

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:

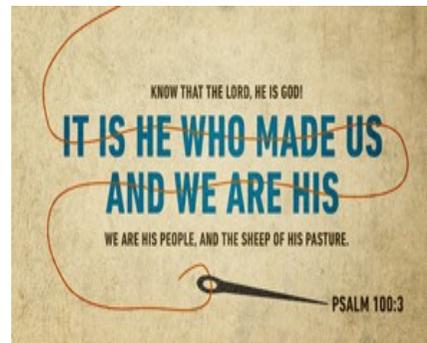
7.30pm-9.30pm

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Sunday 3rd September 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.

WHAT IS A DAD?

*A Dad is a person who is loving and kind,
And often he knows what you have on your mind.
He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends -
A dad can be one of your very best friends!
He's proud of your triumphs, but when things go
wrong,
A dad can be patient and helpful and strong.
In all that you do, a Dad's love plays a part -
There's always a place for him deep in your heart.
And each year that passes, you're even more glad,
More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!*
- Anonymous

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:3

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.

Dot Blackman is still in hospital.

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

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

BORONIA SENIORS

MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

10.00am — 12 Noon

— EVERYONE IS WELCOME —

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.



Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."- Matthew 9:37-38

SAUDI ARABIA | Finding Christ in Mecca

This week the world watches on as millions of Muslims take part in one of the largest religious rituals in the world. During the annual Hajj Pilgrimage, Muslims follow the footsteps of their prophet Mohammed and journey to Mecca, Saudi Arabia. They pray, worship and bring sacrifices to receive forgiveness for their sins. It can be a tense time for Christians living in the Middle East.

GOD AT WORK

"It is unnatural - maybe even wrong - to keep one's love for Jesus entirely to oneself. I cannot tell my wife. Or my children. Or my parents. I found Christ in a dream, and only He knows I follow him. But I have to, or I'm dead."

Last year, Jesus appeared in a dream to a Saudi man who was making the Hajj. He travelled abroad and secretly read the New Testament. He gave his heart to Jesus. But even taking the Bible back into Saudi Arabia could cost him his life.

"It's too risky. If the authorities find a Christian Bible on my person, they will interrogate me, and I will not lie, so my new faith would be exposed. I do not know how long I can go without fellowship, without witness, living a lie."

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for Muslims who will meet Jesus during the pilgrimage, like this brother! Pray they can find fellowship.
- Pray for Christians to be freely able to read the Bible and worship in Saudi Arabia.
- Pray for the protection of Christians during the time of Hajj, that those who experience persecution will endure and be led to forgive their persecutors.

ETHNIC THAI

One of the Faith Community leaders has been opening up to **Luke and Belle** about her life struggles and the concerns she has for her children. They feel honoured at this demonstration of trust and are praying that she will experience God's grace and peace through the difficulties. Luke and Belle continue their culture and language lessons and are encouraged to notice a growth in their confidence and willingness to initiate and engage in conversation. Following the Team Leaders' conference in Thailand, National Director **Mark** is involved in the upcoming training for Ethnic Thai Faith Community leaders.

For Prayer:

- Wisdom for Luke and Belle as they journey with their Ethnic Thai friend and seek to share God's love with her in the midst of her difficulties
- God's grace as Luke and Belle open their family home to community visitors at any time
- Continued steady progress of language skills and cultural understanding so they can share the message of Jesus in a way that makes sense to the Ethnic Thai
- Leadership training to be a valuable time of open dialogue and spiritual insight

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Geoff and Lyn are currently in Papua New Guinea. Tomorrow they fly to Telefomin to assist in training for church and ministry leaders. The work of the Baptist Union of PNG is being severely impacted at the moment by Australian Aid funding cuts to the Church Partnership Program. Staff numbers have reduced from over 100 to less than 30 over the past year. Some staff have chosen to work as volunteers but a broad range of church and community programs are affected. These funding cuts are impacting all of the seven mainline denominations. The translation of the Kyaka Enga Bible continues to progress well and **Susan and Henry** have returned to their roles at the Theological College for the current time.

For Prayer:

- Training of trainers to be a time of spiritual growth and leadership development for local people
- Wisdom for leaders as they respond to financial challenges
- Spirit's guidance for the Bible translation team, enabling them to translate God's Word in a modern, accurate and understandable way for the Enga people

THAILAND

After much prayer and planning, **Jit** will launch a 'men's shed' next week. He extended the invitation to many and there has been a good response. Jit and **Jan** hope this will be a way to further build meaningful connections within the community and be another avenue to share their lives and God's love with those around them.

For Prayer:

- Men's shed to be a safe and welcoming place where spiritual conversations can occur
- God's love to be demonstrated through words and actions

KHMER

Recently, **Catherine's** Mother passed away and as Catherine reflects on the journey of the past months, she is in awe and humbled by the way she has experienced God's love, mercy and compassion. She is also very grateful for the love and care those around her have offered her and her family. She is currently on a leave of absence before returning to Cambodia early next year. During this time she will be resting, healing, studying part-time at university and building her partnership team.

For Prayer:

- Catherine to know God's peace and love as she grieves
- Study to practically enhance the skills and knowledge she brings to Cambodia
- God to be opening doors in order for the candidates preparing to serve in Cambodia to join the team

JUST PRAYER

There are millions of people in least-reached people groups who have not had the opportunity to hear the Good News in a way that makes sense to them. Just Prayer is a weekend where Australian Baptist churches are encouraged to dedicate time to pray for more people to share the message of Jesus with the least-reached and that cultural and political barriers will not hinder its spread.

For Prayer:

- Thousands of Australian Baptists would set aside time and join together to intentionally pray for the least-reached
- God's Spirit would be moving in the hearts of the least-reached to respond to the Good News
- More Australian Baptists would respond to God's call to spread His Word among the nations

ROSTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

WELCOME: **SYLVIA & SOLOMON KATRU**
 CLEANING: —
 MORNING TEA: **KYLIE & DAVID STROUD**

**Anyone can hold the helm
 when the sea is calm.**
Publius Syrus