

Banyo Baptist Church

February Newsletter

Good afternoon brothers and sisters in Christ. This is our second newsletter which we hope will inform you as to what is happening in the life of Banyo Baptist Church during March.

Services

The roster for the next 3 months (April to June) has been prepared and is currently being checked by all visiting speakers.

The preaching roster for March is as follows;

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Sunday March 2 | Richard Kingham |
| Sunday March 9 | Jeff Gibbs |
| Sunday March 16 | Ed Marshall (Ed comes from Kenmore Baptist and is new to us) |
| Sunday March 23 | Greg Peckman |
| Sunday March 30 | Richard Kingham |

We have services planned for Good Friday (at 8:30 am April 18) and Easter Sunday (at 9:30 am April 20)

Sunday School

Sunday School has recommenced and has been running for 3 weeks. Stories covered include Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden; Adam and Eve and the forbidden fruit; and Noah building the ark. Coming up are the flood and the Tower of Babel. Children get memory verses to learn and activities including animal building in Playdoh. If you go to the church's web site (www.banyobaptistchurch.org) you will find some photos of the activities that the children have been engaged in. Select ENGLISH SERVICE and then MINISTRIES where you will find pictures and information about what is happening in the Sunday School. Similar photos are on the church's Facebook page. We are pleased to announce that we have another volunteer who is just awaiting a Blue Card. But, we would like more volunteers! If you could give one Sunday a month that would be really great and enable Denice and Robyn to be in our services occasionally.

Termites

Hopefully they are all gone. The treatment was successful and in a few weeks (we have to wait a while!) we will organise the replacement of the affected timbers in the door frames.

Music

Well, the singing of "Shine Jesus shine" with the Karen children and Nicholas leading us, went down extremely well last Sunday (February 23). We will be working with Ywa and Nicholas to organise more song learning sessions for us,

Prayer and Bible Study

The Bible Study got underway successfully on the 12 February with 6 people in attendance. This will now continue every second Wednesday with the next one being on March 12 starting at the earlier time of 1:00pm. This allows people to get home before traffic builds up and also to pick up children from school. Keep reading from Luke 1.

After receiving some feedback, we are considering extending the prayer meeting on alternate Wednesday evenings that currently runs from 7 - 8 pm, to run from 6:30 to 8 pm so we can include a short Bible Study of perhaps 30 minutes for those who may not be able to attend on Wednesday afternoon. Stay tuned as we will make an announcement on that when a decision is made by Council.

We have had a donation of some books by Lee Strobel (author of The Case for Christ) which may be helpful in personal evangelism. Lee was a Legal Journalist in Chicago and an atheist when he embarked on a 2 year mission of investigating the authenticity of Jesus' claim.

Audio Issues

We are awaiting advice from Ashley (Denice's son-in-law) about improving the quality of sound in the hall. There are some options available for us to consider. We are also investigating the possible use of wireless headsets for those with hearing disabilities.

While Ashley was inspecting the church and hall he spent time looking at our sermon recording process which unfortunately was not producing very good quality recordings. Thanks to his help we were able to produce a first-class recording of Jeff's sermon from February 23. Sermons are now uploaded onto the church's web site (see address above). If you open the web site and select ENGLISH SERVICE and then PREVIOUS SERMONS you can download and listen to past sermons.

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
(Church Council)