



BULLETIN (SUMMER HOLIDAY EDITION)

Please note our weekly bulletins will be on break until mid January.

Matthew's Gospel

This Sunday we move into the Gospel of Matthew. This is such a wonderful book. Matthew particularly shows us how Jesus is the fulfillment and continuation of the whole of the biblical story of God and His people. He highlights Jesus as the Messiah – the King,



Jesus as the New Moses, and Jesus as Immanuel – God with us. Sometimes we might think of the Old Testament and New as so different and at odds to each other...but that is just not the case. All of the Old Testament is pointing forward, it is showing us the problem, showing us the new, showing us the promises

and patterns of God's redemption for His people. His salvation that we see in part – rescuing His people. But ultimately it is all pointing forward. From the Garden of Eden to the Exile of Israel there are promises of restoration, of hope, of salvation...of One who would come... **A King. A Saviour.** We see a picture of sin, of humanity...

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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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...in our utter rebellion against this God who made us. We see that in our own hearts today. But we see this promise... look for example at Psalm 130:

¹ *"Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; ² O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. ³ If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. ⁶ My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. ⁸ He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins."*

The psalmist says God Himself will redeem His people from all their sins...

How would he do this? By sending the Lamb of God, the sacrifice to pay for our sins... By sending the King to deliver and to rule and reign forever over His people forever... the whole of God's Word points to Jesus the Christ, the King over all.

FAMILY NEWS



New Memberships @ Westview

It is a wonderful joy for us to welcome into formal membership this Sunday: **Mary Harms, and Sam and Connie Mafi**. It has been a tremendous blessing for us to have the Harms and Mafi families join with us. This Sunday there will be an opportunity for us to formally welcome them in this way and to sign their certificates after the service. We thank God for each one who comes along and for each one who calls Westview home. If you would like to speak more about formal membership please speak to Lee, JJ or Tony.



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CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Time & Offering

We will have our Christmas service on Christmas day, Sunday 25th December at 9:30am. This will be a shorter service (aiming to finish by 10:30am).

Also please note that because Christmas day falls on a Sunday this year our usual offering collection on Christmas day to Baptist World Aid will instead be collected in envelopes which will be provided on the front table. Any money unallocated will simply go towards our general church giving fund. Speak to Allan for further details.



January Summer Program

From **Christmas Day** until **February** we will be having shorter service times than usual. We will be aiming for one hour (9:30-10:30am). There will also be a break from Sunday school for the kids, and from our other regular meetings (Thursday Church, Friend's group, Prayer groups and Home groups).



Scripture Passages for the next few Sundays

If you can, take some time during the week to read through **Matthew 2** which we will be looking at next Sunday. And we will be looking at **Matthew 3** for the following Sunday (Christmas Day).



We hope that you have a great time over the holiday period and look forward to journeying together in 2017, continuing to look to Jesus the source of our hope. Thank you for your love, and care and support to our church community in 2016. We are so thankful for your service to our church community in a multitude of ways. May God continue to lead us on into this new year, never knowing the details of tomorrow but always knowing that He goes on before us, that He is always good, and always with us - to the very end of the age!



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