

The Answer to All Our Prayers

God has preserved the Bible to provide an understanding of how he wants his children to live following Jesus on their way to their ultimate destination. It reminds us that this world is not our home and it helps us realise that we are not alone in the struggle to follow him faithfully in what, for Christians is a foreign, alien land, where the overall attitude towards living for God as Christians is apathetic, disinterested and for some hostile and dangerous.

Even though Daniel was respected and had a top job in Babylon, he had often been in danger for his life because he chose to follow Jehovah God and not conform with his captors' anti-God requirements. He was committed to God and as we have seen and shall see again today, he was 'wholly dependent on God in prayer.'

In chapter 9 of Daniel, we see that he takes the Scriptures seriously. His belief in and reflection on the Scriptures leads him to prayers where he expresses sadness for the nation's sin and begs God's mercy towards them. God gives a wonderful insight into what's ahead: 'The answer is the Answer!' Along the way we can also grasp some insight into what happens when we pray.

REGULAR MEETINGS

FAMILY NEWS

Mission Project 2017

There is a strong move to continue our support for the Beeck family in the new year. They communicate well and some from our church community believe it would be good to continue for another year. If anyone has any concerns about this, please communicate them to one of the Elders.



WHAT'S COMING UP?



Celebration Sunday: Recognising Gifts and Grace

Keep <u>Sunday 27th November</u> free. It will be a special celebration recognising God's gifts and grace to us; commissioning Tony and Lynne as deacons; 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 <u>10am instead of our normal 9:30am</u>. 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.



STARTS @ 10am

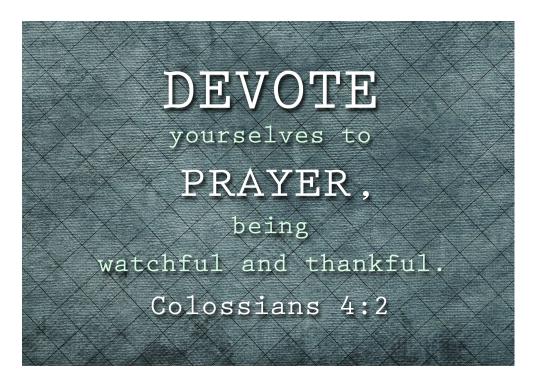
OUR WEEKLY -> PEOPLE WHOLLY DEPENDANT VISION FOCUS on GOD in PRAYER



In our healthy church where truth gives birth to worship and fruitful living we see (we want to see!) 'people wholly dependent on God in prayer'. We are a people wholly dependent. We must see that. We must realise that more

and more and more. And how do we do that? By taking in the glory of God in the Scriptures and taking up every opportunity to pray. To pray ourselves; if we are blessed with Christian family, to pray with them in our homes; and to pray together here in our church community. The best opportunity for this is <u>Thursday Church</u> where we especially meet to fellowship and to pray together as we respond to God's Word. Another wonderful opportunity is once a month for <u>Sunday night prayer</u> (every 4th Sunday), and for <u>Sunday morning prayer</u> (every 1st Sunday).

Be encouraged to make these a priority and to pray that God will deepen you as well as our whole church community to be a people wholly dependant on God in prayer. Lee is especially thinking into the prayer life of our church community, and we thank him for the way that he has led us in this over the past year especially. If you do have any suggestions, or questions regarding prayer please speak to Lee.



WHAT'S COMING UP?



Creating Safe Spaces

Next Saturday! Westview will be having seven people attending. It's not too late to say "Yes!" to being available to serving the youngest members of our church family. This course is one qualification that is needed. It is to be held at Blacktown Baptist Church on Saturday November 5th. Speak to JJ for more information.





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