

THIS IS WHO WE ARE **TEACHING SERIES:**

Dependence & Gospel Transformation

This week in our series looking at our purpose, mission, values and vision we move to our first two vision outcomes/prayerful hopes: 'People wholly dependent on God in prayer' and 'The gospel transforming the lives of those around us.'

Dependence: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.... As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:1-5)

Gospel Transformation: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?....You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and

it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16)



REGULAR MEETINGS

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER	weekly at 9:00am
SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE	weekly at 9:30am
COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT	4 th Sunday of the month at 7pm
FRIENDSHIP GROUP	Wednesdays at 9:45am
WIGGLING WOMBAT PLAYGROUP	Thursdays at 10am
YOUTH GROUP	Fridays at 7pm

Some OUTREACH Opportunities:

There are many ways in which we are seeking to build relationships, bless others and make the good news of Jesus known. Below are a few you may like to considering partnering in:



FRIENDS GROUP (9:45am-1pm, Weds during the school term): During this time there is a Christian devotional read, morning tea, friendly games and lunch together. For over 20 years this group has provided for many inside and outside our regular church community to hear the good news of Jesus and to be provided with friendship, love and support. If you would like more information please speak to Tony and Lynne **Kenning**, who currently run this group.

PLAYGROUP (10-12pm, Thurs during school term):

The Wiggling Wombats playgroup has been running for over 7 years in our church building, and over the past year our church has taken ownership of this ministry. This is a time for mums/carers and bubs to come together in a safe place and build friendships. We pray this continues to provide opportunities to connect these families to Jesus through relationships in this group and through joint activities with our church community throughout the year. If you would like more information about the group please speak to Becky, Trish, John or Soona.



DOONSIDE **LETTERBOX DROP:** Gina has been working on some new church fliers and we are looking for people who would be interested in distributing these to the community through mailbox drops or other ways.

You could set aside an hour per week or month (or just do a onceoff) to walk through a part of Doonside and place these in mailboxes. Please speak to JJ if you are interested in being involved in this ministry.

HANDMADE Birthday/Gift/Christmas Cards by **JANELLE**

Janelle will be selling handmade cards this Sunday, \$10 for 5 cards.





Youth Group Ministry: ON HOLD for NOW

After some recent changes for the Mafi family, and in conversation with the Elders, it seems best for now if we put a hold on the Friday Night Youth Group.

Please join us in prayer as we consider options for the future including a **combined** Youth Ministry with Doonside Anglican and even some form of Young Adults Ministry. Pray that God would lead and to raise up **leaders** for this, and that the He would continue to reveal Himself to our youth and **bless** them during this time in their lives, and that **opportunities may open up** for us to continue to invest well into this young generation for the future.

HOPE APPEAL: Jocks & Socks for the Homeless



Esme will be collecting **NEW socks and undies** for men, women and children of all sizes. The appeal will finish on **Sunday 7th April.**



These socks and jocks can be put into the **box** marked 'jocks and socks' on Sunday up the front. Thank you!

FURTHER UPDATE on Crawford

Just a further update on Crawford Public School where we teach SRE. Unfortunately the **drop in numbers** from 58 students in SRE (Primary class) last year to only 20 this year is accurate.

JJ has contacted the school and they have informed him that an 'opt in' note was sent home at the start of this year and that **a large percentage of parents opted out of Scripture**—even families that had enrolled their students as 'Christian (Protestant)'.

This is a sadness to see the drop in numbers but please pray that it would be a blessing for the children who are still in these classes; the smaller classes do allow better interaction with the students.



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT: <u>Next</u> SUNDAY 31st March @ 7pm

Next Sunday evening we will be meeting together from 7pm for a time of prayer. This is a great opportunity to praise and thank our God for Who He is and what He has done and is

doing. It is a time to pray for the work of the gospel locally and globally, to pray for our mission: to make passionate disciples of Jesus. We would love for you join with us if you can.



COMBINED SERVICE with DOONSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH: <u>Next</u> Sunday March 31st



Our brothers and sisters from up the road will be **joining us** for the morning service on the last Sunday in March (Doonside Church of Christ have also been invited). We pray this might be a great opportunity for mutual encouragement.

Please help us welcome them by **bringing something to share** for morning tea on the day if you are able.

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