



# the church *Messenger*

October 2020

‘A Community of People  
who Worship, Love, Serve &  
Discover Jesus Together’

*The Monthly Newsletter of Lilydale Baptist Church*

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### On-line Giving Details

Lilydale Baptist Church General Fund

BSB: 704 922 Account: 100007931

Lilydale Baptist Church Mission Fund

BSB: 704 922 Account: 100007924

Mustard Tree Welfare

BSB: 704 922 Account: 100008629



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# Upcoming Church Events

Thursday 1st October 2020

Prayer time via facetime  
12-2pm see notice

Sunday 4th October 2020

LBC Connections & 11 am live  
12.45 coffee & Chat via link

Thursday 8th October 2020

Prayer time 12-2pm via facetime

Sunday 11th October 2020

LBC Connections & 11 am live fol. By coffee & chat

Thursday 15th October 2020

Prayer time 12-2pm via facetime

Sunday 18th October 2020

LBC Connections & 11 am live

Thursday 22nd October 2020

Prayer time 12-2pm via facetime

Sunday 25th October 2020

LBC Connections & 11am live C&C

Thursday 29th October 2020

Prayertime 12-2pm facetime



## A Word from Pastor Stewart... Pray without Ceasing

Last month, I encouraged us to consider prayer as something we should be actively involved in. I noted, throughout Scripture we find God's people speaking, listening, thanking, petitioning, lamenting and so on. Prayer is a two-way conversation in which we come into God's presence to listen to Him and speak with Him. But prayer is more than any old conversation, it is vital to our relationship with God, each other, and the world around us. Last month's newsletter was an invitation to pray, titled "Let us pray", and this month I urge you to consider praying without ceasing.

In writing to the Thessalonians Paul writes these words, (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. It seems on the surface Paul has possibly lost his marbles. Surely, he cannot mean it, always rejoicing, always praying, always giving thanks. Sure, we can rejoice, sure we can pray and sure we can give thanks, but always seems a little unrealistic. What you think?

I am confident if you read through Paul's letters, one thing you will discover is his persistent focus on prayer. He often remarks he is praying for them, and he is grateful for their consistent prayers for him. Prayer is in many ways a hallmark of Paul's life of faith and ministry as he prays for others and encourages others to pray.

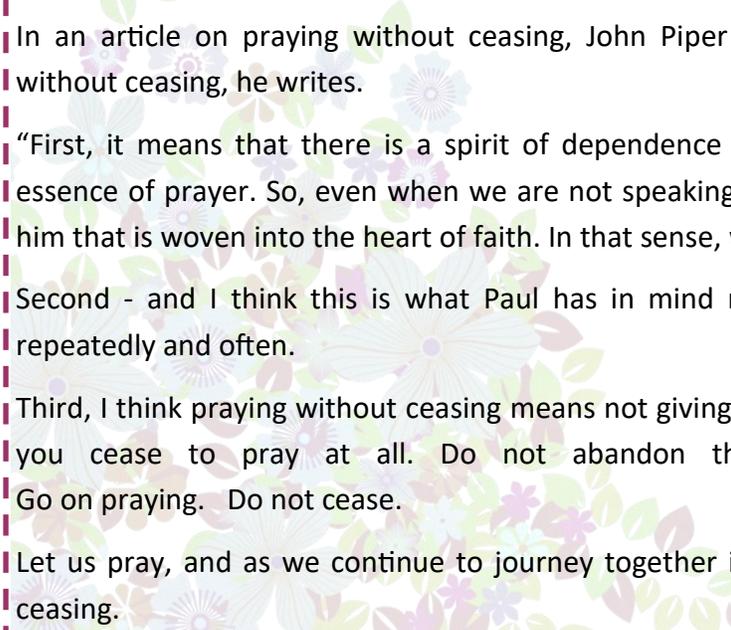
In an article on praying without ceasing, John Piper notes three keys to understanding what it means to pray without ceasing, he writes.

"First, it means that there is a spirit of dependence that should permeate all we do. This is the very spirit and essence of prayer. So, even when we are not speaking consciously to God, there is a deep, abiding dependence on him that is woven into the heart of faith. In that sense, we "pray" or have the spirit of prayer continuously.

Second - and I think this is what Paul has in mind most immediately - praying without ceasing means praying repeatedly and often.

Third, I think praying without ceasing means not giving up on prayer. Do not ever come to a point in your life where you cease to pray at all. Do not abandon the God of hope and say, "There's no use praying." Go on praying. Do not cease.

Let us pray, and as we continue to journey together in fellowship, let us be a people which seek to pray without ceasing.



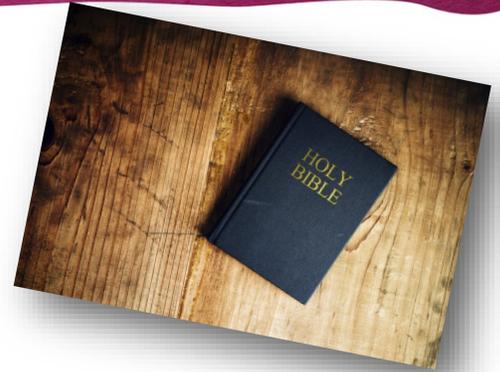
“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”

Philippians 4:6.



## A Word from Pastor Stewart

Pray without Ceasing Continued



We touched on prayer as a Spiritual Discipline,

If we hope to pray without ceasing day and night in the way Paul calls us to, enjoying that kind of continual communion with God and that repeated coming to Him, we are going to need to develop disciplined times of prayer as well.”

As Paul writes to the Thessalonians, he writes to a community of faith. People who are struggling with life and death. In the midst of their turmoil, as he writes to them and concludes this first letter, he encourages them to live in harmony with each other, building one another up by caring and teaching. In 5:15 Paul calls us to live a life which is distinctly different to the way the world operates. Despite what others do, do good to each other and all people.

Pastor Stewart



Rejoice always

Pray without ceasing

Give thanks in all circumstances

For this is the will of God in

Christ Jesus. 1 Thess 5:16-18

# Life at LBC...

Every Thursday 12-2pm Lillian Len Taylor  
one of our Elders is offering Personal Prayer  
time via facetime :

Please contact Lillian on:

0422 612 833



## BLINGG



Ladies craft will now have to be done at home for a while. We would love to see what you are busy working on...Send us a photo of your 'craft' and we will post some into the next newsletter.



*You can listen to our sermons on our church website ([www.lb.org.au](http://www.lb.org.au)) or via our YouTube channel. (Links via LBC Connections).*



## Lilydale Baptist Church

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# Life at LBC...

## Life Groups

"A place to belong. A place to grow"



If you are interested in joining a group please speak with Pastor Stewart.

## Make & Mingle



In Recess...



It's about fellowship and support. Its a great time of sharing and talking. So if your just wanting to sit, talk and share come to the church on Thursday morning, 9.30 - 12.00, and "mingle". *You can of course also bring along your craft!!*

## In Action: New Initiative for PRAYER.....

At the August Elders meeting the possibility of providing a face to face online opportunity for prayer was discussed. Particularly given the current situation of no gatherings and the lack of opportunity for one on one prayer following the morning service, it was agreed that this was something we should seriously consider. It is proposed, that commencing on **Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September** and every Thursday from that date until further notice, prayer via face time (and possibly Zoom) will be accessible.

Prayers will be offered to meet your needs, peace, comfort, healing and so on. All contact through this medium will be confidential.



Lillian Taylor, one of the Elders, will be available from 12:00-2:00pm to take your call. Her contact number is 0422 612 833.

The Elders will monitor the need and potentially we will provide other opportunities to connect face to face for prayer. Please note, this is in addition to the current [prayer@lb.org.au](mailto:prayer@lb.org.au), the prayer chain will continue to function as per normal. On behalf of The Elders, Pastor Stewart.

*Don't forget to watch out for some new regular events that are happening in the life of our church*

Don't forget to join us for coffee and a chat, after LBC Connections via the link. 12-12.45pm



AND

The Elder's invite you to:

*Purposeful*

**PRAYER**

COVID 19

State & Federal Leaders

Church Leadership

Steering Group & Church Direction

Please join us for "prayer with purpose" every Thursday night from 8-8.45pm via Zoom. Come for the entire time or come for 5 minutes—this is a flexible invitation to come together as a family and pray for specific needs.

# Life at LBC...



## The Church Library is CLOSED

Our church library has many great titles for you to enjoy. Just complete the sign in/out book on the trolley to borrow.

Do you own DVD's that you know others would enjoy? We have a list in the church library that you can add DVD's to that you would be happy to share.

Please place your name and contact number beside the DVD Title so that anyone wishing to loan your DVD can contact you. Please note that borrowing/returning/chasing up loaned DVD's is the responsibility of the two parties involved. Please keep your own record of any DVD's you loan out and/or borrow so that you can keep track of them.



## Corona 'Prizes'



Every Thursday in our LBC News we are having a 'Who Am I?' guessing game.

Send in your answer (first attempt will be counted) & at the end of our church restrictions I will count up the correct answers and the winner will receive a prize.

**Hint:** LBC Weekly news comes out at 7pm each Thursday evening.

If you have a 'Who Am I?' entry please send it in to the office so we can learn more about you as we have some fun together!

## LBC Group Gatherings...in recess

Do you miss your church family? Miss the routine of leaving home on a Sunday morning and attending Church? If you do, this is for you...

Every Sunday in the Church we are running "gatherings" of 20 people for shared worship and fellowship using our LBC Connections format. There are two time slots: 9.30am & 11am. Every Thursday group links are sent out via the LBC Weekly news for you to book yourself a place.

If you haven't been why not give it a try.

We would love to see you there.



## Look what's been happening in lockdown...

### Wrap With Love



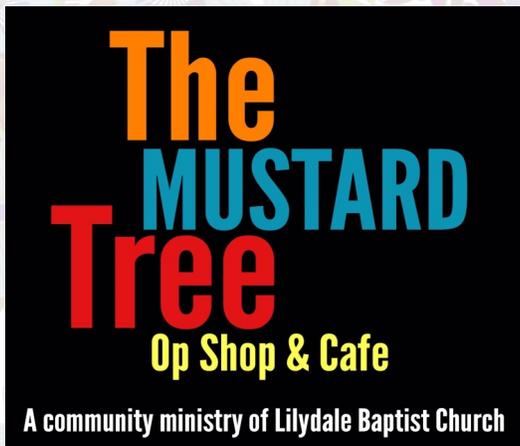
Have you heard of Wrap with Love?

It is a mission of mercy, that makes blankets and wraps for those around the world in desperate need of warmth. It is a completely volunteer organization. They ask people to knit 25cm squares, using 8ply acrylic yarn on 4mm needles, 55 stitches, in garter stitch. The squares are then made up into wraps. These wraps are then either distributed to the homeless or sent overseas to people in need. We have templates and if you would like to do some knitting during this lockdown time just contact Jenny on 0418 509 099 and she will send you a template and pattern. If you'd just like to knit up squares then that's fine too. Some people may be happy to sew them together. We can work it all out, let us know if you are interested.

#### Ten Trivia Questions & Answers (from last Month's bulletin)

1. Question: Paul was shipwrecked on what island? Answer: Malta
2. Question: Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented to the Temple as a baby?  
Answer: Simeon
3. Question: After Jesus fed the 5,000, how many baskets were left over? Answer: 12
4. Question: In the Gospel of Mark, how does the Virgin Mary learn of her pregnancy  
Answer: From the Angel Gabriel
5. Question: Who is the high priest of Jerusalem that put Jesus on trial? Answer: Caiaphas
6. Question: According to the Gospel of Matthew, where does Jesus give his first public sermon?  
Answer: On The Mount
7. Question: How does Judas notify the Roman Officials of Jesus' identity? Answer: Judas Kisses Jesus
8. Question: Which insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert? Answer: Locusts
9. Question: Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body after he was crucified?  
Answer: Joseph of Arimathea
10. Question: Which is the smallest book in the New Testament? Answer: 2 John

# All things Mustard Tree...



## The Mustard Tree Op Shop & Café

Due to Covid-19 The Mustard Tree Op Shop, Café and Foodbank have been closed for 12 weeks. This is such a long time for the staff, volunteers, customers and clients. And we are not there yet, but the end is in sight! We are hoping to reopen during the week of 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Before we can reopen the doors, we need to clean a thick layer of dust and dirt off all the surfaces in the shop including the counters and the floor. We need to water the plants that have survived with almost no attention for three months. We need to restock the café with lovely goodies to be sold. And we need to restock Foodbank ready to be able to help those in the community who are doing it tough.

Have a Peek at what our TMT staff have been up to:

1. Recovered coasters.
2. Star made from three coasters
3. Painted Pebble Owls

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



**MAF PILOT AND  
HOME SUPPORT**  
David and Jen Pett  
Cairns



**MAF—MISSION  
AVIATION FELLOWSHIP**  
Marcus and Julie Grey  
Chief Pilot and Home  
Support



Our praise and prayer points for October.

We are thankful for God's grace and strength for the transitions that we have experienced in the last few months.

We give thanks for increasing flight operations in our programmes and the opportunities to serve isolated communities.

Please pray for our UK family, especially our elderly mothers, as travel and social restrictions are reinstated.

Please pray for wisdom and favour with the host governments in establishing new flight operations in Myanmar and West Africa.

Thank you for praying for and with us.

God bless,

David and Jen

## **Praise:**

\*We are thankful for the rest and relaxation that Marcus was able to have over Sept while on Annual Leave in Melbourne.

\*Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, MAF have still been able to work in the Asia-Pacific region, supporting Missions, health programs, isolated people groups, flight training and engineering maintenance.

## **Prayer:**

\*Marcus is needed back 'up north' soon, so please pray that plans for his travel will be smooth and the most efficient.

\*Pray for the health and resilience of MAF staff and families who are working in remote places during COVID-19.

Many thanks for your prayers and support.

Marcus and Julie

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## K PEOPLE

### David & Eliza



### Ben & Petra



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### K People - October 2020

In reaching out to the K People of the Silk Road David and Eliza are often in risky situations. They seek to help various K People in practical ways to build up relationships with them so that they can have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Please pray for them now as they deal with a particularly difficult ongoing issue; that they will be guided by the Father and that the family will be protected from any harm. Pray that the love they show in difficult situations will shine through and the K people will see the Father in them Ben and Petra are still in Brisbane waiting for the borders to be re-opened so they can go back to continue the work among the K people. They are improving their language skills at this time and are in contact with their language tutors

## SOLOMON ISLANDS

### Eric and Jemima Maefonea

(Josiah, Amos, Erima & Vicki)



Prayer points for October.

- 1.. Praise God for the overwhelming opportunities for ministry and lives that has been touched and changed by the power of God's Word.
2. Praise God for the ongoing in-service training for Pastors and the growth of KYB.
3. Pray for our upcoming election, for the national leadership of the South Sea Evangelical Church who has 700 local churches across the country. The final candidates for the election on 29th Oct, is myself and Pastor Philip Manuao.
4. Pray as we seek God in regard to the prospect of the outcome of this election. It will be a big responsibility to oversee 700 local churches.

thanks

Eric



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## WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

Michael & Charlotte Corden  
(Melora & Alexis)



JEWELS OF HOPE  
Pioneers  
Dawn Taylor

Pray — a group of youths and their leaders from YWAM in Townsville will be going to Thursday Island this month for a couple of weeks. They have asked if we can supply Yumplatok Bibles and other material such as CD's for them to have with them. Pray for fruitful contacts. This is such a wonderful opportunity.

Pray — that Tegan, one of Alexis's carers, who has offered to give me some training in recording software, will soon be able to follow through with her offer in the midst of an unexpectedly busy period in her work.

Pray — for the health of both Melora (Lyme Disease and Chronic fatigue) and Charlotte with her sore legs.

Praise — for the chance to meet with Dwayne Anderson, the son of one of the early translators who has renewed his interest in doing some recording of the Bible with us.

Thanking you

Michael & Charlotte

Praise that

- more funds have been given to enable further food parcels to be distributed
- Daniel, the JoH administrator has successfully completed the first of his University Courses.

Pray for:

- wisdom for Betty, the project manager, to know when it is safe to resume to resume the Sunday Afternoon programme.
- Daniel to acquire the funds to be able to buy a new laptop as his was stolen from his locked accommodation with no sign of a break-in

Thank you,

Dawn

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## POWER TO CHANGE

Dave & Judy Huddleston  
(Tim, Liam & Caitlin)  
Deputy National Director &



### Huddleston praise & prayer points – October 2020

Praise God for the university students across Australia who have prayed to receive Christ through the ministry of Power to Change this year. May God continue to establish them in their faith. Interestingly, more Aussie students have said “yes” to following Jesus this year than in 2019, even with restrictions placed upon physical gatherings in many locations.

Give thanks for last month’s Oceania Leadership Summit, with 100+ leaders joining online from Cru ministries in the USA, Pacific Islands, New Zealand & Australia. Despite the limitations of not gathering in-person we were blessed to receive quality bible instruction and celebrate God @ work stories from the region. Dave appreciated facilitating sessions on Risk Management and Career Pathways for Power to Change participants.

We welcome your prayers as preparations continue for the New Missionary Orientation training event being hosted online (again!) from 5-9 October. Participants will be joining from Qld, NSW, Vic and SA. Dave will be facilitating 4 sessions.

Please uphold Judy in your prayers. The doctor has recently increased her fibromyalgia medication to help address pain management and sleep issues. We’d also value prayers for Caitlin as she returns to on-site learning for her final term of high school in preparation for VCE exams in November.

Eyes on Jesus

Dave & Judy



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## OVERSEAS MISSION FELLOWSHIP

Simon and Meg Crittle

"Go into all the  
world and pro-  
claim the  
gospel"  
Mark 16:15



## BAPTIST UNION

Dickson & Jennifer

### OCTOBER LBC MISSION PRAYER AND PRAISE

We thank God that we have been able to steadily develop our online ministry skills, leading to new ways to connect and reach out to Japanese families that have returned to Japan, having finished their time in Australia.

- Thank God for showing us the potential of a hybrid ministry model that combines in-person and online ministry methods, that can continue even after the pandemic, as people have become used to communicating via video.
- Pray for wisdom and creativity as we continue to develop and test different online ministry methods (and that we may continue to develop skills in this area).
- Praise God that we have been able to successfully move the Japanese Mums English Class online, with 2 sessions held so far. Each time, 7 mums participated via Zoom video meeting, including 2 mums from Japan! In the last session, we were able to include an Aussie mum from Bairnsdale church, and a grandmother from Clayton church, as conversation partners!
- Pray that Meg's concluding talks on "Wisdom for Parents from the Bible" will cause the Japanese mums to want to hear more of God's words. The next session will be on Thursday morning, 8th October.
- Praise God that 2 Japanese men (one in Australia, one in Japan) agreed to try individual "English and Bible" sessions online with Simon. Pray that God's Spirit will be at work in their hearts as we read God's word together, and move them from "open" to "interested" to "seeking"

God Bless

Simon & Meg

### Dickson Chilele in Zambia

Please continue to pray for Dickson as he will soon complete his first year of study at The Baptist Seminary of Theology in Zambia. With the threat of the Coronavirus Covid 19 growing in Zambia we need to pray for protection for Dickson, Jennifer and their family.

CROSS CULTURAL  
WORKERS



Matt Inglis

JAPAN



Melissa van Leeuwin

Centre for Disease Control in the  
Dep of Health  
ALICE SPRINGS



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Here are my prayer/praise points (just in the nick of time!):

Praise God for the various powerful ways I am seeing Him at work! Please pray for God's ongoing wisdom, leading, guidance, protection (physical, spiritual, etc.) and ministry/witnessing opportunities, and that God's sovereign will be done in everything. Please also pray for health as the weather gets cooler in Japan.

In Christ,

Please pray for one of my patients - Martina. Martina is currently 28 weeks pregnant and her baby has a severe heart issue that will need surgery as soon as it is born. Normally we would send women to Melbourne but in this COVID time we will likely send her to Sydney. Martina's mum, Priscilla, is also travelling with her, but they will have to leave her other children out bush with family. They will likely be in Sydney for quite some time.

Pray for the family of Shakaya, a 17 year old girl, who passed away in mid-September from Rheumatic Heart Disease. As young as she was, Shakaya had already open heart surgery 4 times, however her 5th heart surgery resulted in a lot of complications that they were unable to fix. RHD is 100% preventable but the effects of it can be devastating.

Praise God that Azzariah, a 4 year old with severe RHD, is doing very well after his second heart surgery in Melbourne in July. He is now running around and enjoying life like other kids his age.

God Bless

Melissa

