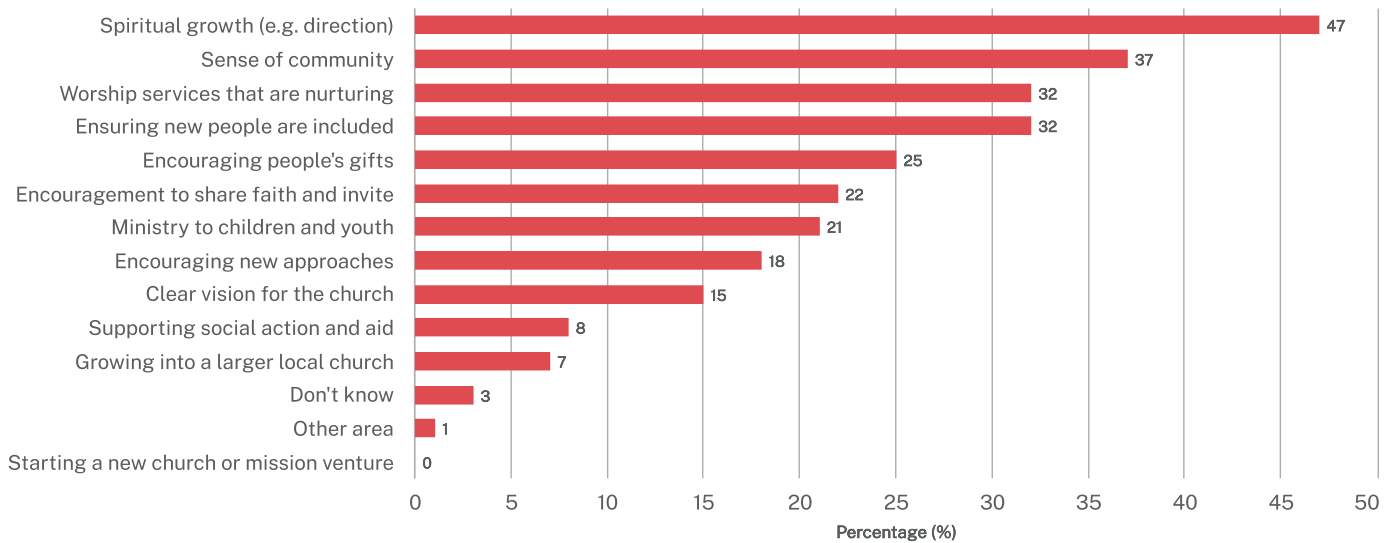
## What People Value about this Church

Attendees of this local church most value 'Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching' and 'Ministry to children or youth'.



## Future Priorities

Over the next 12 months most attendees would like priority given to 'Spiritual growth (e.g. direction)' and 'Building a sense of community'.

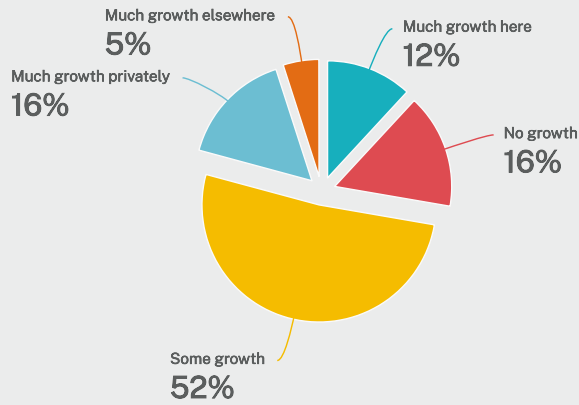


# How People Relate to God

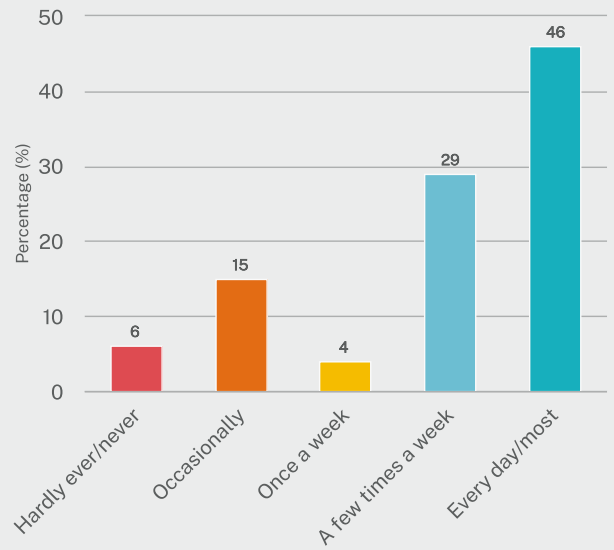


## Personal Faith

**33%** of attenders said that they had experienced much growth in faith in the previous 12 months



**46%** spend time in prayer, Bible reading, meditation everyday or most days



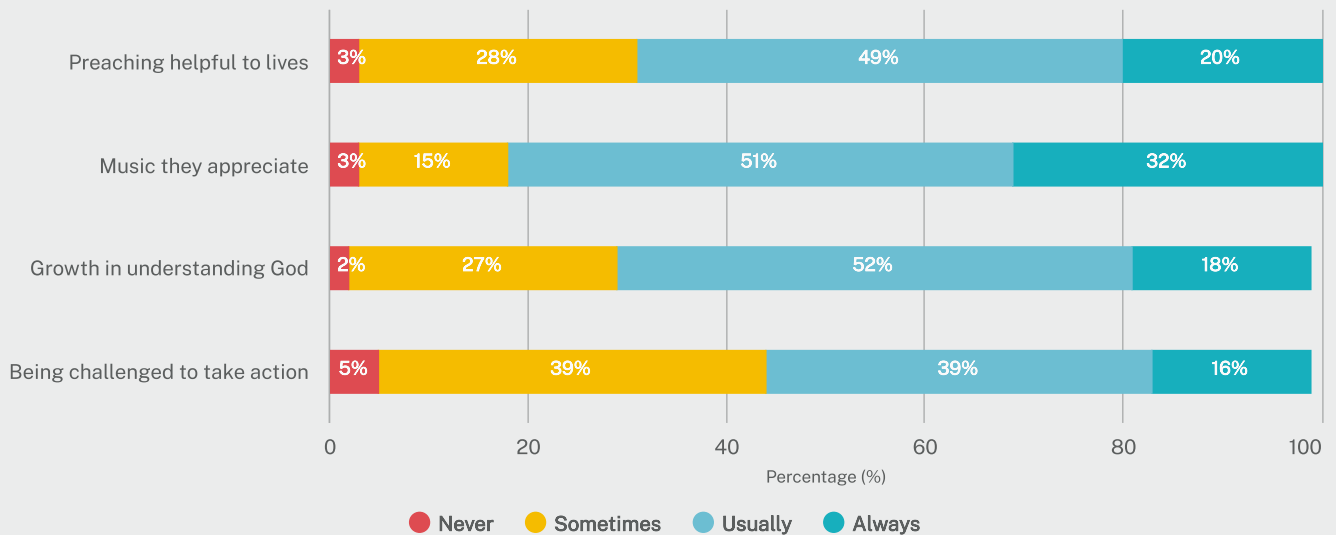
**94%** agree their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life

**97%** agree that 'my faith in God is an important part of who I am'



## Church Worship Services

*During worship services here, attenders experience:*



# How People Relate to Each Other



## Belonging and Inclusion

**25%** always or mostly personally seek to make new arrivals welcome

**53%** are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church involvement

### Belonging

Have a strong sense of belonging



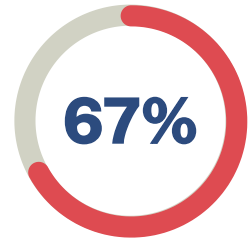
### Inclusive

Agree this church is inclusive of different kinds of people



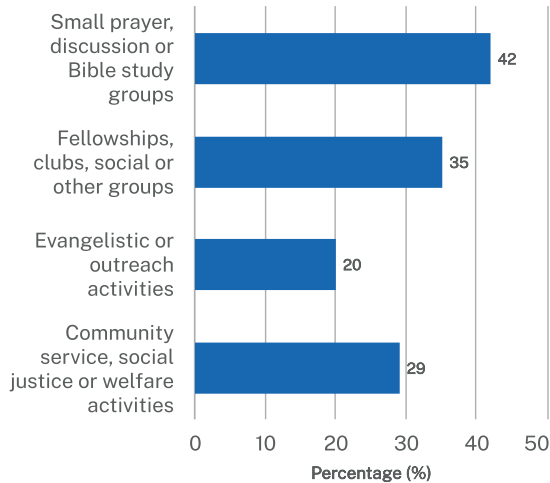
### Friendly

Found it easy to make friends in this local church

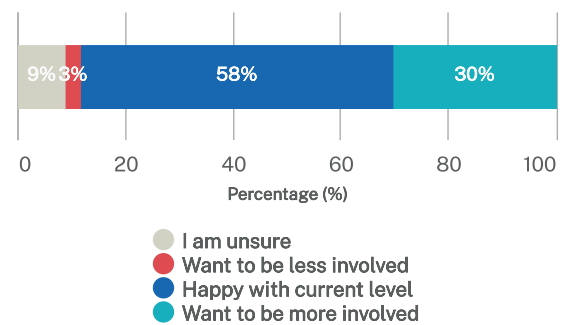


## Involvement

### Group Involvement

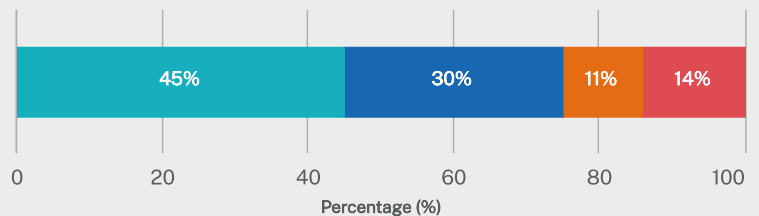


**30%** want to be more involved at this local church



### Financial Giving

- Give about 10% of their net income to this local church
- Give less than 10% of net income
- Give a small amount when present
- Give no amount to this church





# How People Relate to Wider Community



## Involvement in groups

**52%** of people participate in wider community groups  
**8%** are very actively involved in online groups (e.g. social media, community groups)

## Church-based activities

**44%** reach out to the wider community through activities of this local church  
**29%** are part of community service activities  
**20%** are part of evangelistic outreach activities



## Words and Actions

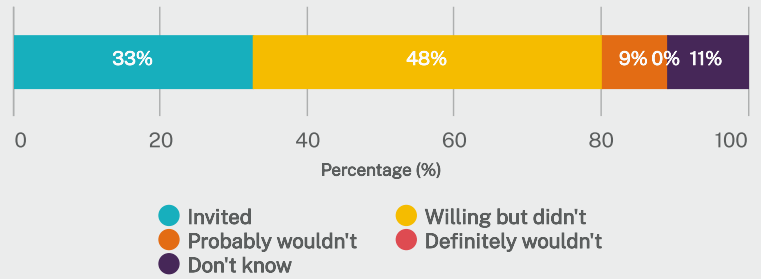
**76%** talk about matters of faith with other members of their household (7% live alone)  
**18%** feel at ease talking about faith with others and look for opportunities to do so

## Attendees have offered to help others in the past 12 months

Donated money to a charitable organisation	<b>60%</b>
Lent or gave money to someone outside your family	<b>43%</b>
Helped someone through a personal crisis (not sickness)	<b>40%</b>
Given some of your possessions to someone in need	<b>36%</b>
Visited someone in hospital	<b>34%</b>
Cared for someone who was very sick	<b>33%</b>
Supported a campaign (online or other)	<b>31%</b>
Contacted a parliamentarian/councillor on a public issue	<b>14%</b>
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	<b>11%</b>
Attended a public meeting/march	<b>9%</b>

## Inviting others to church

**33%** invited friends and relatives to a church service in this last year



## Acting for the Environment

**86%** agree that Christians have a responsibility to actively care for the environment

**8%** are very active

**66%** are a little active

**13%** are currently not active

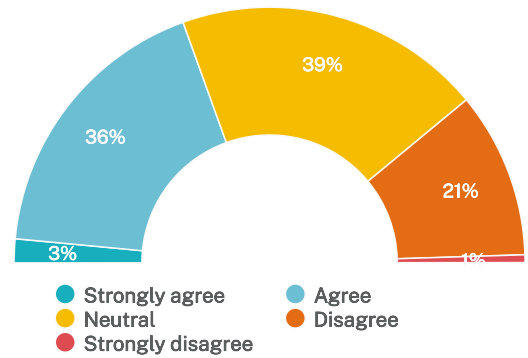
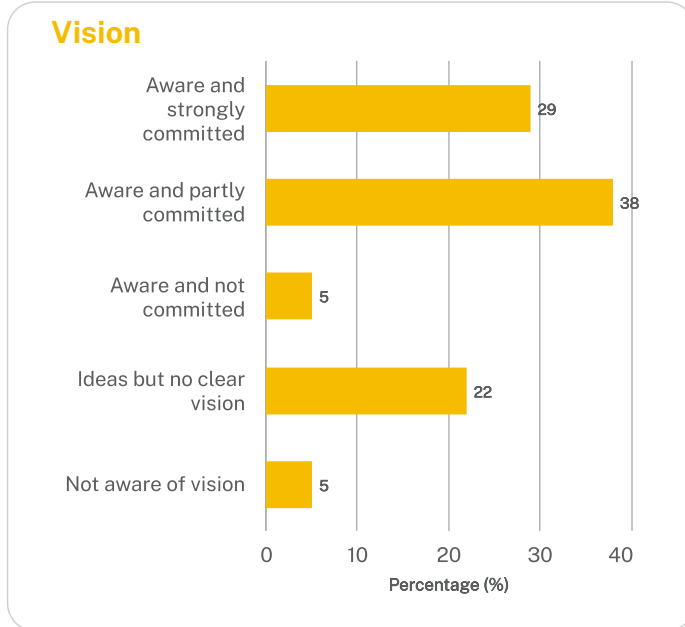
# Vision, Innovation & Leadership Culture



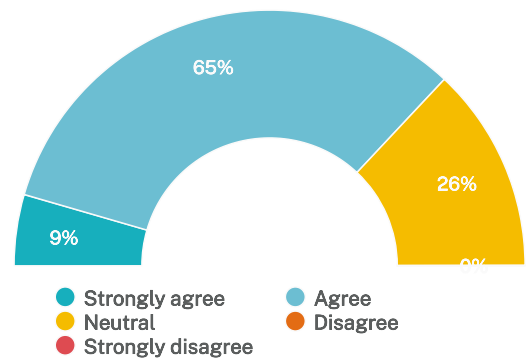
## Vision and Innovation

**29%** of people are both aware and strongly committed to the vision, goals or directions for this local church  
**16%** are fully confident that this local church can achieve the vision, goals or directions set

**39%** agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



**74%** agree that they would support the development of new initiatives in the ministry and mission of this local church



## Leadership Culture

**81%** agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this church (e.g.join a roster, take on a role)

**70%** agree that this church has good clear systems for how it operates

**57%** of attenders perform a leadership or ministry role

**54%** agree 'leaders here inspire me to action'

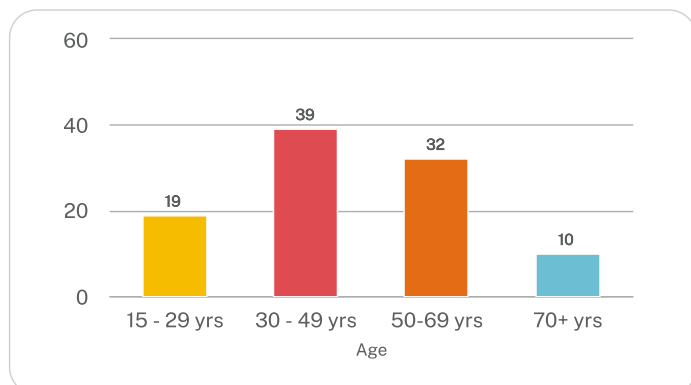
**55%** agree 'leaders encourage me to find and use my gifts and skills to great or some extent'

# A Demographic Profile



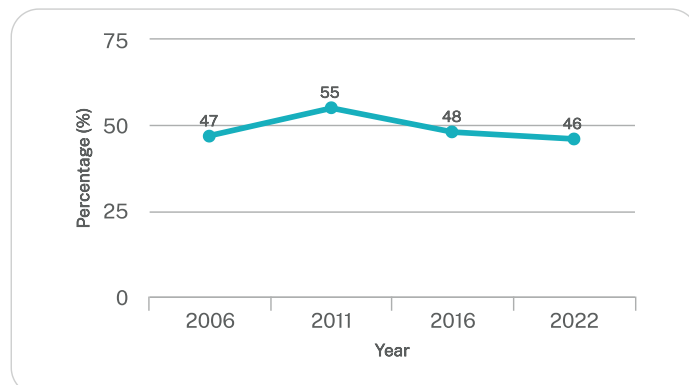
## Age Profile

**46** years is the average of attenders at this local church (aged 15+)



Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church

**Change over time:** Average age of church attenders aged 15+ years.



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

## Gender

**53%** are female

\* Other not available for local churches to honour commitment to confidentiality. See [2021ncls.org.au/faqs](https://2021ncls.org.au/faqs) for more.

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Female	53	60	58
Male	47	40	42
Other	N/A	N/A	0

## Marital Status

**78%** are currently married

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Never married	11	16	15
Married	78	70	71
In a defacto relationship	0	0	1
Separated or divorced	9	6	7
Widowed	3	8	6

## Education

**30%** have a University degree

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Primary/secondary school	31	46	26
Trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma	39	32	29
University degree	30	22	45

## Employment

**71%** are employed

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Employed	71	59	56
Full-time home duties/family responsibilities	11	21	7
Retired	11	16	31

## Ethnicity

**98%** are born in Australia

**0%** are born in non-English speaking countries

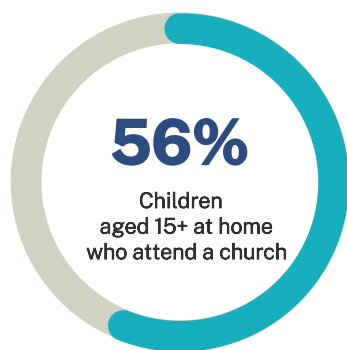
**1%** speak a language other than English at home

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	0	3	1
Born in Australia (including above)*	98	91	74
Born in another country where English is the main language*	2	5	14
Born in Non English-speaking country*	0	4	12
At least one parent born in a Non English - speaking country*	2	5	17

\* 'Don't Know' was included in 2021 as a response option for country of birth

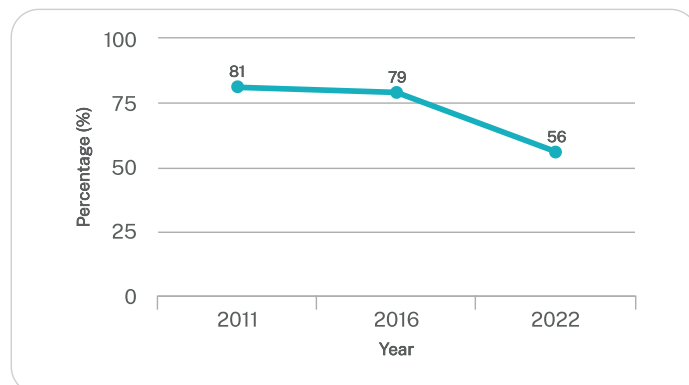
## Children and Youth

**56%** is the proportion of attenders' children (aged 15+ and living at home) who attend a church



Source: 2022 NCLS Dalby Baptist Church

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders' children (aged 15+ and living at home) who attend a church



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2011, 2016, 2022

Note: Figures are suppressed and replaced with \* when there are fewer than 6 cases.

### Children and youth of church attenders

**100%** of attenders' children aged 0 to 14 years living at home attend church here

**48%** of attenders' children aged 15 and over still living at home attend church here

You in 2022 (%)

You in 2016 (%)

Region in 2021 (%)

#### Attenders' children aged 0-14 still living at home:

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Still attend this church	100	93	92
Attend elsewhere	0	3	3
Do not attend any church	0	3	5

#### Attenders' children aged 15 and over still living at home:

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Still attend this church	48	76	55
Attend elsewhere	7	5	13
Do not attend any church	41	21	33

### Young people at this local church

**7%** of attenders who completed the survey were aged 15 to 19 years

#### Young people who:

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Completed the survey	7	9	3
Have been attending more than 5 years	5	7	2
Have been attending 5 years or less	2	2	2

### Satisfaction with what local church offers

For children aged under 12 years

**90%** are very satisfied or satisfied

For youth aged 12 to 18 years

**78%** are very satisfied or satisfied

Note: Figures are suppressed and replaced with \* when there are fewer than 6 cases.

#### Satisfaction with what is offered here 'for children aged under 12 years':

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
All attenders very satisfied or satisfied	90	82	77

#### Satisfaction with what is offered here 'for youth aged 12-18 years':

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
All attenders very satisfied or satisfied	78	85	70
15-18 year olds very satisfied or satisfied	100	57	58

## Church Background



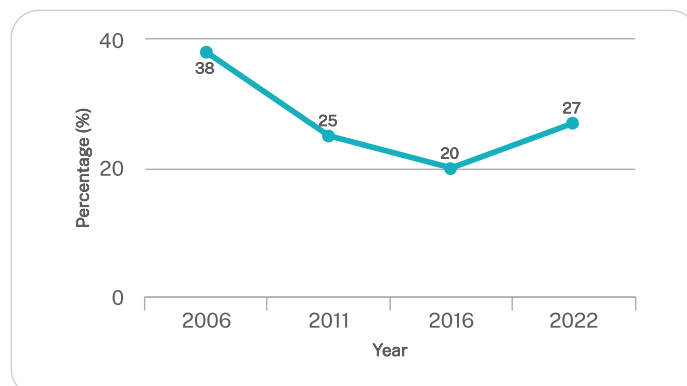
### Background of Church Attenders

**27%** of attenders here are new arrivals to this local church in the past 5 years



Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who were new arrivals in the 5 years prior to the survey



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

### Church Attendance History<sup>+</sup>

**27%** are new arrivals in the last five years, comprising

**21%** moved from a different church

**5%** are newcomers (new to any church in the last 5 years)

**71%** are long-term having attended here for more than 5 years

**2%** were visitors

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
New Arrivals (total) <sup>1</sup>	27	20	40
Newcomers <sup>2</sup>	5	4	6
Returnees: after absence of several years	4	3	4
Never regularly attended	1	1	2
Switchers <sup>3++</sup>	9	10	17
Transfers <sup>4</sup>	13	6	17
Long-term attenders <sup>5</sup>	71	80	59
Visitors from other churches	2	1	0
Visitors who do not regularly go to church	0	0	0

### Length of Attendance at This Church

**5%** have been here less than 1 year

**22%** have been here for 1-5 years

**37%** have been here for more than 20 years

Total new arrivals (new to your local church) in the last 5 years			
Less than 1 year	5	5	11
1-2 years	8	11	13
3-5 years / unsure	14	5	18
6-10 years	18	9	17
11-20 years	16	23	20
More than 20 years	37	47	21

**+Note:** Church attendance history is calculated from three survey questions. The figures may not match those for length of attendance due to non-responses.

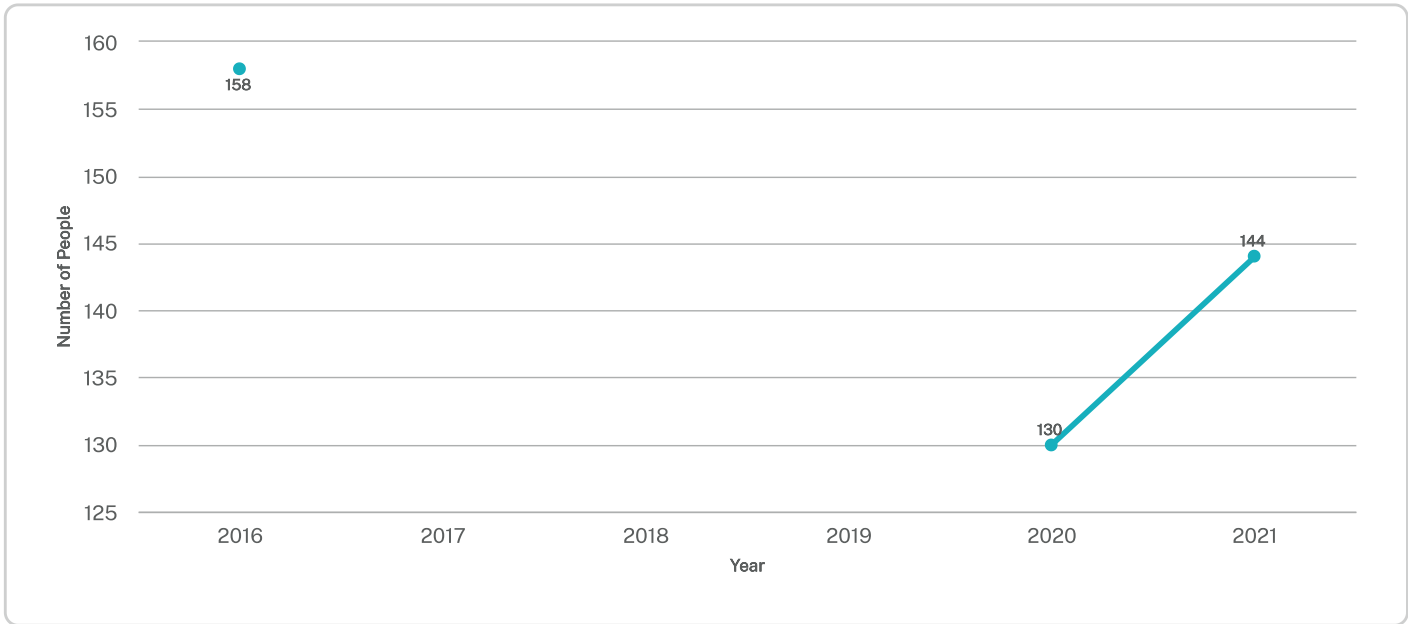
**++Note:** The wording of the response options to the survey about the denomination of the previous church changed in 2016.

- 1. New Arrivals:** attended a different church in the last 5 years
- 2. Newcomers:** new to any church in the last 5 years
- 3. Switchers:** from another denomination in the last 5 years
- 4. Transfers:** from same denomination in the last 5 years
- 5. Long-term attenders:** attended here for more than 5 years

# Attendance Estimates



## Estimated Church Attendance



This chart shows the pattern of attendance change for your church over recent years. It is based on estimates supplied by your local church leader or representative.

### Attendance at this Local Church (including online)

**97%** are frequent attenders (monthly or more)

You in 2022 (%)
You in 2016 (%)
Region in 2021 (%)

Attend here (inc. online)	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
First time/hardly ever/special occasions only	2	1	1
Less than once a month	1	0	1
Once, twice or three times a month	16	17	12
Usually every week	80	73	77
More than once a week	1	8	9

### Attendance Elsewhere

- 9%** attend elsewhere, in person
- 14%** attend elsewhere, via online services

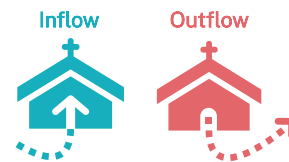
Attend elsewhere	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
No	78	N/A	76
Yes, attend in person elsewhere	9	N/A	12
Yes, via online services	14	N/A	15

### Impact of COVID on Involvement

- 20%** are more involved than in 2019
- 62%** are involved about the same as in 2019
- 18%** are less involved than in 2019

Compared to 2019, more or less involved here	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
More involved	20	N/A	26
About the same	62	N/A	57
Less involved	18	N/A	17

# Inflow and Outflow



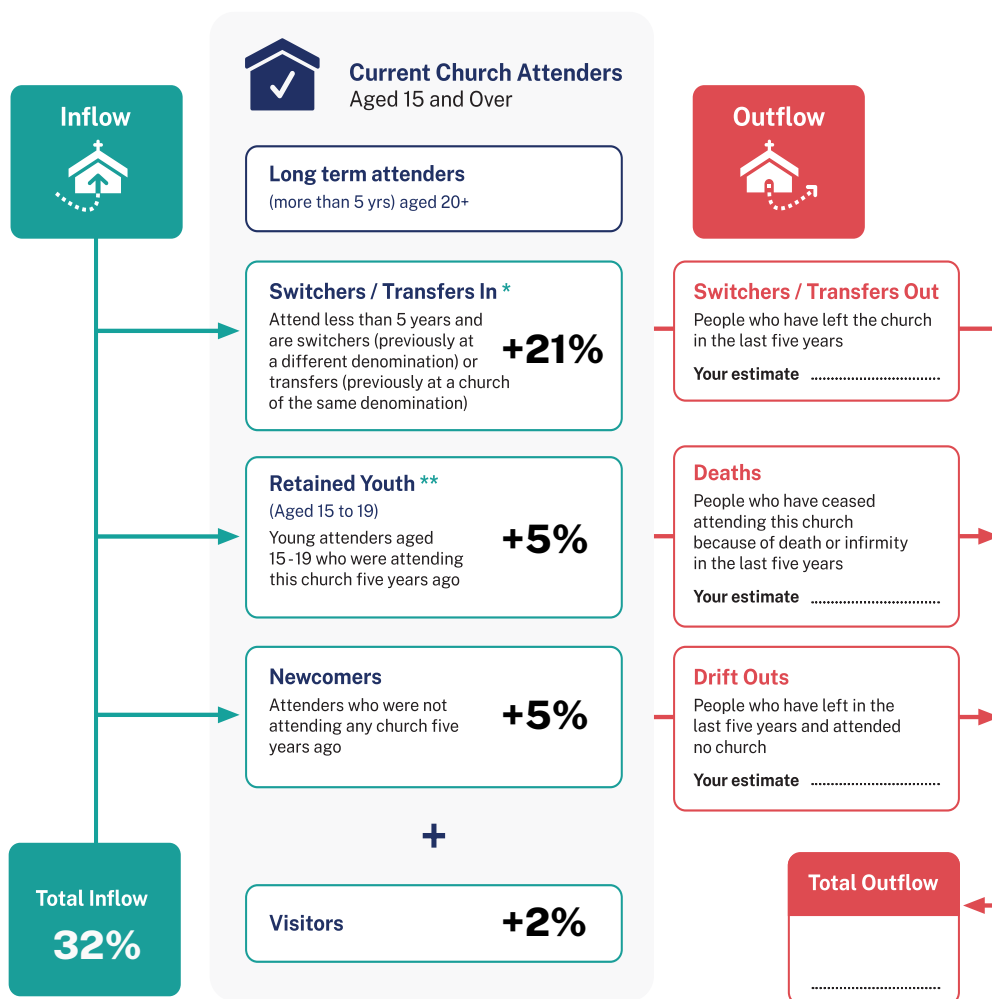
**How do churches grow? In numerical terms churches grow when the inflow of church attenders exceeds the outflow.**

**About the NCLS Inflow Outflow model**

Long term attenders have attended a local church for 5 or more years. There are three types of inflow. For each inflow path, there is a matching outflow:

1. People arrive from other churches and leave to go to other churches.
2. Children are born to church attenders\*\* and people die.
3. Newcomers with no church background start attending and others drift out from church life.

Information from your church attenders (aged 15 and over) is used to calculate three types of inflows. Based on your current attendance, you will need to estimate your outflows.



**Notes:**

Current church attenders = Long-term attenders + inflow in past 5 years + visitors = 100%

\* **About Switchers and Transfers:** Switchers change denominations. Transfers change churches within the same denomination.

\*\* **About Retained Youth:** Instead of births, the calculation includes youth who are still attending and who were attending this church five years ago.

## About the 9 Core Qualities of Church Life

Over 30 years NCLS Research has identified 9 Core Qualities shown to be central to the life of a vital and healthy church. The blend of these qualities points to the unique character of each church, its areas of strength and its potential for growth. These Core Qualities are measured and grouped into three areas of church life:

### The Internal Core Qualities



Faith



Worship



Belonging

#### Internal Core Qualities

focus on the inner life of the community of faith, and a measure is made of the extent to which the community:

- has an alive and growing faith
- experiences vital and nurturing worship
- feels a strong and growing belonging

### The Outward Core Qualities



Service



Faith Sharing



Inclusion

#### Outward Core Qualities

focus on the outward looking life of the church, and a measure is made of the extent to which the church undertakes:

- practical and diverse service
- willing and effective faith-sharing
- intentional and welcoming inclusion

### The Inspirational Core Qualities



Vision



Innovation



Leadership Culture

#### Inspirational Core Qualities

focus on the vigour of a church and the catalysts that inspire a church culture to move forward. They give a measure of the extent to which the church has:

- a clear and owned vision
- openness to imaginative and flexible innovation
- an inspiring and empowering leadership culture

### NCLS Research also explores three attendance measures for every church:



**Young adult retention** - the extent to which the children of the faith community remain regular attenders when they grow into young adulthood.



**Newcomers** - the extent to which newcomers who have arrived on previous five years make up the congregation.



**Attendance change** - the extent to which attendance numbers have changed over the last five years through the inflow and outflow of people.

For more detail on the NCLS Research Vitality Framework refer to the book:  
**Enriching Church Life 3rd Edition**



or go to:

[ncls.org.au/church-vitality](https://ncls.org.au/church-vitality)



# Circle of Strengths










## Core Qualities Overview

Over 30 years of research in Australian churches, the NCLS has highlighted key indicators for each of the nine Core Qualities of church health and vitality. This Circle of Strengths is a simple 'broad brush' view of your church's survey results in each Core Quality of church life.

A single indicator of responses has been chosen for each Core Quality area. The order of the Core Qualities in the Circle of Strengths is based on ranking the indicator scores from highest to lowest.



## Headline Indicators

In Rank Order	Quality	Indicator	Score out of 10
1	 Service	Number of different ways attenders have helped others in the last 12 months	5.0
2	 Worship	Always experience inspiration in church worship services	4.8
3	 Vision	Aware of and strongly committed to the vision of this church	4.7
4	 Faith Sharing	Have invited someone in the last 12 months	4.0
5	 Leadership Culture	Agree that leaders encourage attenders to find their gifts and skills to a great extent	3.8
6	 Innovation	Strongly agree this church is always ready to try something new	3.4
7	 Belonging	Sense of belonging is strong and growing	2.9
8	 Faith	Much growth in faith in the past year, through this church	2.7
9	 Inclusion	Attenders certain they would follow up someone drifting from church	2.5

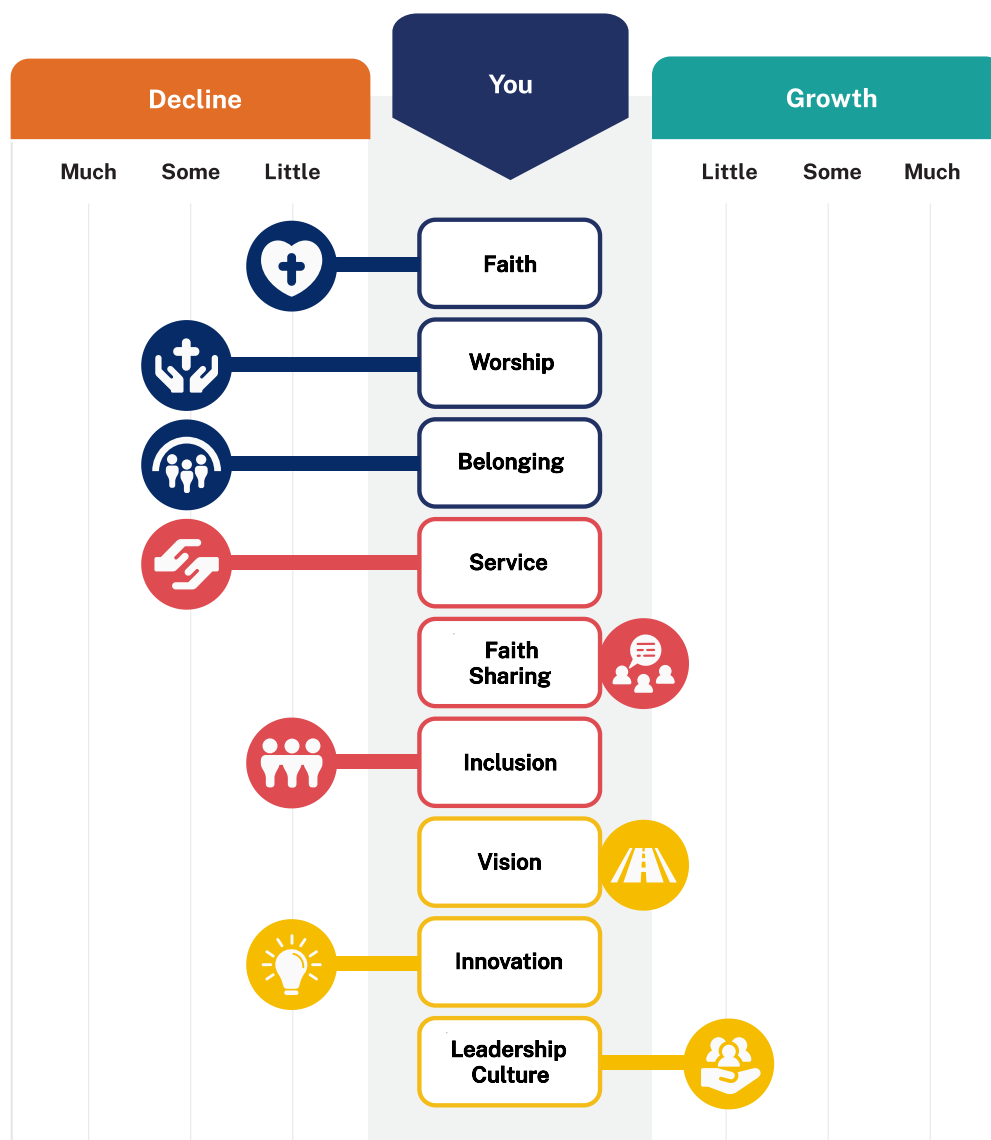
### How do these scores work?

For each indicator question the percentage of the people in the church who selected a given response is converted into a score between 1 and 10. A score of 5 is the average across all churches who participated in the NCLS. See more at [ncls.org.au/church-vitality](https://ncls.org.au/church-vitality)

## Change Over Time

When a church takes part in a Church Life Survey more than once, it's possible to see changes over time.

This chart shows how selected indicators of the qualities of church health have changed since the last Church Life Survey. (See [ncls.org.au/church-vitality](https://ncls.org.au/church-vitality) for more information)



### No results for Change Over Time?

#### Now

For each Core Quality ask if this is an area of church life that has improved, declined or stayed the same over the past five years?

#### Later

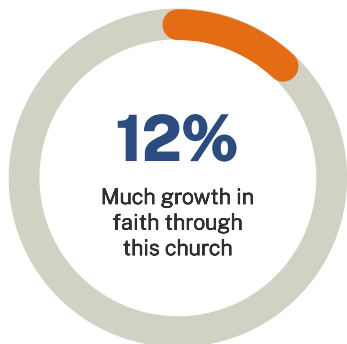
Any church can conduct a Church Life Survey at any time that suits them into the future. New results will be compared with previous results. Contact NCLS Research for details.

# Faith: Alive and Growing



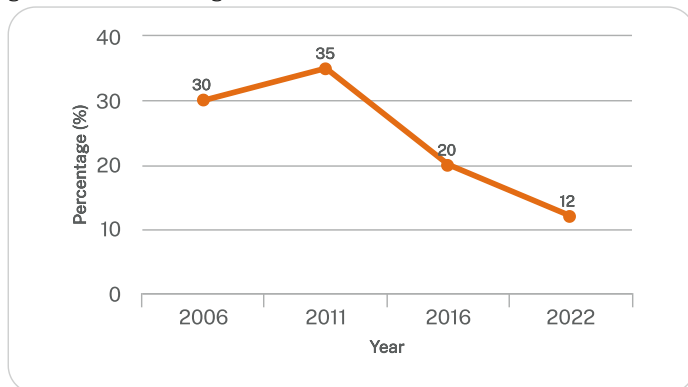
## Growth in Faith through this Local Church

**12%** said they had experienced much growth in faith through this local church in the last 12 months



Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church

**Change over time:** Percentage of attenders who experienced much growth in faith through this local church in the last 12 months



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

### Growth in Faith in the Past Year

**84%** have grown their faith, either through this church, other groups or churches or through private activity

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Much: this local church	12	20	23
Much: other groups	5	4	5
Much: private activity	16	21	15
Some growth	52	48	47

### Private Devotional Activity

**79%** spend time in prayer, Bible reading or meditation at least weekly

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Everyday/most days	46	54	60
A few times a week	29	22	22
Once a week	4	2	4
Occasionally	15	14	10
Hardly ever/never	6	8	4

### Identification with Matters of Faith

Attenders chose up to 2 out of 6 options (e.g. Catholic or Anglo-Catholic; Pentecostal or Charismatic; Evangelistic or Reformed; Liberal or Progressive; Other and 'Do not identify')

**48%** chose Evangelical or Reformed  
**41%** chose I do not identify with such descriptions

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Evangelical or Reformed	48	N/A	49
I do not identify with such descriptions	41	N/A	29
Pentecostal or charismatic	12	N/A	23
Other	6	N/A	8

### Faith and Life

**94%** agree or strongly agree that their faith influences decisions and actions in daily life  
**97%** agree or strongly agree their faith in God is an important part of who they are

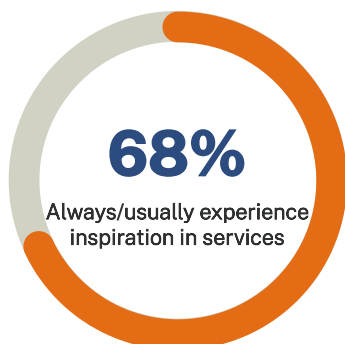
My faith influences decisions and actions in my daily life			
Agree or strongly agree	94	N/A	97
Neutral or unsure	3	N/A	3
Disagree or strongly disagree	4	N/A	0
Faith in God is an important part of who I am			
Agree or strongly agree	97	N/A	98
Neutral or unsure	0	N/A	2
Disagree or strongly disagree	3	N/A	0

## Worship: Vital and Nurturing



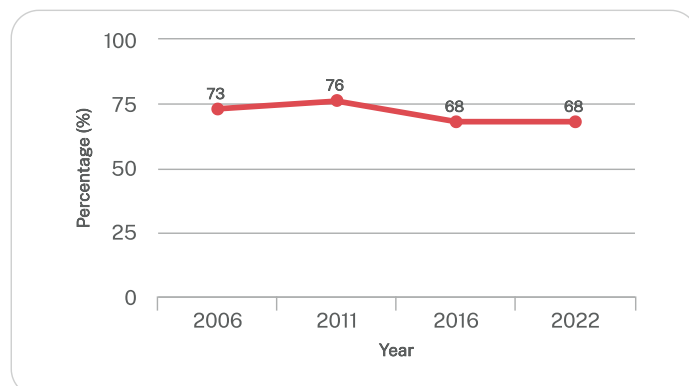
### Experience Inspiration during Church Services

**68%** of attenders said they always/usually experience inspiration during services



Source: 2022 NCLS Dalby Baptist Church

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who always/usually experience inspiration during services



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

### Helpful Preaching

**69%** always/usually experience preaching very helpful to their lives during church services

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Always	20	29	38
Usually	49	47	47

### Appreciate Music

**82%** always/usually experience music they appreciate during church services

Always	32	35	46
Usually	51	52	39

### Presence and Growth in Understanding of God

**70%** always/usually experience a sense of God's presence during church services

**71%** always/usually experience growth in understanding of God during church services

Always	29	33	42
Usually	41	40	39

Always	18	28	37
Usually	52	48	45

### Being Challenged to Take Action

**56%** always/usually experience being challenged to take action

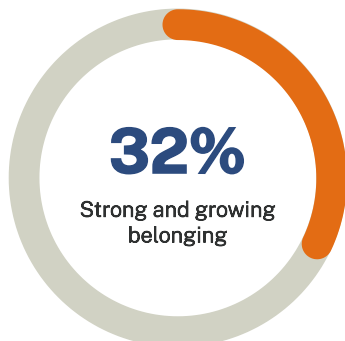
Always	16	19	27
Usually	39	41	43

# Belonging: Strong and Growing



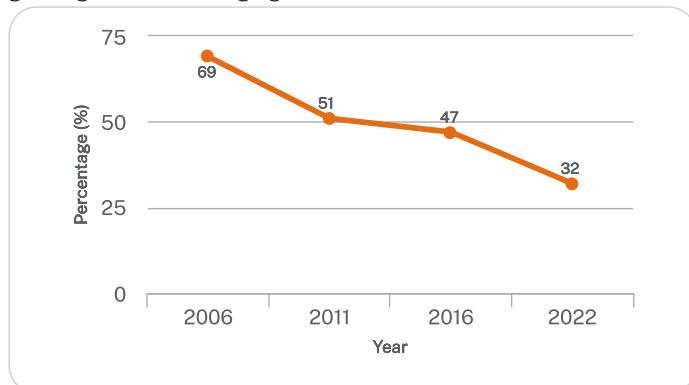
## A Strong and Growing Sense of Belonging

**32%** of attenders said they have a strong sense of belonging to this church which is growing



Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church

**Change over time:** Percentage of attenders who have a strong and growing sense of belonging to this church



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

### Sense of Belonging to the Local Church

**79%** have a strong sense of belonging to this local church

**19%** do not feel they belong

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
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Sense of belonging	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Strong and growing	32	47	49
Strong and stable	25	26	25
Strong but weakening	22	20	14
No, but new here	6	1	4
No, and wish they did	12	3	4
No, but happy	1	2	3
Don't know / NA	2	1	1

### Regular Participation in this Local Church's Activities

**60%** take part in group activities at this local church

**44%** take part in activities of the local church that reach out to the wider community

Activity	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Small prayer, discussion	42	53	56
Fellowship, clubs or other social groups	35	48	37
Evangelical or outreach	20	40	18
Community service, social justice or welfare	29	29	30

### Financial Giving

**45%** regularly give 10% of net income

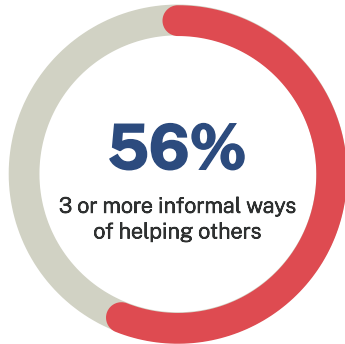
Giving Level	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Regularly give 10%	45	48	44
Regularly give up to 9% of net income	30	26	33
Give a small amount whenever I am here	11	17	11

# Service: Practical and Diverse



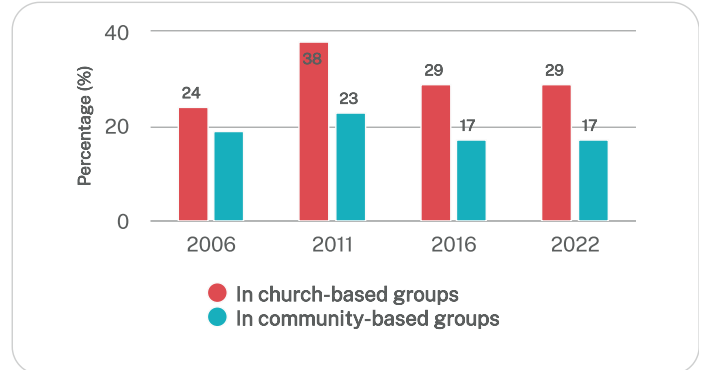
## Acts of Service

**56%** of attenders said they had informally helped others in three or more of a list of ways in the last year



Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who have been involved in community service, care or welfare groups or activities



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

### Informal Ways of Helping Others (in the last year)

**92%** said they had informally helped others in at least one of the ways listed in the last year

**+ Note:** Was changed from 'lent money' in 2011 to 'lent or gave money' in 2016 and 2021

**++ Note:** Added in 2021

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Lent or gave money outside family <sup>+</sup>	43	55	53
Attended a public meeting/march <sup>++</sup>	9	N/A	12
Supported a campaign (online or other) <sup>++</sup>	31	N/A	33
Cared for someone who was very sick	33	24	31
Helped someone through a personal crisis	40	53	47
Visited someone in hospital	34	51	33
Gave possessions to a person in need	36	46	42
Tried to stop someone abusing alcohol or drugs	11	10	11
Donated money to a charitable organisation	60	72	71
Contact parliamentarian/councillor about issue	14	22	22

### Community Activities

**29%** are regularly involved in community service, social justice or welfare activities based in the local church

**52%** are regularly involved in community groups not connected to this local church

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
In community service or justice activities based in local church	29	29	30
<b>Involvement in community groups not connected to this local church</b>			
Community service, care or welfare groups	17	17	19
Social action, justice or lobby groups	3	3	5
Sport, recreation or hobby groups	29	22	18
School or youth groups (e.g. P&C Scouts)	14	23	10
Another kind of group	5	8	9
Online groups or communities	4	N/A	8
Not involved with such groups	48	50	52

### Care for the Environment

**86%** agree Christians should care for the environment

**73%** are currently active

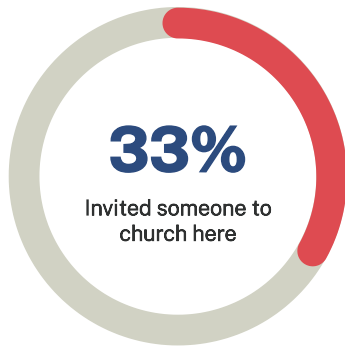
<b>Belief about Christian responsibility to actively care for the environment</b>			
Yes, am very active	8	13	16
Yes, and am a little active	66	51	52
Yes, but currently not active	13	30	25
No	4	2	2
Unsure	10	4	5

# Faith Sharing: Willing and Effective



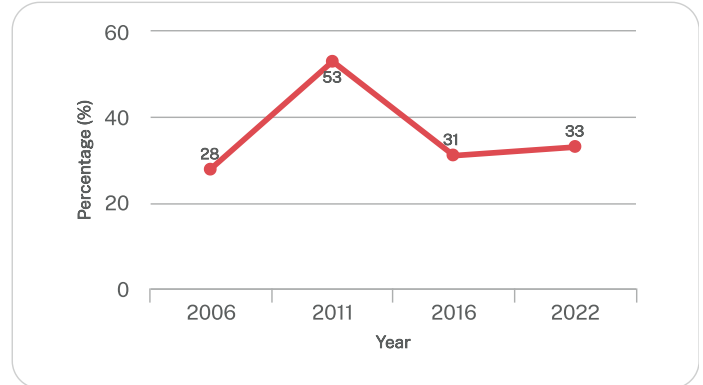
## Inviting Others to Church

**33%** of attenders said they had invited a friend or relative who does not currently attend church to a service here in the last year



Source: 2022 NCLS Dalby Baptist Church

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who invited a friend or relative who does not currently attend church to a service here in the last year



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

## Inviting Others to Church here

**80%** are willing to invite someone to a church service

You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
33	31	36
48	53	46
9	5	6
0	1	1
11	10	11

Willingness to invite to a church service here any friends/relatives who don't currently attend a church			
	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Invited someone in the last 12 months	33	31	36
Willing, but didn't invite someone in the last 12 months	48	53	46
Probably wouldn't invite someone	9	5	6
Definitely wouldn't invite someone	0	1	1
Don't know	11	10	11

## Willing and Effective Faith-sharing

**20%** are involved regularly in outreach or evangelistic activity

**75%** feel at ease talking about their faith

Attenders involved regularly in outreach or evangelistic activity			
	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Feel at ease talking about their faith and look for opportunities	18	23	23
Mostly feel at ease talking about their faith and do so if it comes up	57	47	55
Find it hard to talk about their faith in ordinary language	23	26	19
Do not like to talk about their faith; life and actions are sufficient	2	4	3
Do not have faith	0	0	0

## Faith-sharing in Households

**76%** frequently talk about matters of faith with other members of their household

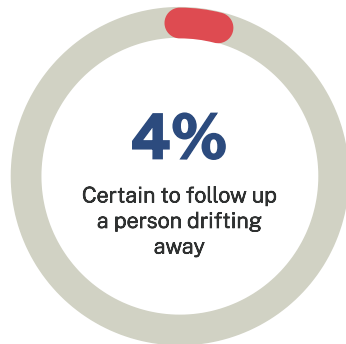
Attenders talk about faith with other members of their household			
	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
No, live alone	7	N/A	8
No, do not talk about matters of faith	3	N/A	2
Yes, occasionally	14	N/A	22
Yes, frequently in informal ways	45	N/A	40
Yes, frequently in informal ways as well as part of family or household devotions	32	N/A	28

## Inclusion: Intentional and Welcoming



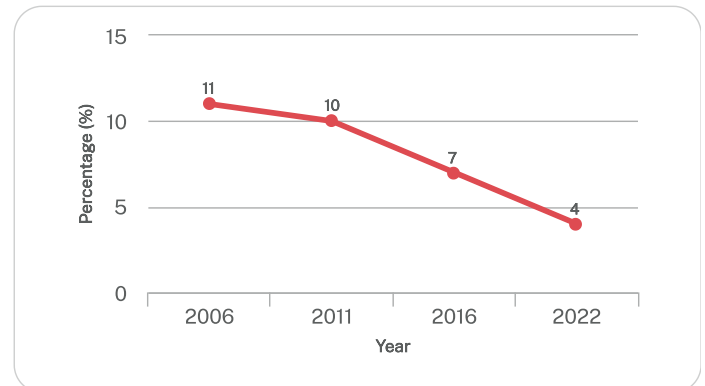
### Follow-up of People Drifting Away

**4%** of attenders said they would certainly follow up someone they knew who was drifting away from church



Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who are certain they would follow up someone they knew who was drifting away from church



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

### Views about Inclusiveness of Local Church

**76%** agree that this local church is inclusive of different kinds of people

You in 2022 (%)

You in 2016 (%)

Region in 2021 (%)

This local church is inclusive of different kinds of people			
Strongly agree	17	N/A	47
Agree	59	N/A	43
Neutral/Unsure	19	N/A	8
Disagree	4	N/A	2
Strongly disagree	1	N/A	0

### Likelihood of Follow-up of Those Drifting Away

**53%** are likely to follow up someone drifting away from church

Likelihood of attenders to follow up someone drifting away from church			
Certain	4	7	8
Very likely	12	13	22
Likely	36	34	34
Hard to say	42	39	31
Unlikely	5	8	4

### Welcoming New Arrivals

**25%** always or mostly personally seek out and welcome people they know who are new arrivals

Attenders personally seek out and welcome new arrivals			
Always	8	12	17
Mostly	17	21	28
Sometimes	58	40	36
Rarely/Never	17	27	18

### Making Friends

**67%** have found it easy to make friends here

Attenders found it easy to make friends here			
Attenders agree or strongly agree	67	77	78
Attenders disagree or strongly disagree	9	6	7
Among arrivals in last five years:			
Agree or strongly agree	65	N/A	76
Disagree or strongly disagree	10	N/A	8

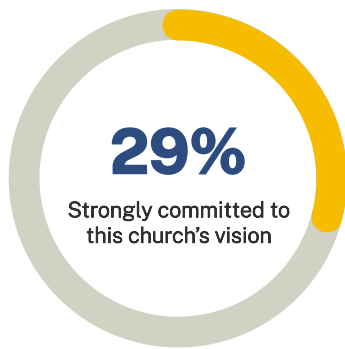


# Vision: Clear and Owned



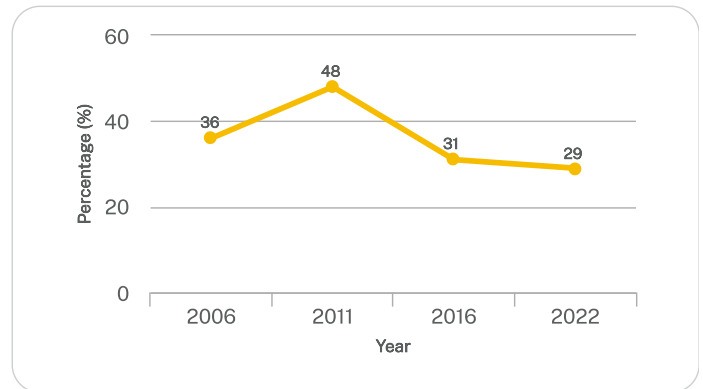
## Committed to this Local Church's Vision

**29%** of attenders said they are aware of and strongly committed to this local church's vision, goals or directions



Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who are aware of and strongly committed to this local church's vision, goals or directions



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

### Aware of Vision, Goals and Directions of Local Church

**67%** are aware and strongly or partly committed to the vision, goals or direction of the local church

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Aware and strongly committed	29	31	47
Aware and partly committed	38	38	30
Aware and not committed	5	7	7
Aware of ideas not of any clear vision	22	17	10
Unaware of any clear vision, goals or direction	5	8	6

### Confidence that the Local Church can Achieve its Vision, Goals or Directions

**16%** are fully confident that the vision can be achieved

Fully confident the vision can be achieved	16	38	55
Partly confident vision can be achieved	53	40	30
Not confident the vision can be achieved	9	2	3

### Attenders' Views on Priorities for this Local Church in the Next 12 Months: +

Spiritual growth (e.g. spiritual direction, prayer groups)	47	38	45
Worship services that are nurturing to people's faith	32	28	26
Building a strong sense of community within this local church	37	33	38
Creating a clear vision for this local church's future	15	18	14
Encouraging people here to discover/use their gifts	25	39	33
Encouraging new approaches to ministry and mission	18	18	11
Supporting social justice and aid to people in need	8	6	13
Encouraging people here to share their faith or invite others	22	17	23
Ensuring new people are included well in church life	32	23	28
Ministry to children and youth	21	23	19
Growing into a larger local church	7	5	5
Starting a new church or mission venture	0	1	2

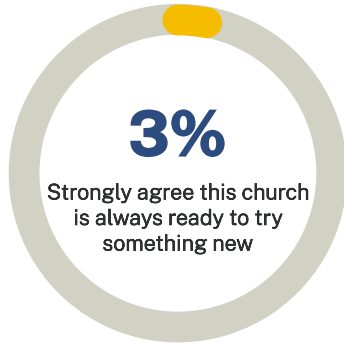
\*Note: The wording on the introduction to this question changed slightly from 2016 onwards

# Innovation: Imaginative and Flexible



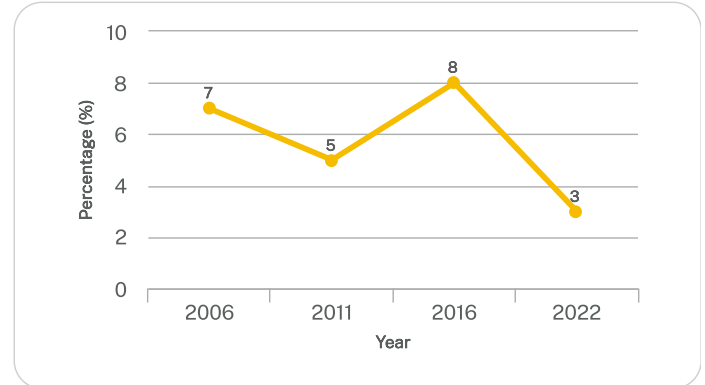
## Ready to Try Something New

**3%** of attenders strongly agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



Source: 2022 NCLS Dalby Baptist Church

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who strongly agree that this local church is always ready to try something new



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

### Willingness of the Local Church to Try New Things

**39%** strongly agree or agree that this local church is always ready to try something new

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
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This local church is always ready to try something new			
Strongly agree	3	8	21
Agree	36	43	48
Neutral/Unsure	39	38	25
Disagree	21	11	5
Strongly disagree	1	0	1

### Leaders Encourage Innovation

**51%** strongly agree or agree that leaders here encourage innovation and creative thinking

Leaders here encourage innovation			
Strongly agree	5	7	22
Agree	45	45	48
Neutral/Unsure	39	40	24
Disagree	9	7	5
Strongly disagree	1	0	1

### Openness to New Initiatives

**74%** support the development of new initiatives in ministry and mission in this local church

I would support the development of new initiatives in ministry and mission in the local church			
Strongly agree	9	27	28
Agree	65	60	56
Neutral/Unsure	26	13	15
Disagree	0	1	1
Strongly disagree	0	0	0

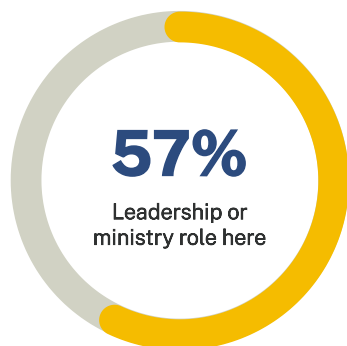
## Leadership Culture: Inspiring and Empowering



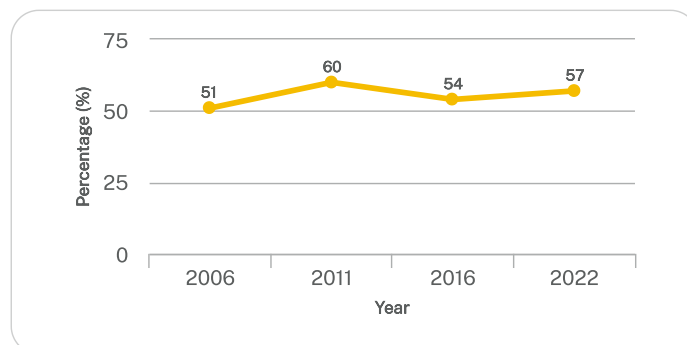
### Leadership Roles

**57%** of attenders perform at least one leadership or ministry role here

**Change over time:** Percent of attenders who perform at least one leadership or ministry role here



Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church



Source: Dalby Baptist Church, NCLS 2006, 2011, 2016, 2022

### Leadership and Ministry Roles Performed by Attenders

	You in 2022 (%)	You in 2016 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Worship services (teach/preach, music, lead/assist in service)	27	23	24
Children's ministry/youth ministry role	32	21	15
Small group leadership	15	19	15
Administrator role	2	4	5
Compliance role (e.g. safe church)	3	N/A	3
Council/board/elder/deacon	11	7	7
Committee/task force member	6	8	4
Pastoral care/visitation role	10	11	8
Communications/news	2	N/A	4
Some other role	16	22	20
Perform any of above leadership/ministry roles here	57	54	47

### Views about Local Church Leaders

**20%** agree this local church's leaders encourage them to find and use their gifts and skills to a great extent

**54%** agree leaders here inspire them to action

Local leaders encourage attenders to find and use gifts and skills			
To a great extent	20	12	25
To some extent	35	32	34
Attenders strongly agree or agree that...			
Leaders here inspire me to action	54	57	76
Leaders encourage innovation & creativity	51	52	70
Local church has good and clear systems	70	62	85

### Getting Involved Here

**81%** agree it is easy to get involved in ministry at this church (e.g. join a roster, take on a role)

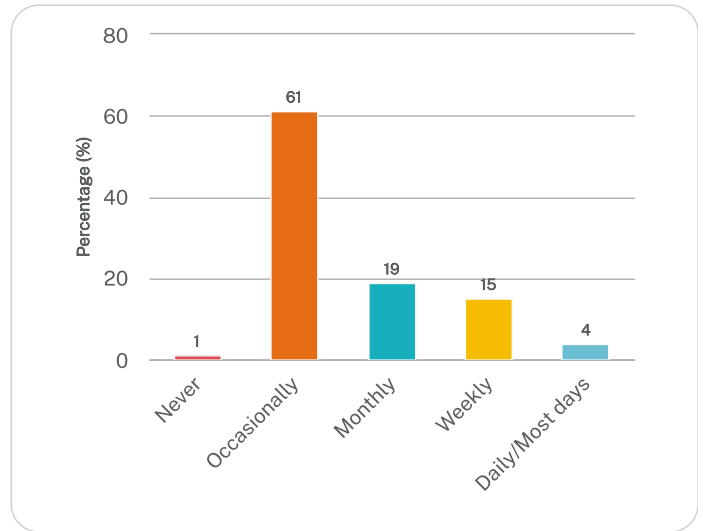
**30%** would like to be more involved here

Attenders strongly agree or agree that...			
It is easy to get involved in ministry here	81	N/A	81
All (ages) encouraged to get involved	93	N/A	88
Evaluation of involvement here			
Would like to be more involved	30	25	26
Happy with current level of involvement	58	62	66
Would like to be less involved	3	1	2

# Frequency of Faith-Sharing

## Faith-Sharing in a Secular Setting

**99%** have mentioned or shared their faith with someone in a secular setting, e.g. work, club, school, at least occasionally



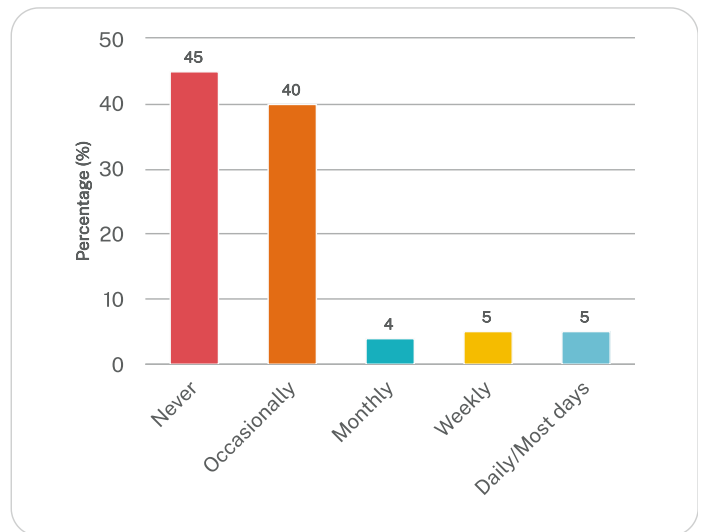
Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church

In the last year, how often have you mentioned your faith with someone you know through a secular workplace, club, school etc?

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Daily/Most days	4	4
At least weekly	15	13
At least monthly	19	18
Occasionally	61	55
Never	1	10

## Frequency of Faith-Sharing Online

**55%** have shared Christian content on social media/web at least occasionally



Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church

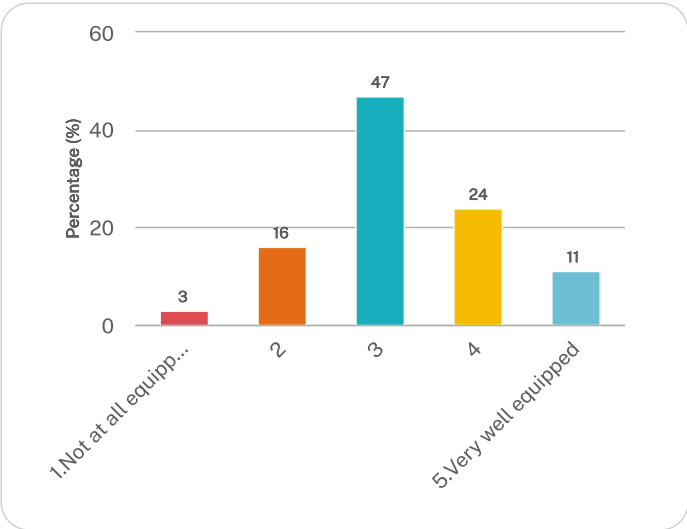
In the last year, how often have you shared Christian content on social media/web in order to share your faith with others?

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Daily/Most days	5	4
At least weekly	5	7
At least monthly	4	9
Occasionally	40	42
Never	45	38

# Equipped to Share and Live Out Faith

## Feeling Equipped for Faith-Sharing

**11%** feel very well equipped to share their faith



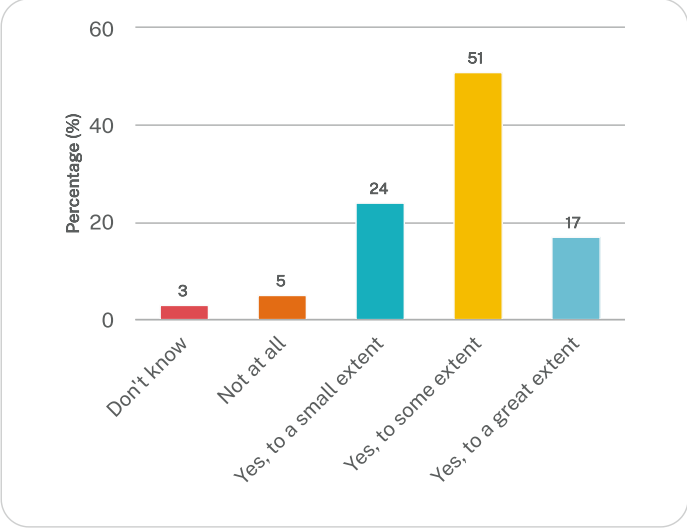
Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church

How well equipped do you feel to share your faith?

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Very well	11	18
Not at all	3	3

## Feeling Equipped to Live Out Faith in All Aspects of Life

**17%** feel very well equipped to live out their faith in all aspects of life e.g. work, study, home



Source: 2022 NCLS, Dalby Baptist Church

Has this local church equipped you to live out your faith in all aspects of life (e.g work, study, home)?

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Yes, to a great extent	17	32
Yes, to some extent	51	45
Yes, to a small extent	24	15
Not at all	5	3
Don't know	3	5

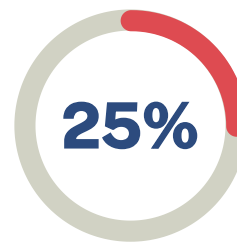
# Likelihood of Faith-Sharing



I'm most likely to do this in a relaxed environment with people I know (e.g. sports, meal, men's shed, etc)



I'm comfortable doing this in most situations



I struggle to do this because I never know what to say

## When are you most likely to share your faith?

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
I'm comfortable doing this in most situations	26	35
I'm most likely to do this in a relaxed environment with people I know (e.g. sports, meal, men's shed, etc))	61	57
I'm most likely to do this when my faith is vibrant and God seems close	17	24
I'd be more likely to do this after I'd seen someone else doing it	9	10
I'd be more likely to do this after I'd had appropriate training	8	8
I'd be more likely to suggest they speak with a pastor or evangelist	9	6
I struggle to do this because I never know what to say	25	17
I struggle to do this because I worry what others will think of me	9	11
I struggle to do this because I don't have enough friends to share my faith with	1	6
I struggle to do this for another reason	4	5



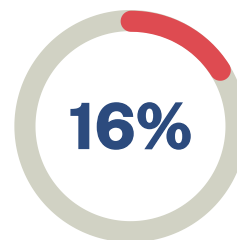
## Inviting Someone to Church



It's reasonably good for beginners but could be better



It's a great church for beginners



I think many beginners would struggle at this church

## To what extent do you feel your church is a good one to invite a non-Christian or enquiring friend to?

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
It's a great church for beginners	20	55
It's reasonably good for beginners but it could be better	50	32
This church caters well to long-standing Christians but not so well to beginners	9	6
I think many beginners would struggle at this church	16	5
I don't think this church is very good at all for beginners	4	1

## Interactions with Children

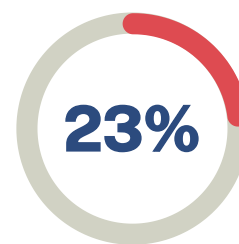
### Interactions with children under 12



None of the above



Some other way

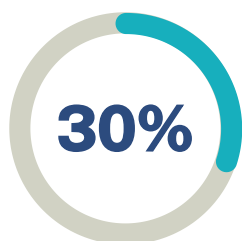


Worshipping together

Do you interact with children (under 12 years old) from this church in any of the following ways? (Select **ALL** that apply)

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Part of same small group	7	9
Socialise/eating together	19	20
Worshipping together	23	21
Providing ministry to them	22	13
Learning together (e.g. sermon)	12	8
Serving in ministry together	4	6
Praying with them	12	8
Some other way	26	13
None of the above	36	49

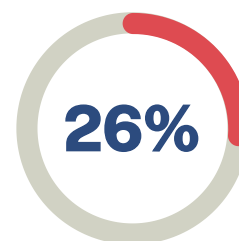
### Interactions with young people



None of the above



Socialise/eating together



Worshipping together

Do you interact with youth (aged 12-18) from this church in any of the following ways? (Select **ALL** that apply)

	You in 2022 (%)	Region in 2021 (%)
Part of same small group	7	8
Socialise/eating together	29	20
Worshipping together	26	24
Providing ministry to them	15	9
Learning together (e.g. sermon)	11	12
Serving in ministry together	15	10
Praying with them	10	9
Some other way	23	13
None of the above	30	49

# Your results

**This Church Life Profile contains your church's unique results from your participation in the 2021 National Church Life Survey.**

**This Church Life Profile will enable you to:**

- ✓ Hear all voices and take time to listen
- ✓ Make better, more informed choices
- ✓ Find out the values and hopes of your attenders
- ✓ Take stock of your church's health
- ✓ See how you compare to other churches
- ✓ Identify your strengths and use them to grow



# What next?

Use your Profile, workbook and other resources to evaluate, communicate and act on your results at your church



## Evaluate

Look at your results to see what they reveal



## Communicate

Share key insights and plans with your church



## Act

Take steps of action into the future

More resources available:  [ncls.org.au](https://ncls.org.au)