

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

Morning Worship Service: 9.30am

Evening Service: 5.30pm

2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Ph: Pastor: Rick Mumford – 0412 873 604

K4C (Kids for Christ) — (During Service)

Arabic Baptist Fellowship: 11.30am

Ph: Pastor Albert Haddad – 9679 9442

MONDAY

Boronia Seniors - (over 55's)

10.00-12.00 noon

(2nd Monday of each month)

Ph: Cynthia Hale – 9635 5785

TUESDAY

Craft Group: 9.30-11.30am

Ph: Marilyn Turner – 9631 9483

WEDNESDAY

KYB - (Know your Bible)

Ladies' Bible Study

10.00-11.30am

Ph: Glennis Mills – 9636 1723

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

Contact: Anne Kidd

Mens' Evening Bible Study

Contact: Peter Smith

Arabic Baptist Fellowship: 7.00pm

Ph: Pastor Albert Haddad – 9679 9442

FRIDAY

Playtime: 10.00am-12.00 NOON

(Every Friday of school term for parents and carers of pre-school children)

Ph: Lesley Warren – 9920 6030

Friday Night Hub Group:

7.30pm-9.30pm

Ph: Pastor: Rick Mumford – 0412 873 604

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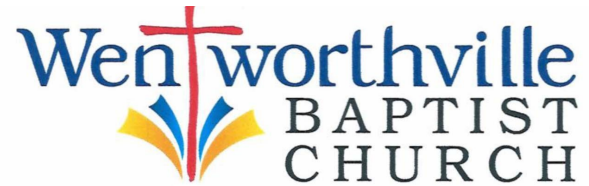
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things possible...
love makes all
things easy."
- D.L. Moody*

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Sunday 3rd December 2017

KING & KINGDOM

This Week:

A King for the People

Luke 2:41-52

"Calling, Building, Challenging followers of Jesus"

Welcome to Wentworthville Baptist Church.

Please feel free to join everyone in the Hall after the Service for morning tea and fellowship.

You Can Have a Ministry of Appreciation

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen" (Ephesians 4:29 NIV).

Radical gratitude means you're going to walk through life being grateful in every situation, no matter what — in times of plenty, when times are tight, when times are good, bad, right, wrong, whatever. You can develop an attitude of gratitude by choosing to be grateful in every situation. The attitude of radical gratitude actually serves others. It becomes a ministry.

Every believer is a minister. *You* are a minister! Every Christian is a minister, which means we are to serve other people. We're saved to serve. You can have a ministry called the ministry of appreciation.

Do you know what the word "appreciation" means? If you've ever bought a car, you know the meaning of *depreciation*. The moment you drive it off the lot, it's worth less than you paid for it, even if it's a brand-new vehicle. Depreciation means to decrease in value. *Appreciation* means to raise in value — and it is a ministry.

When you appreciate your husband, you raise his value. When you appreciate your wife, you raise her value. When you appreciate your kids, you raise their value. When you appreciate your co-workers, you raise their value to you *and* to the company. When you appreciate your boss, you raise his or her value.

The ministry of appreciation raises the value of people. That's why God says radical gratitude is a ministry. You can make a ministry out of raising the value of people simply by appreciating them.

One of the things I've discovered is that everybody in life needs massive doses of encouragement. I've never met anybody who's said, "Oh no! I don't need a compliment! I have too many. Please, stop! I'm too affirmed. Don't give me any more." You have an unqualified need to be affirmed, to be loved, to be appreciated — and so does everybody else. If you want to be used by God, here's one way: Affirm everybody. Appreciate everybody. Show gratitude to everybody.

Talk It Over

- How does it feel when someone shows appreciation to you?
- What are some ways you can show appreciation besides speaking?
- How have other people's appreciation and affirmation drawn you closer to God?

— *Rick Warren*

"Be assured, if you walk with Him and look to Him, and expect help from Him, He will never fail you." — George Mueller

K PEOPLE

Ben and Petra's prayer for the town they are serving in, is for God's Spirit to continue to be actively drawing people towards Him and using the team as part of that. For the past six months, Ben and Petra have had to travel to the border every month to receive a 30 day visa. This is tiring and time consuming, and takes them away from their ministry. They now have the help of a new person to work with them in their applications and they are hopeful they will soon receive a stable visa.

For Prayer:

- God's Spirit to be preparing the hearts of K people and the team to be attentive to the work God is already doing
- A stable annual visa to be received by Ben and Petra, releasing them to spend more time building relationships within the community
- Continued diligence in culture and language lessons for the team so they can develop deep relationships and share the message of Jesus

K PEOPLE

Day-by-day **David and Eliza** are looking for ways to do life with their K friends and deepen their relationships. Eliza has been learning to make K style noodles from her language nurturer and David went out on a day trip in the local area with his nurturer's uncle. Recently, when inviting Eliza's language nurturer and her family to a birthday dinner, Eliza asked if pizza was ok and they assured her it was. However at the dinner it became clear they were not familiar with it and did not know how to eat it. It was a little awkward at first but David and Eliza were very thankful to see their guests thoroughly enjoying the birthday cake. Despite the uncomfortable beginning, it ended up being a good night of friendship and conversation.

For Prayer:

- Continued courage for David and Eliza as they build deep friendships in an unfamiliar cultural environment
- David and Eliza to be sensitive to God's Spirit as they keep their eyes open for opportunities to naturally connect with K people
- As their friendships deepen, pray there will be opportunities to share about Jesus

ETHNIC THAI

After doing initial culture and language lessons in the city, **Glenn and Liz** will soon join **Luke and Belle** in a rural village of Northern Thailand. The past year has been a big year of transition and adjustment to life in Thailand for the family, but they are excited this relocation and for what is ahead. Along with the rest of the team serving among the Ethnic Thai, Glenn and Liz recently travelled to where Jit and Jan live to celebrate Jan's 40 years of service with Global Interaction. This was wonderful time of encouragement and thankfulness for Jit and Jan's faithful service over many, many years. Commissioning services for **Pete and Nomes** will be held this Sunday, 9:30am and 4:30pm at Thornleigh Community Baptist Church, NSW. Pete and Nomes will soon join the team in Central Asia to serve among the H people

For Prayer:

- Thankfulness for Jan's 40 years of serving God in Thailand
- God's continued guidance over Jit and Jan's ongoing ministry
- Smooth transition for Glenn, Liz and their sons into their new location
- Work permit and necessary visas to be received smoothly so the family can move into the rural area

B.I PEOPLE

Mick and Tara will soon be in Australia for a period of Home Assignment. In the weeks before leaving, Mick and Tara were grateful to have some really positive gatherings with local friends. It was encouraging for them to see how their local language skills, cultural understanding and friendships have developed over the past three years and look forward to their next term of ministry where they will build on these foundations. When in Australia, Mick and Tara expect to encounter some challenges in readjusting, especially for the daughters who have spent most of their lives out of Australia.

For Prayer:

- Safe travels for the family as they return to Australia
- Home Assignment to be spiritually refreshing as they prepare for their further ministry in South East Asia
- Good conversations and time of connection with supporters and churches while in Australia.

PRAYER and PRAISE POINTS

Continue to pray for:

Johanna Boland, Val Williams, Maisie Horswell, Dot Blackman, Carmen Strudwick, Ivy Bornefeldt, Jean Moore, Edna Norman, Lyn Davis, Marie Smith, Bruce Gough.

Ivy Bornefeldt is now in respite at Genista.

Ken Boland is in respite at Pendle Hill.

2018 ROSTERS

Rosters are being updated for 2018. If you would like your name added please contact the following co-ordinator:

WELCOME: PETER SMITH **CLEANING:** GREG WILLIAMS
MORNING TEA: GREG WILLIAMS **MOWING:** MACOLM ASTLE

ROSTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER

WELCOME: VEGESANA FAMILY
CLEANING: —
MORNING TEA: ANN KIDD & CORAL OVERALL

