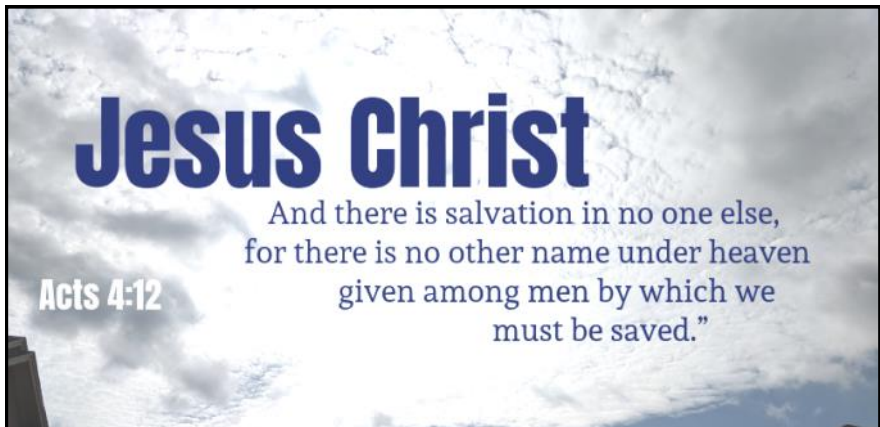




16TH AUGUST 2020



TODAY:

Series: The Great I Am

Study 4: I Am the Door of the Sheep – John 10:7-10

Speaker: Pastor Tony

Sunday 23rd August

Series: The Great I Am

Study 5: I Am the Good Shepherd – John 10:11-21

Speaker: Pastor Tony

For viewing log on to the Church Website - ftgbc.org.au

*'I am the door. If anyone enters by Me,
he will be saved,
and he will go in and out and find pasture.*

John 10:9



A Word From Tony

Jesus the Door

When Jesus refers to himself as the door of the sheep, He's using a familiar metaphor for his listeners. It would've been commonplace to see shepherds and sheep wandering around.

Jesus draws his metaphor from the imagery of a sheep pen, which was an enclosure usually made of stone walls. At night, the shepherds would bring the sheep in there to allow them to rest securely. The sheep would enter one at a time, while the shepherd would stop each sheep with his rod and check each one out for wounds. He would let them through one by one and drop his rod over the next one and when he had examined him, would let the sheep in.

Historians have found evidence that when these shepherds put the sheep in the pen at night, the shepherds would lie across the front of the pen and would act as a guard. They were effectively a door or gate for the sheep pen. This was not only to prevent predators getting in but to prevent sheep getting out. The shepherds would lay across and fall asleep there or stay watch. The sheep would go in or out only with the shepherd's care.

Jesus promises all those entering through Him will be saved. This is similar to what he says in John 14:6 where he says "I am the way, the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me."

It's through Jesus alone that our salvation comes. He is the door of the sheep. All other ways, all other doors ultimately lead to death. Jesus is the door of life where we become part of His flock.

Not only is it a promise of salvation, but also a promise of peace. Jesus says **"They will come in and go out, and find pasture."**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name*

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

*When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil*

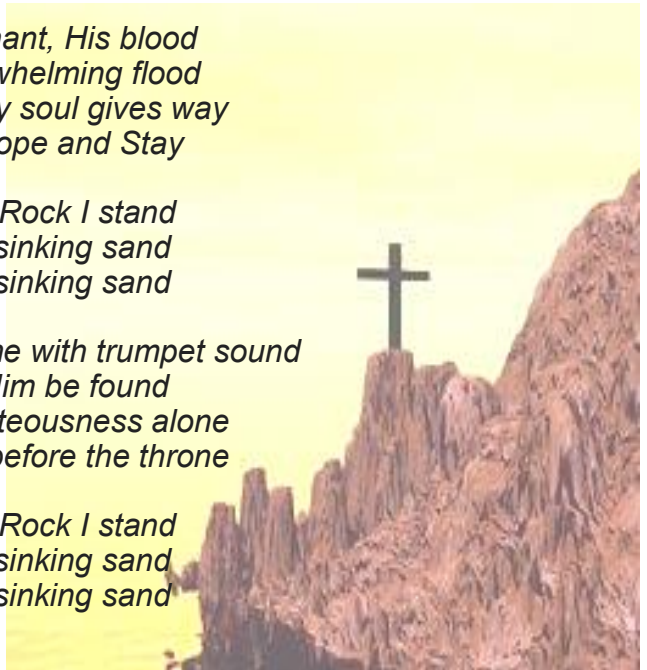
*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
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*His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my Hope and Stay*

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne*

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*



AMAZING FACTS

Written by Doug Batchelor

‘The sheer vastness of space is truly incomprehensible to the human brain. Here’s one example: Back in 1996, for ten days astronomers pointed the Hubble Space Telescope into a part of the sky close to the Big Dipper that seemed utterly empty.



The little patch they focused on is no bigger than a grain of rice held at arm’s length. Yet 3,000 galaxies came into focus, producing one of the most profound and humbling images in all of human history - every single smear and dot was an entire galaxy, a fiery pinwheel of light, each containing hundreds of billions of stars.

Then between 2004 and 2014, using much improved equipment, they did it again. This time, they aimed the telescope towards an empty spot on the constellation Orion. Over 10,000 galaxies appeared in that speck dubbed the Ultra Deep Field. This is the farthest we have ever seen into the universe. But as if all this were not incredible enough, astronomers now estimate that this vast universe we see is really only four percent of what is out there.

The immensity of space is mind-boggling, yet the Bible says that God counts the stars and has a name for each one.’

‘He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.’

Psalm 147:4

AND He also counts each of us and knows by name every one of us who enter into a saving relationship with Him through The Door of His sheepfold. (John 10:3)





Treasurer Report

Income: July - \$9,418.00
YTD Wkly Avg - \$2,354.50

Expenditure: July - \$7,322.62
YTD Wkly Avg - \$1,830.66

Budgeted exp: \$8,560.00

Budgeted Ave Wkly Offering - \$2,140.00 (2019/20 figure)

Term Deposits: \$31,364.29

Cheque Account: \$39,206.92

ATO gifts for 'Non for profit Organisations':

\$10,000 received April 2020 (Included in cheque account amount)

\$5,000 just received, August 2020 (Not included in cheque account for this report)

Capital Works Expenditure - Ceilings in Church 1st payment, \$9,577.70 (excluding GST, \$8,707.00).

End of Financial Year

At this time of year, we would usually meet together at our Annual General Church Life Meeting to consider reports from the past year, look at membership, consider overall expenditure and formally pass a budget for the next 12 months. Being unable to meet together because of COVID-19 restrictions, the Elders and I have met and decided this year to streamline our reporting.

If you haven't already, you will shortly receive by email or mail the following documents:

- Secretaries Report
- Membership List *
- Pastors Report
- Financial Report for 2019/20
- Proposed budget for 2020/21

*Membership numbers to remain as is and revised at end 2020/21 when information is clearer and possible movements clarified.

Time will be given for any one from the Church family to ask any questions on expenditure during the 2019/20 financial year and respond to the proposed budget. The budget is being prepared trying to take into account (especially for the next 6 months) reduction in use of the Church property and ministry opportunities. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Andrew Ullrich, Rainer Luppá or myself. Tony

Bible Study, Old Testament Characters – Joshua and Achan **Sin in the Community – Joshua 7:1:26**

In the summer of 1985 a poisonous gas leak slowly swept through the city of Bhopal, India, in the worst industrial accident in history. At least 2,500 people were killed and 100,000 were maimed.

The effect of individual sin, when unleashed in the body of Christ, can also have consequences. It can creep slowly through the life of a Church, a small group, a youth group, quenching the work of the Holy Spirit and hindering the advance of God's kingdom.

Israel discovered the deadly, far reaching effect of individual sin during their conquest of Canaan around 1400 B.C. In the midst of a miraculous victory at Jericho (Joshua 6), Achan, son of Zerah, took several items (Babylonian garment, 200 shekels of silver and a wedge of Gold weighing 50 shekels Joshua 7:21) that were to be devoted to the Lord. Israel experienced the consequences of his sin in their next battle against the smaller city of Ai.

Read Joshua 7:1-26. What happens to Joshua and the Israelites when they attempt to conquer the city of Ai, and why (vv. 1-5)?

After their defeat, the hearts of the Israelites “Melted and became like water” (v 5). Imagine that you are a reporter observing the scene. Describe the different types of reactions you might hear. (Remember, they do not yet know the reason for their defeat)

When you or your Church experience a setback, how do you respond?

How does God respond to Joshua's pleas (vv. 10-15)?

Why do you think God held all of Israel responsible for the sin of one person?

What was the root cause of Achan's sin against God? Reflect also on the account of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11.

Have you ever felt that God withdrew His blessing from a Church or an activity of the Church? Explain

In obedience to God, Israel took radical steps to remedy the situation (vv.22-26). What steps can you take to maintain purity in your Church of fellowship? Look also at 1 Corinthians 5:1-13 and reference to a little leaven.

Joshua 8:1-29 recounts how God granted the Israelites victory over Ai in their second attempt to conquer the city. How can we be sure that we can be clean vessels through whom God can do mighty works?

Questions taken from 'A Life Guide Bible Study Book' by Peter Scazzero

To continue worshipping the Lord with tithes and offerings you can:

Do a bank transfer into the Church bank account. Details are:

ANZ -Ferntree Gully Baptist Church

BSB: 013287

Account: 296710027

Cheques written to Ferntree Gully Baptist Church may be sent to:

Andrew Ullrich 15 Chedworth Crt Kilsyth Sth 3137



Zoom Home Groups

As mentioned in the Sunday service and text, to continue helping the Church family stay connected during the current stage four restrictions, we are proposing to start two new Zoom home groups.

One of these will be in the evening and one during the day. Times and days have not been arranged as we are waiting to see who would like to be involved and when they are available.

One of the things required is people will need access through the internet. We can help you with downloading a Zoom app. Both the groups will be using the Bible Study material which is currently being made available in the weekly news sheet.

Please make contact with Pastor Tony if you would like to be involved.



25th Wedding Anniversary

12th August

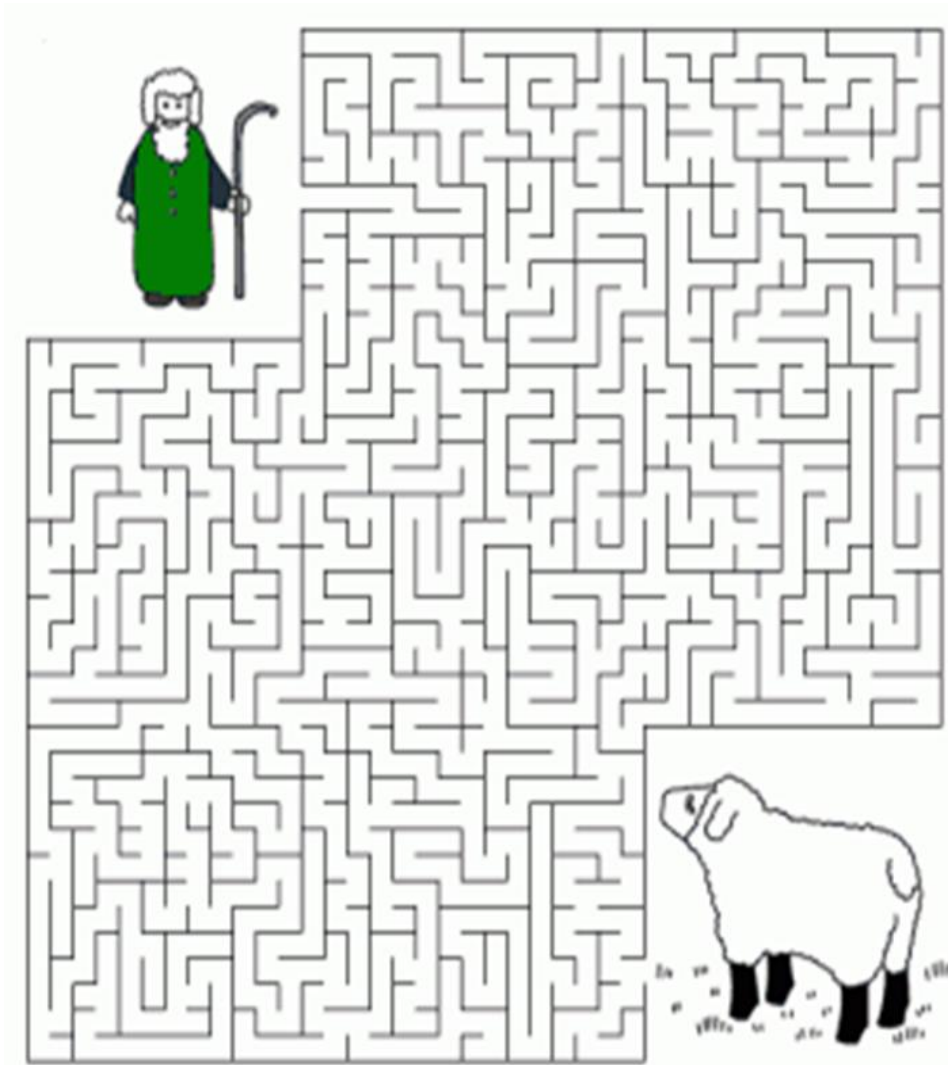
Congratulations!!

Joy & Russell

Birthdays:

17th August Joy Davis

Remember to notify editor of any other celebrations in your family.



Help this sheep find it's way home.

Pastoral Availability:

Tony will be working from his home office but can be contacted on 0406686715.

Please note: Under current restrictions Tony can only meet personally with people under special circumstances. If you have a need to meet, please contact him.



Mukti Zoom Update

The last live online chat with our Mukti Mission India Directors, Lorraine and Anil Francis, was a great success. Over 80 people across Australia joined via Zoom to hear an update on what's happening at Mukti during this COVID-19 pandemic. It was a most encouraging time as we heard of what God is doing both at Mukti and in the surrounding communities. We heard how your gifts and prayers are making a difference!

We'd like to invite you join us for the next live-chat via Zoom on WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST at 7pm (Eastern states); 6.30pm (SA/NT) or 5pm (WA).

Here is the Zoom link for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87285550050?pwd=Z3dCTGFibDFOYUtMTVAwWDRnTWEzdz09>

Meeting ID: 872 8555 0050 Passcode: 852223



ISRAEL - Freedom to Share Hope in The Middle East.

Only two percent of Israelis - 160,000 - are Christians.

Despite the small numbers, there is a greater freedom in Israel than any other surrounding Arab countries to develop Biblical resources and reach people with the love of Jesus. Through storefronts in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, locals, tourists and travelers can access the Bible and learn more about the true God of Israel.

The Bible Society also focuses on the minority Arab Israeli community where churches often lack funds. Bible Society runs workshops for church leaders and courses and event to reach the wider community.





Continue praying for the people in Lebanon impacted by the recent explosion in the dock area of Beirut. (154 people were killed, 300,000 left homeless and a similar number suffering food shortages.) The Prime minister and all his cabinet have resigned. Pray for the Church in Lebanon to respond to the needs both physical but more importantly, spiritual.

Continue praying for our Governments both Federal and State as they have to make important but often significantly impacting decisions during the COVID-19 crisis. Prayer for those who have lost loved ones this past week, many being elderly, that they might reach out to God for His comfort and peace.

Keep Renate Winkler in prayer in Qld. as she continues to be troubled with a sore knee but also a recent tick infection in the ear.

Pray for the young adults in our church family who are continuing with school and Uni studies on line:

Johanna and Bethany Schlag, Simone Engele, Andrew Ivanoff.

Keep Bradley Davis in prayer as he is not able to work during Stage 4 lock-downs but praise the Lord that he is able to receive Job Seeker payments.



Please pray for:

Patience from families as we work through what is likely to be multiple recurrences of covid-19

Courage for staff, some of whom are scared to come to work.

Endurance to keep to all the detailed requirements of infection control and PPE procedures.

Ability to provide support to anxious families.

Wisdom for the leaders who are managing and making choices about priorities on limited resources.

Empart reports:

India now has 2 million COVID-19 cases and over 41,500 deaths. The number of people being infected per day is currently over 56,000. Added to this, monsoonal rains (resulting in flooding) and a violent cyclone have caused damage and destruction of housing and essential infrastructure, and loss of crops, livelihoods and lives. Please pray for this country.

Pray for the MISSIONS & WORKERS

we take an interest in including...

Andrea Rothweiler (Wycliffe PNG)

Ange Bakhtiari FTG Nth Primary
School chaplaincy

Andy and Cathie Staunton
(GIA Cambodia)

Mukti Wings of Hope

Reach Beyond Helga



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On my daily
walk:

Surprising
what grows
by the
footpath!

