

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

Morning Worship Service: 9.30am

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

Pastoral Team

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Sunday 23rd April 2017

"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.

When You See a Need, Act Now

"Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person. Don't tell your neighbour, 'Maybe some other time' or 'Try me tomorrow' when the money's right there in your pocket"
(Proverbs 3:27-28 MSG).

The last few days we've been looking at what the Parable of the Good Samaritan can teach us about demonstrating mercy to those who are hurting. We've seen that we must **see the needs around us and sympathize with people's pain.**

The Good Samaritan also teaches us we must **seize the moment.**

Don't wait, don't delay, and don't procrastinate. Do what you can at that moment. Love is not so much something you feel as it is something you do. The Samaritan took action. He stooped down and got on the injured man's level. He didn't act superior. He used what he had: wine to disinfect and oil to soothe the wounds. It was the best medication of the day. The Samaritan probably used his own clothes to bandage this guy's wounds. After all, he's not a doctor. He didn't have a medicine cabinet with him. He just served. He did the best he could with what he had.

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 3:27-28, *"Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person. Don't tell your neighbor, 'Maybe some other time' or 'Try me tomorrow' when the money's right there in your pocket"* (MSG). Don't wait for better conditions. When God calls you to minister to somebody, do it now. When you see a need, meet it now.

To seize the moment, you must be willing to take a risk, though. You must be willing to be interrupted. To be a servant you must move against your fears. Imagine the fears the Samaritan may have faced: "What if the robbers are still in the area? What if this is all a trap? What if he rejects my help? What if I can't really help him?" We often don't want to get involved with other people's pain and brokenness because, quite frankly, it reminds us of our own. But mercy moves in spite of fear.

Mercy touches the untouchable and loves the unlovable.

Talk It Over

- Why do we sometimes delay helping other people who are in need?
- What is the risk involved in helping another person?

— Rick Warren

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. — [Heb 4:16](#)

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER MEETING

Meeting for prayer in the Pastor's office every Sunday morning from **9:00am to 9:25am**. You may join us by dropping in or leaving at anytime.

PRAYER and PRAISE POINTS

Continue to pray for:

Johanna Boland, Val Williams, Maisie Horswell, Dot Blackman, Carmen Strudwick, Ivy Bornefeldt, Edna Norman, Lyn Davis, Marie Smith, Cynthia Hale, Ron Turner, Bruce Gough, Cohen Mumford.

Jean Moore is to have surgery on the 4th May.

SOUL FOOD

PRAYER & POT LUCK DINNER

TONIGHT — 5.30 PM START

BRING SOME FOOD AND DRINK TO SHARE

PLEASE NOTE:

There is to be a Special Members' Meeting **THIS MORNING** after service to discuss two items:

1. Renaming of Church premises namely: "*Oasis Community Centre, home to Wentworthville Baptist Church*".
2. Approval to proposed stormwater easement over our property.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY — 30th APRIL

WELCOME: FAYE & ALLAN STREET

CLEANING: —

MORNING TEA: JALADY FAMILY



News and Prayer

YAWO

Tobias continues to investigate the necessity of revising the Malawi version of the Yawo Bible to meet the needs of the Yawo in Mozambique. He will be beginning field testing soon which will involve visiting around 30 villages scattered around their province. Death and tragedy are common within the community where they live and Tobias and **Heather** were reminded again of this recently with the passing of Tobias' Yawo adoptive grandmother and a Yawo friend's newborn.

For Prayer:

- Safe travel and good health for Tobias as he travels between villages
- Tobias and Heather to bring comfort and the hope of Jesus even in the midst of tragedy

ETHNIC THAI

Glenn and Liz are settling in and establishing daily routines of culture and language lessons and home schooling. They are learning to celebrate the small wins of each day including when they see the effect of their developing language ability. They are encouraged by the moments where they find they can understand and be understood even with their basic language level. Glenn will begin teaching English at a local school next term and recently had a positive meeting with the principal.

For Prayer:

- Thankfulness that Glenn and Liz recently acquired Thai driver's licences
- Continued good progress in their language skills enabling them to effectively communicate the Good News, in time, with the Ethnic Thai
- God to be preparing the hearts of the people Glenn will form friendships with at the school to hear the message of Jesus

B PEOPLE

Our partner NGO in South Asia has recently conducted a review of its projects which confirmed the positive impact that the work is having on many people's lives. It also highlighted some new opportunities to help increase their efficiency and effectiveness. **Phil** and NGO staff in South Asia and Australia are working towards implementing these changes. One of Phil's good local friends, Mr R, who has been unwell for several months is beginning to improve though is still weak. With a young family, there is pressure for him to continue working to support them.

Good communication and understanding for Phil and other staff during this time of transition

- Wisdom in making challenging decisions regarding how the projects can be most effective
- Correct diagnosis and treatment for Mr R so that he will get back to full health
- Deep cultural insight for Phil to know how to respond appropriately to this friend's needs and understand the cultural expectations on him

K PEOPLE

Through living in the Silk Road Area, **Ben and Petra** encounter daily practical challenges. They are continually learning lessons of how to best live within the K community, how to parent without their usual support networks and how to be a good employer. Among these challenges, though, there is joy and assurance that they are in the place where God wants them to be. They have deepening friendships, are growing in their ability to communicate with these K friends and learning to understand their culture.

For Prayer:

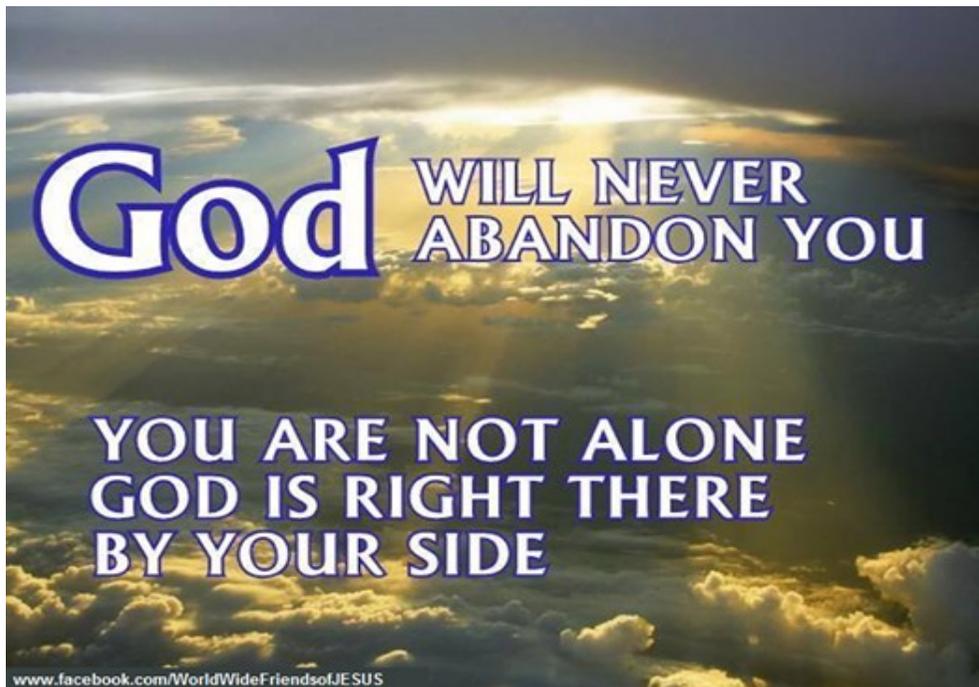
- Continued reliance on God as they experience challenges
- Sensitivity to the Spirit as they seek to have meaningful conversations with their friends about Jesus.

CANDIDATES

It's an exciting time as most states have candidates preparing to join cross-cultural teams. These candidates will be visiting churches and connecting with supporters as they build their partnership team as well as preparing through study and training.

For Prayer:

- Thankfulness for the many people who have responded to God's call and are preparing to serve cross-culturally
- Churches and individuals to be inspired to partner with these candidates financially and prayerfully enabling them to join teams soon
- God's Spirit to be stirring in the hearts of more Australian Baptists to consider serving among the least-reached



Christians celebrate Easter for the first time since their towns were liberated from



"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort," - 2 Corinthians 1:3

IRAQ | FIRST EASTER CELEBRATIONS SINCE ISIS

Last weekend, Christians in Iraq were able to gather together to celebrate Easter for the first time since the Islamic State forced them to flee their homes in 2014. The clean-up of Bartella, Karamles, Qaraqosh and other towns liberated in October 2016 is ongoing. The weekend before Easter, Christians also celebrated Palm Sunday in their towns. Christians marched through the streets celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection, and worshipped in their own churches again.

GOD AT WORK

In the town of Bartella over 300 Christians gathered to celebrate Easter for the first time in three years. The local priest, Father Yacoub, said, "This means a lot to me, after all these years we now are celebrating Easter here. That is very hopeful." Many of his congregation still live in temporary accommodation in Erbil, a safer city about two hours drive from Bartella. They can't return home yet, Bartella is still in ruins. Father Yacoub shared with his congregation about the resurrection and the hope Jesus brings in the midst of suffering, "Jesus can come into our hearts and that will comfort us..."

PLEASE PRAY

- Praise God that Christians were able to celebrate Easter in their home churches. Pray that it will soon be safe enough for many to move home.
- Pray for comfort for those who lost loved and have been displaced by the Islamic State.
- Pray that Open Doors will be able to continue working in Iraq and will see many people come to know Jesus.