



Faithful Followers in a Foreign Land

We continue our series on Daniel and we come to the part where many churches no longer preach and most Sunday Schools lessons avoid. The inspirational stories of Chapters 1-6 are now replaced with dark and confusing dreams and visions of Chapter 7-12. One of the reasons churches do not preach on these chapters is the unwise applications which has often left division within churches, applications which were often proven to be incorrect.



Seeking to avoid these pitfalls, consider from our overview diagram how similar Daniel's dreams were to Nebuchadnezzar's dream. Indeed, the message is almost the same, though Daniel's dream gives greater insight and it's as though these very human stories of Chapters 1-6 now prepares us for what God is doing in heavenly realms. *(continued on following page...)*

REGULAR MEETINGS

SUNDAY CHURCH.....weekly at 9:30am
SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER.....8:15am on 1st Sunday of the month
WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP.....weekly at 9:45am
WIGGLING WOMBAT PLAYGROUP.....Thursday from 10am
THURSDAY CHURCH.....weekly at 6:30pm
COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT.....7pm on 4th Sunday of the month

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God gives the Scriptures for the encouragement and comfort of his people, yet apocalyptic (a word which means 'to reveal' which describes this section) often fills the Christian with fear and anxiety. Did God get it wrong or are we reading it incorrectly?

It is our hope that today's teaching will help you see the horrors of our world in which we live are overwhelmed by our confidence in Jesus Christ our Lord. It does require eyes of faith. We can't afford to be like Nicodemus to whom Jesus said, "I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?" (John 3:16).

Baby Dedication



Today we celebrate the life of Anubhav together with Upendra and Debika as we thank God for his life. A child is a gift from God to the parents and the church community as a whole. It is a time when we stand with the parents and dedicate them for the important role of raising their children in the

love and knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord, knowing that the church community will commit themselves to support them. At the end of our gathering, each person will have an opportunity to add their name to the certificate which we hope will be a memento for Anubhav to treasure in the future.

Full Name: Anubhav Singh

Birth date: 19 Sept 2016

Birth weight: 2.06 kg





October Birthdays!

David Jones - 7th

John Q - 10th

Hazel - 18th

Janelle - 21st

Esme - 25th

Christina - 25th

Bob Stock - 30th
(80th birthday!)

WRAP Meeting Minutes

The WRAP meeting was a pivotal meeting as we seek to enact our purpose, mission and vision for our church. We have recognised the God-given gifts to our church of Tony and Lynne Kenning, and as we recognise their role in our church we are seeing leaders being raised for ministry. This is also seen in the covenant document with the Bomfords, and as we prepare for our future in sending Tony and Wendy in partnership which is expressed in their new covenant document. We have always spoken of the cost it is to enact such a vision: time, energy, and resources. Allan in his role as Treasurer has made known to us the financial cost of our future. Printed copies of the minutes will be available on the back table or it can be found at <https://goo.gl/T3Sd6B>.

Change does bring anxiety, however we do not wish fear to define and limit us. Our belief is as we listen to God through his Spirit and his people, we will not be spared suffering and hardship, but we will be spared shame. So we can move forward in our confidence in Christ Jesus our Lord, knowing that we are never alone.

National Church Life Survey (NCLS)

The NCLS is a nationwide survey which we have been encouraged to do by the Baptist Union of NSW and Greater West For Christ. It will give a detailed picture of the church in Australia, but will also give us some helpful information regarding how individuals perceive the vitality of the church. It is an opportunity for individuals to have their input into the life of the church. More information will be forthcoming about when it will occur. For more information please go to www.ncls.org.au.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Celebration Sunday: Recognising Gifts and Grace

Following the decisions made at the WRAP meeting, the church leadership are proposing that **Sunday, 27th November** be set aside for a special celebration recognising God's gifts and grace to us.



On this day, we will be commissioning our new deacons for God's service; we will be honouring Bob Stock for his many years of faithful service; and we will be signing the Covenant of Grace documents with the Bomfords and the Calmans.

- ➔ To allow Bob to travel from Kangaroo Valley, the meeting will be **10am instead of our normal 9:30am**.
- ➔ We will share a **lunch after the service** and we do expect to have some guests with us on that day. If you would like to help provide food, please talk to Lee or Kath.

We want this Sunday to be a celebration of the past, present and future and we acknowledge God's good gifts and grace in the life of our church.

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