

## 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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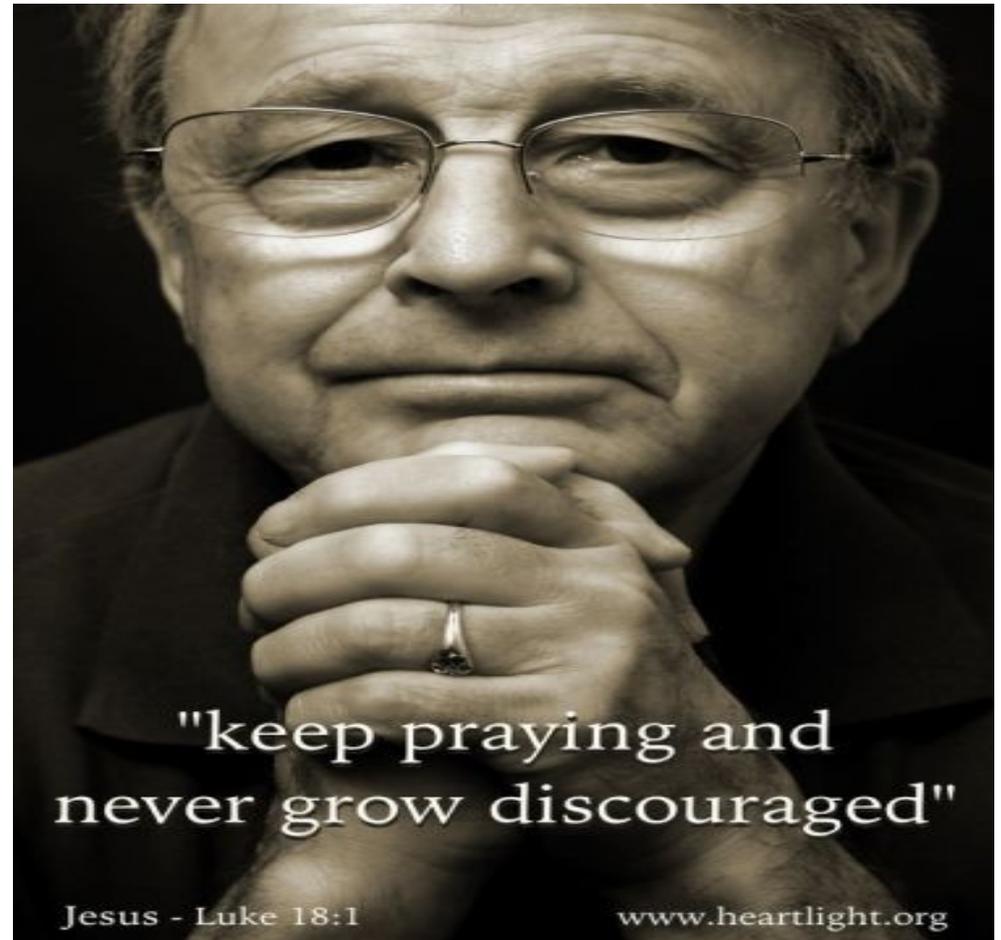
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*"Calling, Building, Challenging followers of Jesus"*

Sunday 24th  
September 2017

Welcome to Wentworthville Baptist Church.

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



We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. — Romans 5:3-4

[www.heartlight.org](http://www.heartlight.org)

## **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.

## **EVENING SERVICE**

Tonight's evening service at 5.30pm will include the baptism of Karen Geloven.

## **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.

**Maisie Horswell** is now in rehab at the Rehab Centre in Coleman Street. Praise God for His goodness.



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**

## **Mark Drama Article**

I've written an article about the Mark Drama that I acted in a couple of weeks ago at Toongabbie Anglican Church. It's for the Mark Drama website. I'd really love to encourage Wenty people to keep their eyes peeled for future Mark Dramas they can attend, and also to be keen to read and memorise the Word of God and experience Jesus for who he really is.

God bless,

***Georgie Kidd***

I performed as Andrew in the Mark Drama a few weeks ago with Toongabbie Anglican Church in Western Sydney. I had seen the Mark Drama performed about a year before and was profoundly impacted as an audience member. I came to understand Jesus as not just a written 'voice' in the gospels, but a real, flesh-and-blood person of such humble, gentle and loving character – the kind of person I wanted to know more, even after being a Christian since the age of 6!

So I was stoked to be given the opportunity to perform in a Mark Drama myself! Memorising Mark's gospel wasn't easy (in an instant world, long-term memory abilities are lacking) but it did find me daily reading God's Word the way that it was originally meant to be read. Early Christians memorised the bible and the gospel of Mark is actually structured for such a purpose!

Rehearsals were fun, exhausting, nerve-wracking and rushed. But I grew so close to the amazing people in my church! Across congregations and generations, we were all united around presenting the gospel to the audience in the best way possible. I was especially impacted by Paul, who played Jesus. I could tell that as Paul memorised Jesus' words and actions in order to act them out, God was doing a transforming work in him to make him such a humble, gentle and servant-hearted friend to all.

Being a disciple helped me really understand the disciples as people. To know what it was like to be involved in Jesus' ministry first-hand: the miracles, stepping out in faith, covering in fear and being harshly (and deservedly) rebuked at times. It taught me what being a disciple really is - following Jesus in faith, taking Him at His Word and humbling yourself before him. The Mark Drama is loads of fun. As a disciple, you set the scene with lots of biblical and topical jokes to help the audience feel at home in 1<sup>st</sup> Century Palestine. But Mark's gospel is also deeply sombre. The audience – and the actors – are forced to really, really reflect on the crucifixion. We spend most of the drama figuring out who this Jesus guy is, and starting to really love him and realise how much he loves us... only to see him weeping in the garden and hung on a cross for our sins. As a Christian, I know that it was my sin that put him there. The darkness that filled the room as the echo of my screams of 'crucify him!' faded into silence... That was a moment when I truly reflected on how undeserving I am of this grace poured out on the cross.

After the drama, I received encouraging comments from young Catholic and non-Christian friends, as well as older Christian friends and family (including my grandpa who is mostly deaf!). They all loved experiencing the 'realness' of Jesus and the gospel in the Mark Drama. I have also had many opportunities since to use scenes/verses that I remember from Mark to encourage Christian brothers and sisters and to help non-Christian friends know who the person of Jesus is and what he offers to them! — Praise God!



### YAWO

Initiations are a very key part of Yawo culture and **Bek** felt privileged to be invited to the initiations of a few groups of girls. After an adventurous time and God's miraculous intervention **Scott** and Bek received their new visa and are now in the process of applying for new residency permits. Later this month, some team members serving among the Yawo will meet to discuss ministry, discern God's will and strategically plan for the future.

#### **For Prayer:**

- More opportunities for the team to be involved in community life and build connections and deepen relationships
- Thankfulness for Scott and Bek receiving their visa and prayer that there will be no complications in receiving new residency permits
- Wisdom and sensitivity to the Spirit's leading as he team discusses ministry among the Yawo

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Last month **Ian** spent time in Malawi to proof the first side of the Ciyawo-English dictionary which they received back from the graphic designer. Ian is now in the process of choosing a printer to print the dictionary. Ms L is a Yawo woman who works in the dictionary office and while in Malawi, Ian had the opportunity to pray with her about life and work challenges. His prayer is that God would be revealing more of Himself to her. Ian was also able to spend time with other Yawo friends and believers, including Mr S whom Ian has been journeying with for many years.

#### **For Prayer:**

- Continued good progress on the dictionary and the decision on which printing company to choose would be clear
- Spirit to be stirring in Ms L's heart a desire to understand and accept the Good News

### B.I PEOPLE

Every few months the team go on day trips with the local staff of the Education Foundation. Recently they visited a waterfall and had a wonderful day of relationship building and conversation. Over the past months, **Dave and Edwina** have been included in community celebrations and events such as weddings and festivals. These have been good times of connection with local friends and neighbours. Unfortunately, Dave and Edwina continue to face challenges in receiving their visa.

#### **For Prayer:**

- Deepening of relationship and conversations between the team and local staff
- Local staff to have a growing desire to know more about Jesus
- Wisdom and sensitivity for Dave and Edwina as they look for opportunities to share Bible stories with B.I neighbours and friends

### KHMER

In preparation to serving with the team in Cambodia, **Craig** has been studying a unit focussed on understanding Buddhism and sharing Jesus in a Buddhist context. An opportunity has come up for Craig and **Kim** to begin preliminary culture and language learning while in Australia. This will enable them to have basic language when they arrive in Cambodia and will make their transition smoother..

#### **For Prayer:**

- Craig and Kim to enjoy their period of preparation and trust God's timing
- More people and churches to financially partner with Craig, Kim and other candidates preparing to serve in Cambodia

### ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE

Country Consultant **Keith** recently spent time in Zambia and Zimbabwe meeting with local church leaders. In Zambia, he met with two leaders who are developing a training program for church leaders. In Zimbabwe there is a focus on establishing new churches and a great need for training of young people to lead churches into the future..

#### **For Prayer:**

- Continued movement of the Spirit in raising up the next generation of church leaders
- Training being developed to be theologically sound, practical and accessible

## **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.*

## **ROSTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER**

WELCOME:	WARREN FAMILY
CLEANING:	—
MORNING TEA:	VANETHA FLETCHER