

15 March 2020

Available, Equipped & Motivated

At BAC part of our vision is to be Growing in Mission. The best way to grow in mission is to engage with those close to us about our faith—be it, work colleagues, family members, sporting friends, neighbours, school families, residents etc. Here's a quick diagnostic to help us engage missionally with our personal connections.

- Are you available? Do you actually have relationships with people that don't know Jesus? If you don't, then perhaps it's time to join a club, sporting group, community group, or just simply get to know your neighbour. Is there time built into your week to hang out with a friend who doesn't know Jesus? If not, carve out some time. Meet up with someone for a coffee, grab lunch with a workmate, invite someone over for dinner. Simply being available and nurturing those relationships is important, and it creates opportunity for Gospel conversations.
- Do you feel equipped to give the reason for the hope you have with gentleness and respect (1 Pet 3:15)? It's easy to feel overwhelmed and fearful about evangelism, so the first thing to realise is that it's not up to you to make someone a Christian. God's Spirit changes hearts, not us. Pray, and share what you know when the opportunity arises. Sure there's more to being equipped, I've got some ideas (perhaps for a later week), but I'd love to know what you think would be most helpful for you.
- Are you motivated? Did you know that in 2017, 1 in 11 Australians didn't know a Christian, and 1 in 29 had never heard of Jesus? That's a lot of people that don't know or have an opportunity to know about Jesus. Do we believe that people actually want to hear the message? 1 in 4 Australians think warmly about Christianity, yet aren't Christians. Perhaps your friends might be more receptive than you thought?

I'd love to chat with you more about what things hold you back from talking to your friends about Jesus. Let's reach our friends with the gospel of salvation in Christ alone, praying for changed hearts and gospel opportunities this week.

Your pastor, Sam

*Statistics from McCrindle Research, Faith & Belief 2017 survey.

Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians "Building God's House" Today's Message: *Modelling the Wisdom of the Gospel*

Morning Readings: 1 Cor. 4:6-21 (p.808); Matthew 6:16-24 (p.685)

Our Vision is that under God, together at BAC we long to be: "Growing in Christ, Growing in the Word, Growing in Prayer and Growing in Mission"

Upcoming Sermons

Building God's House

Today 1 Corinthians 4:6-21 22 March 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

29 March Luke 24:36-53

Easter 2020

5 April Matthew 21:1-17 10 April Matthew 27:45-56 12 April Matthew 28:1-10

Building God's House

19 April 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Modelling the Wisdom of the Gospel Christian Community And Integrity

Jesus' centrally-important Gospel Mission (CMS)

Hosanna To The Son of David Surely He Was The Son of God He Is Not Here. He Has Risen

Living in the Light of the Gospel



BAC Breakfast

Saturday 4 April 8.15am to 9.30am



Guest speaker: Chris Dean (CMS)

An invitation to **all** BAC parishioners and friends to join us for breakfast.

Please come along to hear Chris share his story as we at BAC join in supporting the Church Missionary Society in Timor-Leste.

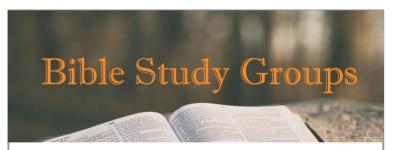
Chris and Julie plan to serve by supporting, encouraging and equipping Timorese church leaders, in partnership with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of East Timor.

Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer for catering purposes.

BAC Defibrillator Unit



At the entrance we now have a defib unit with the first aid kit and information folders. We are keen to create a registry of BAC attendees with first aid certificates. Please email the office to let us know.



Term 1 Bible Study Group studies are based on our sermon series:

1 Corinthians - Building God's House

If you are not part of a Bible Study Group and would like to be, please chat with one of the ministers or a group leader if you would like more information about joining a group.

Details of bible study groups and their leaders are in the foyer.

Evangelistic Kingdom Missions Ministry Update

Brad and Michelle Jackson Church Missionary Society Kobe, Japan



The gospel is more powerful than a virus

Sometimes we are tempted to think what we do has little impact but then we get to see that God's word is powerful and spreading. At our Young Life parents prayer meeting, people shared wonderful news about what God has been doing through the ministry.

The future

As our time to leave Japan draws closer, we are wondering what comes next. We trust that God has good work for us to do and we are eager to learn about ministry opportunities in Australia. Pray that God will provide us with ministry positions before we leave CMS in January and if you know of opportunities, we would be excited to hear from you.

Church Missionary Society is one of the mission ministries that BAC supports.

More details can be found in the prayer letter on the noticeboard.



Easter Convention

Friday 10 April -Monday 13 April 2020

Speakers:

Don Carson (USA)

Emeritus Professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois

Tim Johnson (Melbourne)

Senior Minister at St John's Anglican Church, Diamond Creek

Bernie Power (Melbourne)

A mission partner with Interserve for 21 years. He lectures in Muslim-Christian relations at the Melbourne School of Theology

Day Visitors are very welcome. More information at www.bhc.org.au



Service Rosters 8.30am and 10.15am Services Welcomer, Sidesperson, Reader and Communion Assistant

Rosters for the above ministries for the April-June quarter will be prepared shortly.

If you would like to be a part of any one of these ministries, please speak to one of the ministers or Veronika.

If you are on a roster and there are dates when you are unavailable between April-June, please let Veronika know.

Financial Giving Update As at 29 February 2020

Budget: \$128,625 Collection: \$123,692

(3.8% or \$4,933 behind budget)

Electronic: \$74,847 (60% of all collections)

Should you wish to implement e-giving the

BAC account details are as follows:

Account Name: Berwick Anglican Church BSB: 033 609 A/c Number: 250 772

Name the payment: "Giving".

Don't put your name in the 'comment' field.

What's On This Week At BAC

Monday 16 March 10am - 12pm Playgroup (Lauren 0410 491 695)

Tuesday 17 March 8am - 9.30am Garden Maintenance Team (Reg 8753 7629)

9am - 9.30am Weekly Prayer Meeting - All are welcome 9.30am - 12pm Knit and Natter Group (May 8753 7629)

Wednesday 18 March 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 19 March Regular Church Service

10am - 11am Holy Communion Midweek Service

Friday 20 March 7pm - 9pm Academy - Youth Group (Reece 0479 010 550)

Saturday 21 March 7am - 8am Men's Fitness Ministry (Martin 9705 7431)

Sunday 22 March Regular Church Services

8.30am Classic Traditional Service

10.15am Contemporary Service with Sunday School

Crying Room (under 3 years old) Little Legends (3 - 5 years old) Cool Kids (Prep - Grade 2) Xstream Team (Grade 2 - 5)

Foundations - Youth Bible Study (Year 6 - 9)

5pm Afternoon Service with Sunday School

At the conclusion of the service, parents are responsible for their own children

Bible Study Groups

Groups meet in homes and in the church building during school terms. If you would like to join one, please speak to a minister or a Bible Study Group Leader.

Information leaflets with all the group details can be found at the foyer.

Prayers at BAC

After any service you are welcome to use the church to pray quietly with other Christians, or ask one of the ministers to pray with you.

Our weekly prayer meeting is every Tuesday at 9am.

BAC regulars can subscribe to our prayer update email list.

Please use a **BAC Communications card** to subscribe or share prayer requests.

Holy Communion at BAC

Baptised Christian believers from other churches are welcome to receive Communion.

Non-alcoholic grape juice is available by using the cups provided beside the front pews.

Gluten free wafers are available on request from the communion servers.

If you seek to have your child **admitted to Communion**, please speak to one of the ministers.

Senior Minister: Rev Wayne Schuller 0400 800 309 Assistant Minister: Rev Reece Kelly 0479 010 550 Rev Sam Creek 0422 940 382 **Assistant Minister:** Rev Hugh Prentice Seniors' Minister: 0432 761 837 Veronika Warren Parish Administrator: 0428 335 351 55 Peel Street. Berwick 3806 03 9707 1105 Church and Office:

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Ministers' day off: Friday - Wayne and Sam, Thursday - Reece