

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

Pastoral Team

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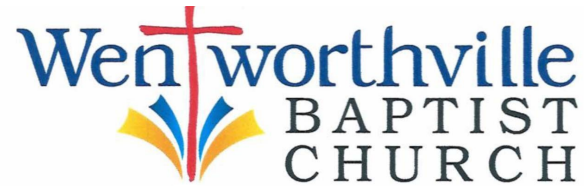
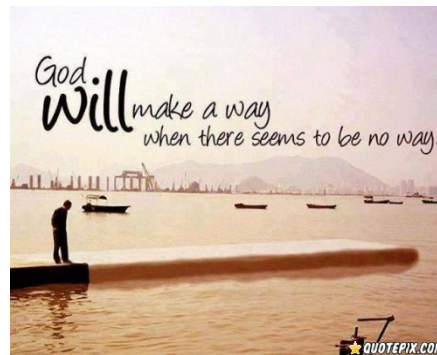
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**Sunday 1st
October 2017**

"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.

How Do I Know I'm Saved?

"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV).

In Luke 23:42, one of the criminals hanging next to Jesus on the cross prayed, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (NIV).

Notice that he didn't ask Jesus to stop his pain, although he would have been in excruciating pain on the cross. By that time, Jesus was famous for doing miracles, but the man didn't ask Jesus to save him from death, either.

He said, "Jesus, remember me." Why? Because he knew that his deepest need was salvation from sin — not just salvation to get into Heaven. He believed in Jesus.

The Bible says in Acts 16:31, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

So how do you know for sure that you're saved? How do you know you're going to Heaven when you die? How can you be certain? How can you eliminate your doubt?

Your assurance of salvation is not by your works, because you can't earn your salvation.

Your assurance of salvation is not by your feelings, because feelings come and go.

What is your assurance of salvation? The promise of God's Word. If God says it, that settles it, because God cannot lie. You can trust the promise of God's Word. You can rest in it.

Jesus replied to the criminal hanging on the cross, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43b NLT, second edition). Your assurance of salvation is the same: God's promise that you will be in Heaven with him one day if you believe in faith.

Talk It Over

- How do you know you can trust the Bible and God's promises?
- What are the things people try to add to salvation instead of accepting the simple promise of God's Word?
- How should you live differently when you have assurance of salvation through Christ?

— Rick Warren

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. — Proverbs 9:10

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, Jean Moore, Edna Norman, Lyn Davis, Marie Smith, Bruce Gough, Brett Fletcher.

Pray for our young people as they study for their HSC:

Helena Warren, Jade Garlick, Lara Carroll, Grace Vegesana, Lara Needham, Jeremy Kidd and Mitch Geloven.



BORONIA SENIORS

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER

10.00am — 12 Noon

GREG WOODWARD

From



Royal Flying Doctor Service

ROSTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER

WELCOME: GARLICK FAMILY
CLEANING: FAYE STREET
MORNING TEA: ANN KIDD & CORAL OVERALL

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Image: Believers continue to meet together in the desert after their church was destroyed.

EGYPT | A New Perspective On Prayer

Egypt is the largest church in the Middle East and currently the next target of the Islamic State.

Years ago, Brother Andrew met with a pastor in Cairo who was attempting to prepare the church in Egypt for spiritual battle.

"First, love Muslims." The pastor said. "This is the command, to love our neighbours as ourselves. They are our neighbours. They are not our enemies. If they are our enemies, we have to love them more. We cannot win them to Christ without the spirit of love."

GOD AT WORK

They asked the pastor how the church in the West could pray for them.

"Don't pray for us." He said. "Pray with us. Can you see the difference? If you pray for me, you will pray for my safety and prosperity. No, just pray with me for the Muslims to know Christ."

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray, together with the church in Egypt that they will see many Muslims come to know Jesus.
- Pray for the Islamic State, that God changes their hearts and they repent of their ways.
- Pray for God's strength and comfort for those experiencing persecution for their faith.

"Then Hannah prayed and said: 'My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance.'" - 1 Samuel 2:1

YAWO

Ben and Sam have just celebrated 4 years since arriving in Africa and are overwhelmed with the goodness of God, His provision, guidance and comfort over that time. They give thanks for how well they, as a family, have settled. Ben meets weekly with a group of 4 Yawo men to read the Bible, pray and encourage one another. One of the group has yet to become a follower of Jesus but is most enthusiastic and eager to learn. They are thankful for the provision of 2 volunteers to help with much needed repairs to their kitchen. Sam continues to build relationship with her language nurturer each day after she finishes home schooling their children.

For Prayer:

- For the Yawo man who has yet to make a decision to follow Jesus, that he will soon take that life changing step
- For the kitchen repair volunteers to be able to gain the appropriate visas in a smooth and timely manner
- Sam to continue to build a strong bond with her language nurturer as they share with each other during lessons

K PEOPLE

David and Eliza are thankful for holiday time with family over the past month before starting back into the busy routine of school and life on the Silk Rd. They were thankful for the opportunity to be able to learn more about the Muslim culture of the Silk Rd region as they travelled through surrounding areas. David has been praying and seeking a local welder looking for training to be able to use his language and industrial skills while building relationship. Eliza will be travelling to Thailand for a conference for language facilitators next month. The Silk Rd team continue to work on a new platform for **Ben and Petra** to be able to secure a more permanent visa to save them the 6 hour round trip to the border each month to renew their current visas.

For Prayer:

- For God to be preparing the path for a local welder looking to expand their training for David to be able to put what he has learned to good use
- Provision for a more permanent visa for Ben and Petra and for guidance as they complete the daunting paperwork required
- Eliza to gain more knowledge and understanding as a language facilitator while at the conference

KHMER

Candidates, **Paul and Lydia** have recently completed an Intensive course held at Whitley called Understanding Buddhism in preparation for when they are in Cambodia. They were challenged in their knowledge and were thankful for the expertise delivered by Paul G who served in Thailand for over 15 years. They were also thankful for the opportunity to discuss specific contextual approaches with fellow Cambodian teammates. Excitement is brewing for a Trivia event planned in November where they hope to increase their partnership team to help them raise the support needed to join the team in Cambodia next year.

For Prayer:

- Lessons learned at the Intensive can help them be better prepared to share the love of Jesus into the Khmer Buddhist context
- Paul will be able to adjust his working arrangement to move to part time as they move toward their time to head to Cambodia

B PEOPLE

Morris continues to work on establishing a website to make available the new version of the Bible in the local B Language. There have been many challenges associated with getting this completed. **Graham and Pat** are preparing to visit one of the projects in October that they helped establish while serving the B People. Project work amongst the B People has been able to help many families affected by recent devastating floods. Some of the ways the partnering NGO have been able to assist is with house repairs, replanting of crops and re-establishing sanitary facilities. They are so thankful for the response to the appeal that was conducted for this purpose.

For Prayer:

- For the challenges associated in establishing a website to help distribute the new Bible translation to be taken care of and that this obstacle will not delay the project longer than necessary
- Graham and Pat as they prepare to visit and support an ongoing project established during their service in S Asia
- Thanks to God for stirring the hearts of people to give during the recent devastating floods

CHRISTMAS BOXES 2017



Good news and great joy come in a gift-filled shoebox for kids in poor countries. Operation Christmas Child is often the first step in reaching out to kids, families and communities with help, hope and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

BOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

→ See **CORAL** for anymore information ←
If you feel you are unable to fill a box, Coral will accept any donations.

REMINDER:
BOXES ARE DUE BACK – OCTOBER 15