

Newsletter

15th November 2020

Sunday's Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Some Prayers of the people

- Pray for the Barnabas Fund and Open Doors as they work to support Christians around the world, often in very difficult circumstances.
- Please uphold the Chapple family in their time of grief.
- Please continue to pray for John & Dorothy Kester.
- Pray for the Christmas message as it is presented in the schools, may it sow seeds in the hearts of those who hear it. Pray for the presenters of this message that God will lead them and bless them.
- Praying for Lil and Dave Barnett and family as Dave works in Ernabella with the translators working on the book of "Judges"

Notices

Please share your news points/concerns with us so we may pray for you.

AGM 22nd November at 2pm.

Nominations for elders to be elected at the AGM, are Bob Kester and Joel Munro. Please pray about these nominations.

December 13th following the church service there will be a Sunday school picnic at Barnett's

Please bring chairs, drinks and a picnic lunch.

2021 Roster January- March

Please respond this week so that it can be finalised

Please prayerfully consider using your gifts to serve God and to bless others through our Sunday morning worship services. It might be helping with morning tea, creche, flowers, singing, prayer, Bible reading, data projection, sound system, playing a musical instrument or helping with children's ministry. Please let Oriel know if you would like to be included. Could anyone who is already part of our services, please advise Oriel of any dates in January, February, or March when you will not be available.

Thank you to all who have been collecting milk bottle tops for me. They have been much appreciated and helped many children with their reading skills. I will take any you may still have. My sister in law is retiring so will no longer need them after the current school term. Maralyn Hignett

Friendly Thursday commenced last week and was well attended, and a good time was had by all. Please feel free to come and enjoy fellowship outreach on Thursdays at 10am.

Midweek Bible Reading

Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Day of the Lord

- 1** Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you. you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
- 3** While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
- 4** But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.
- 5** You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.
- 6** So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.
- 7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night
- 8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.
- 9** For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 10** He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.
- 11** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Some of the issues addressed by Paul to the Thessalonians

If Christ was coming again soon what need was there to work? Today's version is we do not need to address social issues because the coming of Christ will take care of everything.

"you yourselves very well know" means "just in case you have forgotten". Christ is coming. How easily we forget. The children of Israel saw God's mighty deeds and soon forgot. We can get so busy and involved that we can forget what it is for and what Christ has done for us

"Peace and safety", Is it in the government, our bank balance, a vaccine to stop the virus, our family our job? The source of our peace and security is in Jesus Christ.

"asleep" or "drunk"? There will be accountability when we meet Jesus face to face, so be careful how we live. We are children of light; we do not belong to the darkness. Be alert, live in expectation.

"We will not suffer wrath" Never have to fear death, we are destined for salvation. Our Hope is

directly linked to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Never forget it.

"awake or asleep" it does not matter whether we die before He comes or live to meet Him,
we will live with Him

5 things to do as we prepare for the Day of the Lord

- 1 wait - not doing nothing but living a life that tells others Jesus is coming again.
- 2 watch - be aware of the times and seasons and the indications given by Jesus. Don't be caught unaware.
- 3 work - why else would we need to put on armour? Do the good works He has prepared for us.
- 4 witness - we will live together with Him but how many of our friends and family will be with us?
- 5 encourage one another, build each other up.