

GLENBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

# Explore Life



**April 2017**

***Join us at GBC for the 9am, 11am or 5pm services***

# A Note from Pastor Matt

My son, Sam, invited me to do a Bible study on Easter through the YouVersion Bible App - and so, together, we have been studying the week leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

As I was reading through the account of the Last Supper, and in particular, Jesus washing the disciples' feet, I was struck afresh at the magnitude of what took place. In particular, the following words really challenged me:

"Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; SO he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet ..." (John 13:3-5)

What the Lord impressed powerfully on me, was that it was Jesus' understanding of who he was, that allowed him to take on such a servant act. Knowing that the Father had put all things under his power, he demonstrated what true power looks like ... it looks like serving others. We see this very same act of humble servanthood, in regards to Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross:

"... Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:5-8)

Now, it's all well and good to have this reminding and revelation of the servanthood of Jesus. But here is the rub: at the very same meal, when Jesus was teaching the disciples, he told them:

"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them ... A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13: 14-17, 34)

My prayer is that we would take the words of Jesus seriously, and to heart, and that each one of us would learn how to be servants of others and to love as Christ loved us.

## LUCAS FAREWELL

**Sunday 6th May** is Pastor Matt's last day at GBC. On that day, there will be a brunch after the combined 9am service, where we will be able to farewell the Lucas family.

**Alice Sharp (4739 3848)** will be coordinating the event. Please speak with Alice regarding what you could contribute in the way of finger food, setting up, etc.



## GBC CARE

For those times that you, or a family member, require intensive care, please call **Reg & Robyn** on **4739 8410**; **Reg** on **0427 764 751** and **Robyn** on **0427 764 752**, or speak to any of the other team members: Robyn and Robert Kneale, Lois Pedley, Alice Sharp, Fay Smith, Melanie Bliss and Jean & Michael Dickens.

## "All the better to hear you with..."

For those with hearing aids with a T-switch facility, please be advised that sitting in the church in the area in front of the organ/sound desk transforms your ability to hear anything that is transmitted through a microphone!

*Eternity*

It's not just a famous pavement slogan by a Godly man named Arthur Stace, but a free magazine produced each month by the Bible Society which has excellent articles on current issues. From April, copies will be left in the church foyer for anyone who would like one. Do take one and read it - you will be really blessed.



Peter Kidd

# Church Life



## FEARLESS YOUTH

Every Friday night during school terms in the church hall from 7pm to 9.30pm. Contact **Michele Mills** on **0433 974 411** or the office email for more information.

## OPEN PRAYER

Everyone is welcome to join in with other members of the GBC congregation on the first Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm in the room between the kitchen and the creche. The next one is 4th April.

## KYB GROUPS (for women)

KYB (Know Your Bible) is studying 2nd Corinthians in 2nd term, resuming 1st May:

- Tuesdays at 9.30am at Kauri Cottage (**Glenda Davis: 4739 4886** or **0418 435500**)
- Tuesdays at 7.30pm at a group member's home (**Alison Chapman: 4739 5708**)



## CRAFT GROUP

The 'Chat & Do Craft' group meets on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 1pm during school terms. BYO craft project to work on. Contact **Shirley Murison** on **4753 6286** for more information.

## E-TITHE DETAILS

If you would like to give your offering via Internet Banking, please pay into the following account:

Name: **Glenbrook Baptist Church**

BSB: **062-640**

Account Number: **000903856**

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## What has happened to the Sunday Morning Tea and Coffee?

You may have noticed that the tea bags used at GBC now all have something in common - they have Fair Trade logos. The plunger coffee used now is Fair Trade as well; drinkers just don't get to see the packet. There are some VERY good reasons why Fair Trade is now a permanent fixture in our Tea and Coffee.

There are approximately 40 million slaves in the world today...25% are children (male and female) and 70% are female. Slavery can encompass many areas, but 16 million are involved in forced labour, including the growing and harvesting of products such as tea and coffee. We are called to be people who do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God, and we are meant to be carers of creation. Seeking to use Fair Trade products helps us to live in love.

The basic principles of the World Fair Trade Organisation are:

1. Creating Opportunities for Economically Disadvantaged Producers
2. Transparency and Accountability
3. Fair Trading Practices
4. Fair Payment
5. Ensuring no Child Labour or Forced Labour
6. Commitment to Non-Discrimination, Gender Equity and Women's Economic Empowerment, and Freedom of Association
7. Ensuring Good Working Conditions
8. Providing Capacity Building\*
9. Promoting Fair Trade
10. Respect for the Environment

\* **Capacity building** often refers to strengthening the skills, competencies and abilities of people and communities in developing societies so they can overcome the causes of their exclusion and suffering.



# Prayer

## GBC Prayer Chain

Our church prayer chain is available for crisis or urgent prayer needs and is coordinated by **Jenny White (0419 884 642)**. Please ensure that you have the permission of the person you want to be placed on the prayer chain prior to calling.

## Prayer Points

Please pray for the following people:

- ▶ Vivienne Senn, for good healing and function after knee surgery
- ▶ Peter Adcock, for quick healing and minimal side effects from prostate surgery
- ▶ Noel and Nola Paul for ongoing health issues
- ▶ Kevin Willard, for better relief of shoulder pain with new medication
- ▶ Robyn Moses, for endurance to cope with back pain until a treatment plan is determined
- ▶ Suzanne Rowe, Alissa Ryan, Matt and Robyn Neufeld, John and Kathy Harris and Pauline Golder: missionaries that GBC supports either financially or through prayer
- ▶ Matt Lucas and his family as they finish up here at GBC

## Your Story

Barbara and Roy Richardson recently had a visitor from Austria who attended GBC on two Sundays. The following is an excerpt from a letter from her:

*" It was a special privilege being able to visit your church for two Sunday services.*

*For me, your church has the living Spirit of God! It has a message and inspires for reflection. The congregation is so warm and Spirit-filled. Feels like being among the people of God.*

*Thank you and may our Lord continue to bless you and fill you with His Spirit.*

*Warm greetings in the Lord,*

*Hildegard"*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

If you would like to join the OCC team, please contact **Margaret Usman** on **0403 172 874**. Sorting nights are generally held on a Monday night, starting from 6pm, where donations collected during the previous month are sorted into gender and age, ready for packing day. This year, sorting nights are held in Kauri Cottage. The following dates are the booked sorting nights: 2 April, 30 April, 28 May, 2 July, 30 July, 3 September, 1 October

**Packing Day is scheduled for 3rd November.**

## NEUFELD NEWS

Starting March 30, we will be walking a pilgrimage walk in northern Spain called "the Camino", which means "the Way". There are a lot of Catholic traditions around this walk that we are curious to learn about. We see the pilgrimage as an opportunity to be on a journey where we spend time with the Lord and listen to Him. It will be challenging too - 800 km. We hope to average 25-30 km a day. Many of those on the pilgrimage are looking to find something so we want to be prepared for opportunities to bless those along the way and point them to Jesus. We are expecting to get some clarity on future direction through this and would appreciate you joining us in prayer for these things.



On May 4, we will be back in North Africa doing more training with interns. We will have 5 weeks there in which we hope to reconnect with old friends we knew when we were newly weds learning Arabic. We also hope to make more connections with local believers and equip or share with any of them who would like to grow in the training we offer. Please pray for divine appointments where we can serve and see fruit, especially with these dear old friends that we have been praying for, for decades.

Your prayers are powerful and effective and move the heart of God. Thank you for engaging in this way with us. We look forward to sharing some testimonies soon as He answers.

Blessings,  
Matt and Robyn

# Contacts

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

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Outside of office hours, please leave a phone message or email. All messages/mail will be attended to