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- As we grow please pray that all would know they are a part of the community. Pray we would offer appropriate spiritual and pastoral support though each other, growth groups and our ministry & leadership team, so that each one knows they belong to God's family.
- Pray as we plan for our bicentenary that it would be outward looking, both locally and with our overseas mission partners, and for God's guidance as to what we do. And please pray for our Thanksgiving celebration at the Opera House on December 14, 2017.
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