



Matthew 16:13-28

Step by step our progress in Matthew's gospel has led to recognition of Jesus as the Son of David, Messiah. Jesus' teaching on the kingdom of heaven has helped people discover what kind of kingdom they should expect the Messiah to bring. But not everyone who has ears to hear has listened and understood. Throughout this section of the gospel there have been numerous occasions on which people have been led to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. They may not always have fully understood the impact of their confession, but it has started them on the way to that knowledge.

At Caesarea Philippi Jesus himself asks his disciples two questions and from their responses introduces the next big concept in kingdom living: the church. For the first time Jesus introduces the concept of his church, the foundations of his church, the lengths he will go to secure his church in eternity and the identity card for those called to be his church. Once again, Jesus will confound not only his listeners then, but people thousands of years later reading Matthew's gospel with his teaching on this vital part...(continued on next 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

(continued from previous page)...of his plan to reverse the effects of sin on his fallen creation, revealing more of his kingdom so unlike anything even considered a kingdom before or after his time on Earth.

To confess Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God will bring rewards beyond anything this world can offer. To identify with the cross of Jesus, will bring blessing from a loving heavenly Father which makes the cost of this confession pale by comparison.



TRANSFORMED

How God Changes Us

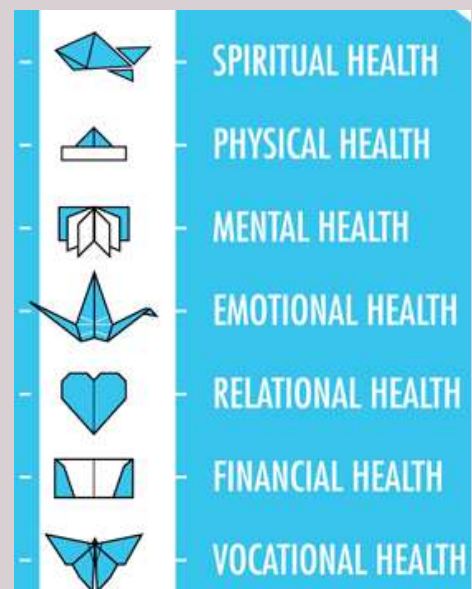
Be transformed by the renewing of your mind . . .

ROMANS 12:2

UPCOMING TEACHING SERIES: 'Transformed'

We will be **starting a series after Easter** called 'Transformed' along with 15 other churches in the Greater West. This series seeks to "help you move forward toward your goal of being transformed into Christ-likeness in every area of your life." It focuses on seven key areas of our lives: Spiritual, Physical, Mental, Emotional, Relational, Financial and Vocational.

We are seeing this also as an opportunity to reach out to our local community to invite them to hear these talks that address these seven areas of life. We will be distributing fliers into our local area as well as promoting this on social media. It would be **a good opportunity to invite unbelieving friends** along to these weeks. Speak to JJ for fliers or for more information.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATORS:

Sam and Connie

It has been over many months now that we have been praying as a church for this area in our church community life. We recently had a meeting where we discussed the children and the importance of caring for them well. **It is with thanks to God at the answer of our desire and prayers that Sam and Connie have agreed to take up this role in our church.**

This will be a **team ministry** (as all ministry should be), involving them along with **Wendy, Hayley and Becky**. JJ will be working side by side with Sam and Connie to look after this ministry as we look into how we can improve it into the future.

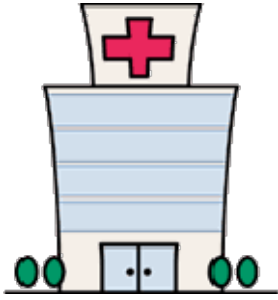
We are so thankful to God for David Jones and Spike along with others for so many years of faithful service, as well as for Hayley and Wendy who have especially stepped in while we have been thinking and praying into the future of this.

Please pray for our Children's Ministry Team and especially for Sam and Connie and JJ as they think into what this will look like. Please continue to pray for the children God has blessed us with that they might come to know and enjoy Jesus as their greatest Treasure. **Any suggestions or feedback for this ministry are most welcome.** Thank you for your prayers and support.



Washing Machine Needed

Robert Davies is in need of a washing machine. Please speak to JJ or to Robert directly if you have a spare one or know of someone who has one they no longer need.



Training Course for Pastoral Care

On Tuesday JJ, Tony and Lynne Kenning went along to Doonside Anglican joining with their pastor Alex and two of their church members to meet with the Pastoral Care Coordinator for Blacktown Hospital (at their request). The coordinator spoke about the great need and open door for pastoral care at the hospital. **There is a great opportunity for people to be involved in listening, sharing and praying for people at the hospital.**

Volunteers are asked to first **complete a 6-week training course, meeting on Tuesdays, which is coming up in May.** Those interested must be able **to commit their pastoral care to those in hospital once per week for 4 hours.**

Please speak to JJ or Tony & Lynne K for more information.

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world,
..... and lose his own soul? Matthew 16:26

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