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WORSHIP, LOVE, GROW, SERVE AND
DISCOVER JESUS TOGETHER



April 2019
Newsletter

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Easter is almost upon us for 2019. Hot Cross buns have been available since Boxing Day. I am not sure when Easter eggs, chocolate rabbits and bilbies made their way to the shelf, but they have been there for some time too. Easter is viewed by many as no more than a holiday. Despite our Christian heritage, as a nation I dare say many give little if any attention at all to the religious significance of Easter. Consequently the meaning and importance of the Cross of Christ is lost. In stark contrast to the world in which we live, I urge you to consider the Cross of Christ this Easter, so that your faith and hope of life eternal may be strengthened as you re-consider the death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The apostle Paul wrote these words to the Corinthian church:

1 Corinthian 1:18-31 **The Wisdom of God**

18 The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.¹⁹ As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.”²⁰ So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars and the world’s brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish.²¹ Since God in His wisdom, saw to it that the world would never know Him through wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.²² It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from Heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human



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wisdom.²³ So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense.²⁴ But to those called by God to Salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

The centrality of the Cross to the Christian faith cannot be over emphasised. In the book titled The Atonement its meaning and significance Leon Morris makes a summary statement about the Cross as he draws the book to a close. He wrote, "It is a true instinct that has led Christians to see the cross as at the heart of their faith. It is at the heart of their faith for two reasons. The first is that it is by the way of the cross and no other way that Christ brought about their salvation. That alone is enough to make a study of the cross a significant undertaking. And Jesus said that if anyone , anyone at all, wanted to follow Him, he must take up his cross daily (Luke (:23). The Christian way is the way of the cross.

May you truly know and proclaim the victory Christ has won for all. And may your life be transformed and shaped by your encounter of Calvary.

Pastor Stewart

CONGRATULATIONS

Matt and Reannon Turner who have welcomed their new son, Tobin Holbrook Turner. Born on the 19th March weighing in at 3kgs.



We look forward to getting to know him and
Watching him grow up as part of our congregation

REGULAR FOOD BANK NEEDS—Please don't forget our Food Bank. Ongoing food needs are as follows: sugar, 1 litre long life milk, teabags, cereal (smaller sizes preferable) and for our colder weather, tinned soups (vegetable, chicken and tomato).

April Events.....

- The next BLinGG Craft is on Thurs 4th
- The next Men's Breakfast is Sat. 6th
- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS FINISHES Sun 7th
- Good Friday Service @ 9.30 Fri 19th
- Followed by Hot Cross Buns At :-
- Russell & Sue Wightman 127 Warburton Hwy Lilydale
- Easter Sunday Service @ 10am 21st
- **SAVE THE DATE** —BLinGG Movie Night 7.30-10pm Invite your friends



POSITION VACANT: CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

LBC is seeking a Church Administrator to manage the day to day affairs of the Church under the direction of the Senior Pastor and the Leadership Team. This is a permanent part-time position (24 hours per week).

The successful applicant will need to have strong administrative skills. They will need to be confident, well-spoken, patient, friendly, encouraging, have good interpersonal skills and a positive attitude.

Preference will be given to attendees of LBC and consideration will be given to job-share.

For further information, please contact the Church Secretary, Gordon Taylor

Closing date 30th April 2019





Study of the Old Testament

Saturday 6th April 8am
in the Fellowship Hall

This Breakfast/Bible Study is part of a series of informal, interactive studies for men in the historical books of the Old Testament. BYO Bible and a healthy appetite for breakfast. RSVP for breakfast to Bruce - 0419 501 528 or Gordon - 0412 349 886

BLiNGG Craft

Thursday 4th April 7.30pm at the church.
All ladies welcome.

BLiNGG Ladies Movie Night

Saturday 18th May
7.30—10pm



"A place to belong. A place to grow"
If you are interested in joining a group please speak with Pastor Stewart.

Volunteers!

COMMUNITY TABLE—NEEDS YOU!!!!



Each Tuesday during School term at the Mustard Tree we have our Community lunch. There are usually around 30-40 people. These people are from our local community and from all walks of life, who meet to enjoy a meal and have conversation together. At the moment we are in need of cooks from our congregation to join our team. If you feel led in this way please contact Gordon Taylor. Also, you are most welcome to come down and join us at 12.00 for lunch and fellowship.

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How can they hear about Him (Jesus) unless someone tells them? Romans 10:14

Missionaries Financially and Prayerfully Supported by us



JEWELS OF HOPE—Lesotho—Dawn Taylor— Australian Marketing Manager

Praise that: Daniel has passed his practical test and now has his driver's licence

The trainers are passionately concerned for the spiritual welfare of those in their groups

Pray for: a sales opportunity that in the past has brought in almost 25% of our annual budget is no longer available to 'Jewels of Hope', so please pray that God would open new doors and provide more opportunities for jewellery sales

Dawn as she prepares for her annual trip to Lesotho next month – passport renewal; travel insurance to be sourced and accommodation to be arranged



MAF—MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP Marcus and Julie Grey – Chief Pilot & Office Support

Praise that:

Marcus got back home last night after being away for a month. Praise God for safe travels and achieving all he had to in Arnhem Land, Timor Leste and Melbourne.

Praise that new pilot family, Tim & Anna Southcott and children are settling into their surrounds in Timor and Tim is now operational in the program, ably assisted by MAF relief pilot, Jonathan Lowe. Pray they will develop as professional pilots, and for those who will become MAF / mission pilots as they prepare.

Please pray:

for the response teams (including MAF) who are on the ground in Mozambique after "Cyclone Idai" and for the displaced and desperate people, left with nothing and needing help.

- * Please uphold the folk in the path of Cyclone Trevor in the Gulf and east coast of NT and for MAFs response and mission in Arnhem Land, bringing hope and healing.
- * Pray that people will respond to the message of Jesus this Easter.

OVERSEAS MISSION FELLOWSHIP Simon and Meg Crittle – (Melanie) Japanese Diaspora Ministry, Melbourne — OMF International



Pray for faith and focus as we continue with home assignment/support-raising activities during April, May, and June. Our support income has dropped well below the OMF budget, and needs to increase significantly by the end of June 2019. Pray that God will link us with new financial supporters who see the strategic value of Japanese diaspora mission. (Note: In line with OMF policy, we can inform people of our financial needs, but not directly ask people to support us.) Pray also that we can raise more of our budget through English tutoring for Japanese families.

- Praise God that our part-time missional business as English tutors has built up a good reputation in the Melbourne Japanese community, with our students including post-doctoral researchers and Japanese executives and their families.
- Pray for our forthcoming trip to Japan (25 April to 20 May). One of the purposes of the trip is to gather photos, testimonies and videos illustrating diaspora returnee ministry: Japanese Christians and seekers whose spiritual journey started overseas. We will present the material at churches/small groups when we return to Australia.
- Praise God: some Japanese families (met through our Melbourne ministry) are waiting for us to introduce them to church in Japan in April/May. We will attend Sunday services at 4 different churches in 3 cities: April 28, May 5, 12, 19.

Solomon Islands—Eric and Jemima Maefonea (Josiah, Amos, Erima and Vicki) – Honiara, Solomon Islands...



Pray for Eric and Jemima during this time of transition for them while still heavily involved in ministry particularly during the Easter week. Continue to pray for Vicki's full recovery.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Michael and Charlotte Corden (Melora and Alexis) – Torres Strait (based in Cairns)

Please pray: for the preparation Charlotte and I will be doing prior to my visit to T.I.

For a productive time with Fr Cowley that he will feel confident in the task he has chosen to do.

For the audio files that can then be played over the radio in the Torres Strait.



POWER TO CHANGE — Dave & Judy Huddleston (Tim, Liam, Caitlin) - Deputy National Director & Member Service



-give thanks for God's goodness, provision and protection through our recent furlough break. Such a refreshing blessing!

-give thanks for how God is providing some wonderful opportunities for our children to be stretched and developed this year.

-4-7 April, pray for Dave and Judy's road trip to Canberra (visiting Judy's Mum) and Sydney (Power to Change Sydney Mission hub opening celebration).

-8-12 April, pray for Dave's facilitation of sessions with New Missionary Orientation in Kallista from 8-12, Caitlin providing childcare on 8th.

-15-17 April, pray for Dave and National Leadership Team retreat in

David and Jen Pett (Graham and Jonathan) - MAF Pilot and home support ! Cairns



Pray for the Petts as they may still be in the UK following the death of Jen's Dad.

The funeral will be later on when David and Jen return to the UK for home leave in May and June. It seems there will be quite a bit of travelling for them.

FOR THE TRUTH FOR THE CHURCH FOR THE WORLD

**GO
and make
disciples.**

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

names of the FATHER
THEREFORE Make BAPTIZING SON OF THE
Disciples them in the HOLY SPIRIT

Partner with us in Prayer

Missionaries Prayerfully Supported by us

CROSS CULTURAL WORKERS

Matt Inglis—In Japan



Praise God that my immigration status in Japan has been successfully extended for another year. Please pray that they will give me longer than just a year next time. Praise God for my relatively good health during winter. Please pray for God's ongoing wisdom, spiritual/physical protection, health and opportunities to serve Him in His power and strength.

Melissa van Leewin— Centre for Disease Control in the NT Department of Health in Alice Springs



Please pray for safe travel during April. I will be make a few trips to remote locations by road and light aircraft. Pray that the clinics run will be successful and that we will be able to provide lots of patient and staff education.

Pray for rain. We have had an extremely hot and dry summer. The drought here is very noticeable. Pray for good soaking rain and that trees and vegetation will be rejuvenated.



David and Eliza

News from the K People of the Silk Road Area

David and Eliza are currently on Home Assignment before they return to the Silk Road Area for their second term. They enjoyed being here with us on 3 March this year and we enjoyed hearing their stories and getting to know them. We were able to gain some understanding of what it means to be cross-cultural workers to people who know very little about Jesus. Over the coming months David and Eliza are travelling to many different churches and groups to share stories from the Silk Road Area. Ben and Petra are carrying on the work while David and Eliza are on home assignment.



Ben and Petra

For Prayer: That as David and Eliza share how God is using them among the K people, many will be stirred to be pray, give and go For safety as the family travels to various churches to connect with partners

For God to sustain Ben and Petra as they are currently the only team members in the Silk Road Area

Word for Today & vision 180

Eternity

The latest copies are now available on the foyer bench.
Take some extra's to give away.

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For Pastoral Care and
Prayer Support
please contact Pastor
Stewart on 0402 287 720.

For Church Family Prayer
Support contact Peter or
Fiona McLeod on
5967 2755 (AH) or
Fiona 0427 682 301 (BH)

For Email Prayer Chain
requests, please email
prayer@lb.org.au

We have a new lounge area in
the cafe! Where shall we meet
you say? Table no. 15 of course.

