

Banyo Baptist Church

February Newsletter

Good afternoon brothers and sisters in Christ. This is the first of what we hope will be a monthly newsletter informing you what is happening in the life of Banyo Baptist Church each month.

Services

Next Sunday will be our first service with a missionary flavour. We have Pastor Greg Peckman coming to speak. Greg heads up the International Students programme at the Baptist College and has worked closely with Ywa and the Karen fellowship. The following Sundays will be taken by Philip (16th) and Jeff (23rd).

Sunday School

Sunday School will recommence next Sunday (February 9) under the guidance of Denice ad Robyn. All children are welcome and we will be running the Kingdom Kids program set up by Lydianna last year.

Termites

Yes, unfortunately we have discovered termites in the church building. Inspection by pest control people have revealed that they are still active. The door frame closest to the audio desk needs to be treated and we have asked our pest control people to undertake a preventative treatment of the church and the hall (the hall is all timber framed) as well. This treatment will occur on Saturday February 15 and therefore the church and hall will be unavailable all day. We can assure everyone that there is no residual effects as the treatment is all underground and sealed. Annual inspections are required with recharging of the baits.

Music

We have talked to Ywa and asked if her fellowship could sing the song they sang on the 26 January – “Shine, Jesus shine” again when they next come on the 23rd of February. This will give us an introduction to learn a new (at least to some) song with the help of the Karen fellowship.

Prayer and Bible Study

We are pleased to announce that from Wednesday the 12th February we will be starting a fortnightly Bible Study with prayer on every second Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. This will be held in the room (air-conditioned) adjacent to the kitchen in the hall. Jeff will lead the studies initially starting with the gospel of Luke. If you would like to come then we would encourage you to read the first 25 verses of Luke 1. We will continue with the regular Wednesday night Prayer Meeting (7 – 8 pm) on the alternate Wednesday. We have chosen this option as we believe from feedback that it best suit the majority of people. We would welcome your feedback.

Audio Issues

We have received feedback from a number of people about the quality of sound in the hall (especially at the congregational meeting on January 26). Denice's son-in-law (Ashley) has kindly offered to come and investigate the problem and advise of possible solutions. Ashley heads up the audio-visual ministry at the church he attends. We will also be talking to him about options we may have to improve the audio in the church for people with hearing disabilities.

Prayer Points

We would like to encourage you to pray for the following:

1. That God will pour out his Holy Spirit on the fellowship
2. That God will give wisdom and grace to the church council
3. That God will grow His church at Banyo both spiritually and in numbers

Denice, Ywa, Robyn and Philip
(Your Church Council)