

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

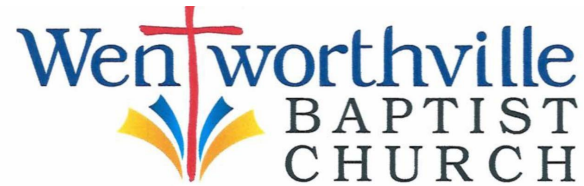
Friday Night Hub Group:
7.30pm-9.30pm
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"Calling, Building, Challenging followers of Jesus"

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

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matthew 24:35 NIV).

The Bible is the most despised, derided, denied, disputed, dissected, and debated book in all of history. This Bible has been under attack for centuries, for everything you can imagine.

Yet the Bible is still the most read, most published, and most translated book in the world. And, most importantly, it's still changing the lives of those who apply what it teaches.

One of the reasons I believe the Bible is God's Word is that it has survived so many attacks throughout history.

Despite all the attacks, today the Bible is the greatest single source of culture. It's the greatest single source for music, art, and architecture. If you take the Bible out of culture, you would destroy most of the major music, artwork, and architecture of the past 2,000 years. Even much of our English language comes from the King James Bible.

The Bible has flourished in spite of unrelenting attacks during the past 2,000 years. Jesus said in Matthew 24:35, *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away"* (NIV). The only item on the planet that will last is the Word of God. Everything else will burn up, because truth is eternal.

Voltaire, the famous French philosopher, was a brilliant atheist. He wrote a number of tracts deriding the Bible. He once made a very bold statement: "One hundred years from today the Bible will be a forgotten book."

Today, everyone has forgotten that quote — not the Bible! After Voltaire died, for nearly 100 years, his homestead was used as the book depository for the French Bible Society. They sold Bibles out of his house! It's now a museum. People have forgotten Voltaire. Nobody forgets the Bible.

No matter what attacks come the Bible's way, it always survives — and it always will. You can depend on that.

Talk It Over

- How has the Bible affected your life? What difference has it made in your life
- Does your perspective on life reflect the knowledge that this earth will one day pass away? How would your life change if you focused your life on the one thing that will never pass away?
- Ask God for the courage to stand up to those who oppose God's Word with grace, gentleness, and wisdom. — **Rick Warren**

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. — James 1:12



DWELLING DEEPLY ON SCRIPTURE - CAMBODIA

Scott and Janelle met Som two years ago and they began to develop a friendship. Soon Som was included in all areas of Scott and Janelle's life. Scott began sharing life with Som over meals, working together as part of the tennis program and enjoying fun family activities. They even included Som in their family prayer time, explaining why they prayed together and asked if Som felt comfortable to join in. Som showed increasing interest in stories about Jesus, studying the Bible with the family and learning how to pray.

Due to his training as a monk, Som dwells deeply on Scripture, taking time to learn, understand and reflect. He loves how the truth spoken of in the Bible can be applied practically in his life today. As he walks with Jesus, Som is working out what it means to follow Him in a Khmer culture. Som has also been able to teach Scott and Janelle about Khmer culture and his reflective approach to studying the Bible has been an example to the whole team.

Prayers

YAWO

The team received so much interest and enthusiasm for a regular Bible discussion group, that two groups of Yao men have begun meeting with **Cam and Scott**. Beginning with Genesis, Scott and Cam will open discussions and share Bible stories with these Yao men who have never previously had the opportunity to hear from the Word of God.

After setbacks and a long wait, **Tobias and Heather** have received their visa and are now in the process of re-entering Mozambique and obtaining their permanent residency cards.

For Prayer:

- Wisdom for Scott and Cam as they meet with these men, journey with them and share Bible stories
- Continued openness and eagerness to hear from the Word of God
- No further delays for Tobias and Heather in receiving their residency cards

B PEOPLE

The annual staff celebration was recently held for people and groups involved with our partner NGO in South Asia. It was a wonderful time of fellowship, sharing stories of the work, learning from the Bible and celebrating the past year through song, dance and drama. This event is the only time that the full group gathers together each year.

Excitingly, the first printed copies of the new translation of the Bible have arrived with many staff keen to receive copies for themselves and for sharing with others. **Phil** continues to be encouraged by seeing the positive impact self-help groups, supported by the NGO, are having on women, families and communities.

For Prayer:

- God would reveal Himself to B people as they read the new translation and seek to know more about God
- Benefits of self-help groups and projects will spread within communities

KHMER

Last week **Scott and Janelle** had their friend, Mrs S, from a village they regularly visit, stay with them. Scott and Janelle's friendship with her has been growing over the past 18 months, and they often pray for her healing as she is unwell. Over time and many conversations, her faith has grown and she and her husband, Mr D, have both professed faith in Jesus. While she was staying at Scott and Janelle's home, Mrs S spent hours talking about Jesus with them, singing songs of praise to traditional Khmer folksong tunes and reading the Bible.

For Prayer:

- Continued hunger to know Jesus more
- Wisdom and sensitivity as the team journeys with Mrs S and Mr D
- More opportunities to have conversations about Jesus with other Khmer friends

KHMER

Wonderfully, there are currently four families preparing to serve among the Khmer. Over the next 6-18 months, **Tristan and Megan, Craig and Kim, Paul and Lydia and Marc and Rachel**, with their families, will all be joining the team in Cambodia.

For Prayer:

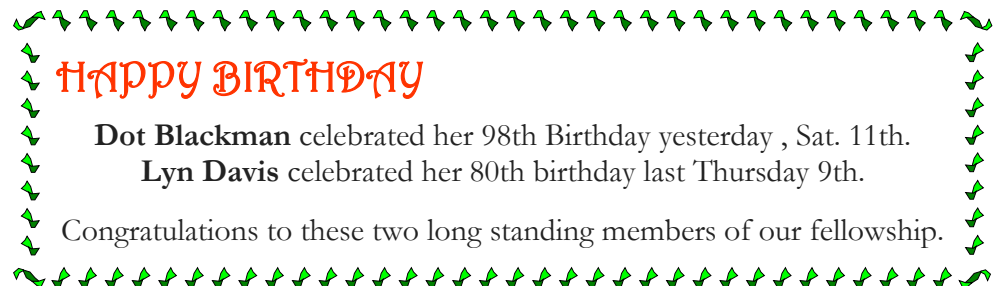
- Committed churches and individuals to partner with these candidates prayerfully and financially
- Patience for God's timing as the families prepare
- Suitable language nurturers, housing and schooling to be arranged for when the families arrive

CANDIDATES

Glenn and Liz will be commissioned later this month, before they will travel to Thailand to serve among the Ethnic Thai. **Sally** is also very close to being ready to serve among the Yao in Mozambique.

For Prayer:

- Glenn and Liz as they say goodbye to family and friends, and celebrate God's faithfulness
- Peace for Sally as she completes final preparations
- God's Spirit will be preparing the hearts of those with whom Glenn, Liz and Sally will be forming relationships and seeking to share Jesus





H A N D E L ' S
Messiah
PARTS II & III

**3.00pm - Good Friday
14 April 2017**

**Epping Baptist Church
Corner Ray & Carlingford Rds, Epping**

FEATURING
Good Friday Combined Choir

SOLOISTS
SOPRANO Ashlee Woodgate
MEZZO SOPRANO Jenny Duck-Chong
TENOR Kaine Hayward
BASS Daniel Macey

ORGANIST
Heather Moen-Boyd

ORCHESTRA
Symphonia Jubilata

CONDUCTOR
Steve Bartlett

**ADMISSION
(SUGGESTED DONATION)**
Adults/Seniors: \$10
Children/Pensioners: \$5

Proceeds to BaptistCare HopeStreet
Bringing hope to the marginalised in inner Sydney.

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"You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror." - Psalm 10:17-18

YEMEN | The Forgotten Conflict

Yemen is the poorest country on the Arabian Peninsula. About 80% of Yemenis are in need of some form of humanitarian aid. While fighting in Iraq and Syria may make headlines, the conflict in Yemen is almost unreported. It's a complex war, with many different extremist groups fighting for their own aims. But even in the midst of this devastation, Christians still have hope.

GOD AT WORK

"The war has focused us on what really matters - following Christ - even if it costs us our lives. The Bible is very clear about what we can expect; suffering is part of life for those who follow Christ. This is why many Yemeni Christians really long for Jesus to return. We lost so much; we reach out to the everlasting peace that He will bring one day - hopefully soon!" - *Jamil**, former Muslim.

**Name changed for security purposes.*

Please Pray:

- Pray that the small number of Christians who remain would continue to find their comfort in God.
- Pray that Christians would have opportunities to witness to their neighbours.
- Pray for God to work in the heart of extremists to show them their sin and bring them to Christ.