

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

Study Hub: 4.15-5.00 pm
Ph: David Stroud – 0416 208 486

TUESDAY

Craft Group: 9.30-11.30am
Ph: Marilyn Turner – 9631 9483

WEDNESDAY

KYB - (Know your Bible)
Ladies' Bible Study
Ph: Glennis Mills – 9636 1723

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

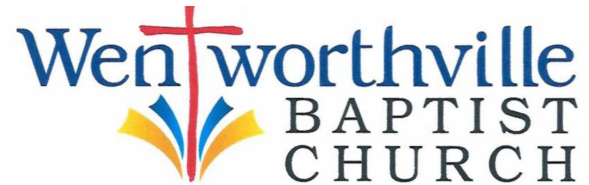
Friday Night Hub Group:
7.30pm-9.30pm
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"Calling, Building, Challenging followers of Jesus"

Sunday 7th August 2016

**Clearing fields takes time BUT,
Weeds grow on their own**

Next Week:

**Last years harvest is gone BUT,
What's happening THIS YEAR**

Welcome to Wentworthville Baptist Church.

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

From the Pastors Desk:

Unhelpfully people can assume questioning God and His purposes in their life, to be a lack of faith. The thinking goes like this: If I don't question or complain about what is happening in my life, my faith must be high. If I do question and complain about my circumstances, then my faith must be low. This thinking is both simplistic and without biblical merit. Complaints to God are found throughout the Bible, particularly within the Psalms and well and truly throughout the book of Job. Do we assume that David and Job were struggling with a lack of faith when they cry out to God? What can be helpful in understanding what constitutes low faith or high faith, is to add into the mix, low communion and high communion with God. If for example, life's complexities has me concerned and drive me towards meeting with God, in His Word & through prayer, you could say I was experiencing a **winter season** in my faith. In fact this is where I currently find myself. On the other hand, if the winds and waves of this life lead me to travel away from God, avoiding Him in prayer and leaving my Bible to gather dust, I will carry around faith that is **spiritually critical**. Balancing this out... if I were to be experiencing a great season in life, where all I do is praise God for everything and find myself constantly praying and discovering new things from His Word, you could say I was enjoying a **summer season** of faith. However, I could be loving life without a care in the world, and as a Christian still avoid any meaningful time with my Heavenly Father, and be living life as a **disengaged believer**. To automatically assume any person struggling with their life's situations has a lack of faith, can cause great harm. Ultimately, all of creation is broken because of sin, this should leave us with a sense of dissatisfaction... and something to complain about. Whom we complain and give praise **TO**, constitutes either low or high faith. As a church we should be encouraging each other into greater communion with God, where faith in Him carries us through the mountain top and valley experiences of this life. What season of faith are you in right now, summer...winter? Are you finding yourself spiritually critical or disengaged from faith? Whatever the case, our leaders are always ready and willing to pray with you. — Faithfully Yours

Rick

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working
for the Lord, not for men. — Colossians 3:23

BORONIA SENIORS

MONDAY 8th AUGUST — 10.00am -12 Noon

Speaker:

PENNY EDWARDS

Independent living for over 55's

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER MEETING

This was discussed at the last deacon's meeting (along with a lot more ... but that's for another day!!) and we want to reinstitute this once regular practice. I thought I would hold it in the cry room from **9:00am to 9:25am** and people can come and go as they please. I may change the location if this one does not work out. — *Malcolm*

PRAYER and PRAISE POINTS

OUR 'SHUT INS'

Johanna Boland, Bill Horswell, Elaine Bowey, & Val Williams.

Continue to pray for:

Maisie Horswell, Dot Blackman, Carmen Strudwick, Ivy Bornefeldt, Edna Norman, Lyn Davis, Marie Smith.

We give thanks that Doug Drever's surgery was successful. Continue to pray for Melanie and the family.

We have been advised of the death of our dear sister Mrs. Gwen Phillips. Gwen and her late husband Brin were members at Wenty for many years and although her dementia prevented her from attending services in recent years, she was regularly visited by many of our folk and maintained a keen interest, to the best of her ability, in our church.



PRAYER & PRAISE

- **B PEOPLE:** Morris recently reconnected after 15 years with a man in South Asia. Despite the man's life being full of challenges, his faith is still strong. Give thanks that he, his family and other faithful believers continue to be followers of Jesus even with the threat of persecution. Pray for peace within the region and that God would remove fear from their hearts and strengthen their faith. Pray for the Bible translation and the challenges that are slowing the progress of the publication. Pray that a solution will be found so believers can read the Bible in their own language.
- **H PEOPLE:** Thank God for the interaction Kevin had with some students in Central Asia. These students were experiencing difficulties in their lives and Kevin was able to share with them that about a God who cares and wants to journey with us through our all our experiences. Give thanks for this opportunity and pray that as Kevin returns to Australia soon for Home Assignment, God will be working in their lives and opening their hearts to find out more about Him.
- **KHMER:** Praise God that Scott and Janelle have reached their support target and their partnership team is strong. Pray for Scott and the children as they have already returned and beginning to resettle back into life in Cambodia. Pray for Janelle as she remains in Australia for another few weeks to support her Mum. Thank God for the Khmer friends they are returning to and pray that relationships will be re-established and deepened.
- **KHMER:** Thank God for the heart He has given candidates Paul and Lydia to share the love and salvation found in Jesus with Khmer people. Pray for them as they prepare to serve as cross-cultural workers in Cambodia, undertake study and communicate their journey with churches and groups. Pray that more will commit to partnering with them prayerfully and financially.
- **MOBILISATION:** • Pray for the Mobilisation Committee meetings next week where State Directors will meet with National Office staff. Pray that the State Directors will be empowered to create strong partnerships with churches and journey well with Candidates and those considering cross-cultural ministry. Pray for mutual encouragement and the opportunity to build productive relationships that will lead to more people serving among the least-reached.
- **NATIONAL OFFICE:** Thank God for the time Val (Director of Member Care) and Mark (Consultant for Practical Evangelism) recently had visiting the Silk Road team and Lindsay and Jane in Hong Kong. Give thanks for the support and encouragement that these visits provide. Pray for Mark as he now travels to Papua in his role as the Papua Country Consultant. Pray that this will be an opportunity for further empowerment of local churches and leaders to evangelise within their community.

SAVE YOUR STAMPS

Please save your stamps as a lot of good can come from saving postage stamps. Please hand them to Coral Overall who will see that they get to the Stamp Committee of the Uniting Church for processing. Thank You.



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.

So it is time to start thinking about buying goods to place in the boxes for this year.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – 14th AUGUST

WELCOME: SYLVIA & SOLOMON KATRU
CLEANING: MALCOLM & SUE ASTLE
MORNING TEA: VANITHA FLETCHER

**MOMENTS SPENT WITH GOD REAP
BENEFITS THAT LAST A LIFETIME**



"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." - Romans 12:12

Iran | 10 Arrested at Engagement Ceremony

On 24 June an engagement ceremony in Iran was raided by security agents. While ten people were initially arrested, all but four were released. These four men have all been moved to an undisclosed location for further interrogation. Three of these guests were visiting from Azerbaijan and have been able to contact their families.

GOD AT WORK

The families of the men from Azerbaijan have now asked for help in securing their release. We have seen this happen in the past and now we are asking you to help make it happen in this case.

PRAY WITH US

- Pray for God to comfort the men as they are held in prison.
- Pray for the families of these men to be comforted during this time of uncertainty.
- Pray for God to influence government officials in the release of these men.