

Daniel 8

God reveals to Daniel in chapter 8 what will happen in the future, which is now history for us. Kingdoms that would rise up and kingdoms that would be brought down and destroyed. God revealed to Daniel that the Greek empire that followed the



Persian empire would rise to bring great devastation to the people of God and cause great fear and alarm. However as with every earthly empire, this empire's destruction would come 'but not by human power'.

Daniel is overwhelmed by the vision and does not properly understand it, however he does not give up on his mission: being a faithful follower in a foreign land. There are times when we too might not understand or are tempted to give way to the fear of the unknown. Daniel 8 causes us to remember that our God is always in control to bring about His purposes and that like Daniel even in the midst of our uncertainty we can remain faithful to a God who will never fail us.

REGULAR MEETINGS

SUNDAY CHURCH	weekly at 9:30am
SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER8:15am 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 NIGHT7pm on 4	I th Sunday of the month

FAMILY NEWS

Mission Project 2017

There has been a suggestion that we continue to support the Beeck family in the new year. It has been pointed out that: 'The Beecks have a wonderful way of communicating their purpose for being in Africa as well as sharing the ups and downs of life there, I feel the church would be blessed by keeping the connection going.'

If there are other suitable options please speak to the Elders or Deacons soon. We still have a little over \$1000 left to get to our \$5000 target for the Beeck family this year, please consider giving towards our partners in this way.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Celebration Sunday: Recognising Gifts and Grace

On Sunday, <u>27th November</u>, we will be having 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.

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Community Prayer Night this Sunday Night 23rd October

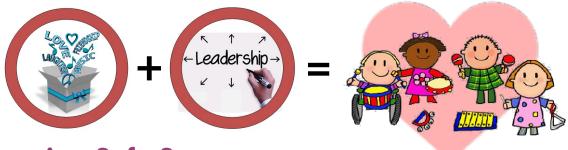
This Sunday we will be gathering to pray and thank our God. In this time we spend time praying for our partners in the gospel, our church community and the greater city and world. Please feel most welcome to come along. Our time begins at 7pm at the church property and concludes about 8pm.

Thursday Church: Bay Ayling visiting on 27th October

We will have one of our partners joining us next Thursday 27th at Thursday Church. Bay will be giving us an update on his ministry at



Doonside and Seven Hills High schools. It will be a great opportunity to catch up with him and to hear what God is doing in the schools in our area as well as in the Aylings lives. If you are able to make it please bring a dish to share.



Creating Safe Spaces

Our desire as a church is to encourage the use of gifts to build up the body. If we are going to make ministry to children a priority, we need to have gifted and qualified people to serve our children. This course is one such qualification that is needed. It is to be held at Blacktown Baptist Church on **Saturday November 5th**. Speak to JJ for more information.

PARTNERSHIP → OUR WEEKLY VISION FOCUS



Many may be unaware that our partnership in Church Health has already commenced. GWFC is the Baptist Association ministry supporting churches in the region between Blacktown and Blackheath. Tony's focus for Church Health has seen him invited to speak into Eldership meetings

Aylings
Alison
Beecks
Calmans
Derringtons



with two churches with problems, supporting pastors in crisis, and working with the GWFC executive in supporting other churches in the region.

Perhaps this week you could pray for all our partnerships: Aylings, Alison, Beecks, Calmans, and the Derringtons (or AABCD for short!). Pray that through their efforts the kingdom of God would grow and that God will receive all the praise.

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