

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

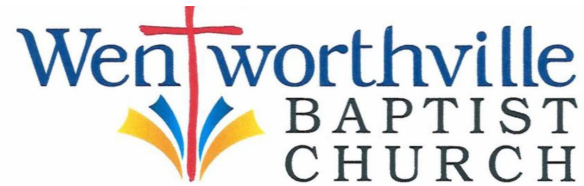
Playtime: 10.00am-12.00 NOON
(Every Friday of school term for parents and
carers of pre-school children)
Ph: Lesley Warren – 9920 6030

Friday Night Hub Group:
7.30pm-9.30pm
Ph: Pastor: Rick Mumford – 0412 873 604

Pastoral Team

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Sunday 23rd July 2017

**Speaker:
Ron Syme**

"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.

***"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ"* (Galatians 6:2 NLT).**

If sensitivity to others' needs begins with your eyes, then sympathy for their hurt begins with your ears. You have to learn to listen! The better listener you become, the more sympathetic you will be. It's not enough to just see someone's need. You must also feel that person's emotions. You must sympathize with the pain. The Bible says in Luke 10:33b that when the Good Samaritan saw the robbed and beaten man on the side of the road, *"his heart was filled with pity"* (GNT). First, his eyes kicked in. Then his ears and his heart kicked in, and he sympathized with the man in need.

Sometimes all it takes to show kindness is just listening. In fact, advice-giving can be counterproductive to kindness. Joe Bayly wrote in his book on grief, *The View from a Hearse*, "I was sitting, torn by grief, and somebody came along and talked to me about God's dealings of why it happened, of hope beyond the grave. He talked constantly. He said things I knew were true. But I was unmoved, except to wish that he would go away. And he finally did. Then another one came and sat beside me, and he didn't talk at all. He didn't ask me any leading questions. He just sat beside me for an hour or more, listened when I said something, answered briefly, prayed simply, and left. I was moved. I was comforted. I hated to see him go."

Sympathy involves the ears. Listening is a form of kindness.

Sympathy meets two of your basic needs: the need to be understood and the need to have your feelings validated. When you're hurting, it's comforting to know that you're not crazy, that what you feel is normal, and that other people have felt it before.

The Bible says, *"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ"* (Galatians 6:2 NLT).

What is the law of Christ? It's called the Great Commandment: "Love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself." Do you like people to sympathize with you when you're hurting emotionally, physically, or spiritually? Of course. The Bible says do the same for others.

Talk It Over

- What does it mean to *actively* listen to someone?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to listen instead of talk to someone who's hurting?
- How can you sympathize with someone who is going through something that you've never experienced? — **Rick Warren**

Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared. — **Proverbs 3:25-26**



B PEOPLE

The new B translation of the Bible is being well used in South Asia. Some copies have also been requested for B people in Australia. While in South Asia, **Morris** was able to make good progress on the development of content for a website that will complement the new B translation. The website will allow B people who face persecution to discreetly access the Word of God and discipleship material in their own language. The team hope the website will be available soon

For Prayer:

- Continued good progress of discipleship material for the website
- Many B people in South Asia and beyond to access the Word of God and be transformed
- Courage and safety for B believers who face potential persecution

B PEOPLE

Along with local staff at our partner NGO, **Phil** is working on planning and implementing changes to some projects. They are working towards greater self-sufficiency of the projects with increased income generated locally through small businesses. He is also working with staff on funding applications for potential new development areas.

For Prayer:

- Wisdom for Phil and local staff as they encounter a time of transition
- Good communication between all involved as important discussions occur
- Phil to receive his visa quickly and without complications

K PEOPLE

David is investigating potential opportunities to work with local farmers through using his skills in machinery modifications. **Eliza** is now teaching five English classes each week at the English Teaching and Community Centre. The students are eager to learn and through the classes there are many opportunities for Eliza to connect with K women and children. Their language nurturers are both open to having spiritual conversations and are interested in finding out more about David and Eliza's faith.

For Prayer:

- Spirit's guidance for David as he looks into working with local farmers
- Wisdom for Eliza as she connects with K students and seeks to build meaningful friendships
- **Ben and Petra** to experience assurance and clarity as they consider the longer-term visa options

KHMER

Candidates **Paul and Lydia** have returned from a positive trip around NSW where they shared at churches and spent time together as a family. Throughout the coming months they are visiting many Victorian churches as they build their partnership team in preparation to serve with the team in Cambodia.

For Prayer:

- Continued strength and energy
- More churches and individuals to partner with Paul and Lydia prayerfully and financially
- Khmer language nurturers to be trained well in preparation for the arrival of candidates

YAWO

A significant way the team builds friendships with the Yawo is through getting involved in community events and activities. Recently **Sally** joined a local soccer team where she has the opportunity to connect with young Yawo women. Last week, **Cam and Scott**, along with a group of Yawo men, helped with a community project to build a wall around the well

For Prayer:

- Increased opportunities for the team to be involved in community activities enabling them to build connections and deepen friendships
- Good cultural understanding and language skills so the team can share the message of Jesus in a way that makes sense to the Yawo

We are pleased to re-print the following extract from a recent Boys' Brigade Gazette.

Vice-President - Development Appointment

We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Graham Terry** to the Board of Directors until the next AGM as the Vice-President - Development. Graham has a wealth of Brigade knowledge from his long tenure as the Captain of ex-30th NSW Wentworthville Company.

Graham will be undertaking visitations to some Companies this year. Please join us in welcoming him to our Board, and if you have ideas or thoughts about the portfolio, please contact Graham at bbnswdevelopment@gmail.com.

We extend our congratulations to Graham on his appointment. In accordance with a resolution at a recent Church members meeting, our Church Secretary has written...to our ex-Brigade Officers expressing the appreciation of the church for their many years of service here in Wentworthville."

ROSTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 30th JULY

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