



11TH OCTOBER 2020

*Saved
by Grace,
through Faith.
Ephesians 2:8*

TODAY:

Series: Significant Hymns and Songs

Study 4: And Can It Be Speaker: Pastor Tony

Sunday 18th October

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Study 5: Just As I Am – Special guest presenter

Speaker: Pastor Tony

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**Therefore, since we have been justified
through faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ...**

- Romans 5:1 -

Message From Tony

Wesley's Peace

In 1738, Charles Wesley was struggling to find peace with God. He was an ordained Church of England minister and had served as a missionary to Georgia, USA, but that had turned out disastrously bad. As Wesley laid on his sick bed, wondering whether death was at hand, he received a visitor. Peter Bohler, the leader of the London Moravians, asked Charles if he hoped to be saved. Charles replied that he did. Bohler pressed, 'For what reason do you hope it?' Charles replied, 'Because I have used my best endeavours to serve God.' Wesley recorded his reaction in his journal. 'He shook his head, and said no more. I thought him very uncharitable, saying in my heart, 'What, are not my endeavours sufficient ground of hope? Would he rob me of my endeavours? I have nothing else to trust to.' (Arnold Dallimore, Charles Wesley, Crossway, p.58-59)

The problem with trusting our good works is that they are not perfect works. When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus replied that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, strength (Luke 10:27) and this is a considerably higher bar than just offering Him our best endeavours. God requires that we love Him from the moment we are born until the moment we die, with no lapses. Faced with this impossible requirement, many religious people attempt to take solace in such empty hopes as our best endeavours.

Later in 1738, Wesley's friend, John Bray, discovered Martin Luther's commentary on Galatians and brought it to Wesley, who was sick in bed. Wesley recorded in his journal again, "I spent some hours this evening in private with Martin Luther, who was greatly blessed to me, especially his conclusion of the second chapter. I laboured, waited, and prayed to feel 'Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.'" Luther had famously once said that the whole of the gospel was found in the personal pronouns, and Wesley found peace as the Lord gave him faith to believe that Jesus had died for him. It was shortly after this new found peace, Wesley wrote the Hymn 'And Can It Be'.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Lyrics
Charles Wesley
and others

Music
Felix Mendelssohn

To worship 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



Treasurers Report

Income:

September - \$7,424.97

YTD - \$23,562.97

YTD Wkly Avg - \$1,812.54

Expenditure:

September - \$13,333.20

YTD \$28,587.29

YTD Wkly Avg - \$2,199.02

Budget required: \$27,685.00

Budgeted Ave Wkly Offering - \$2,125.00

2020/21 we are currently minus \$4,122.03
(minus \$317.08 per week) against budget.

Term Deposits: \$31,364.29

Cheque Account: \$28,429.52

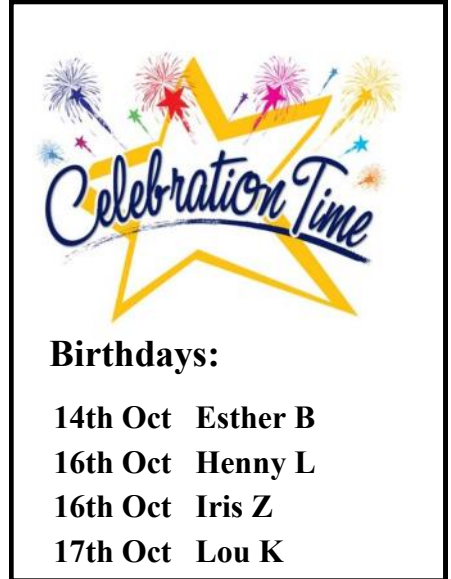
September expenditure included BUV

Ministry Contribution, Mission tithes and new Church lighting.

2019/20 Extra Tithe Amount

Further to our 2019/20 financial year, extra income resulted in the Church having \$1924 as an extra tithe amount. The Elders have met and decided to allocate \$500 to the following mission organisations:

Mukti, Reach Beyond, CHIPS (Ferntree Gully North Primary School), Baptist World Aid.



Birthdays:

14th Oct Esther B

16th Oct Henny L

16th Oct Iris Z

17th Oct Lou K

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



AMAZING FACTS

Written by Doug Batchelor

SR-71 Blackbird

The first flight of Lockheed Aircrafts's sr-71 'blackbird' took place in 1964 and the plane officially entered military service in January 1966. For years, the blackbird's maximum speed and altitude were kept top secret. But we now know it set two world records for speed (2,193 mph) and altitude (85 068 feet).

For more than 30 years, no missile or plane could catch it. As a result, despite hundreds of reconnaissance missions over hostile territory, not a single aircraft was lost to enemy fire.

The Blackbird could survey 100,000 square miles in one hour. And it flew so fast that to refuel in flight, the sleek jet had to fly as slow as possible and the refueling aircraft as fast as possible to keep from colliding. While its capabilities have not been surpassed, the SR-71 was retired in 1990 (apart from temporary service during the Gulf War). It seems a tragic waste of potential, power and design genius to have these wonders of the sky chained to the ground and rusting in museums.

But sadder still is when millions of people go through their lives chained to sin when God designed them to 'fly'.

'Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.' Galatians 5:1

Source:

Amazing Facts
Volume 1

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Bible Study, Old Testament Characters – Jonah **Running From God – Jonah 1:1 – 3:3**

Sometimes we are reluctant to do God's will. We find it inconvenient. We are too busy. We feel uncomfortable. At such times we are tempted to ignore God and hope He goes away. When He doesn't, we may even try to run from Him.

Jonah had his own reasons for running from God's will. His experience challenges us to view our reluctance in light of God's character.

Why are you sometimes reluctant to do God's will?

Read Jonah 1:1-16. What does God command Jonah to do, and why (vv. 1-2)?

Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian Empire, was the most feared and hated of Israel's oppressors. How might this help us to understand Jonah's response (v 3)?

Tarshish (v 3) traditionally identified as Spain, was at the opposite end of the known world. Why do you think Jonah chose to go there?

What does Jonah's disobedience teach us about the nature of sin?

God sends a violent storm (v. 4) to block Jonah's rebellious flight. What effect does the storm have on the sailors and on Jonah (vv. 5-16)?

Read 1:17-2:9. Describe the terrifying sequence of events after Jonah was thrown overboard (2:3, 5, 6a 1:17)

In what ways does God get your attention when you run away from Him?

What were Jonah's initial thoughts and feelings inside the fish (vv. 2, 4a)?

As his life was ebbing, Jonah remembered the Lord. How does his prayer reveal a transformed attitude toward God (vv. 2-9)?

Read 2:10-3:3a. After being vomited onto dry land, how do you think Jonah felt when the word of the Lord came to him a second time?

How does Jonah's experience illustrate the futility of running from God?

How does the portrait of God in these chapters encourage you to obey Him?

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

Our great and awesome God

‘I’m listening to your interview with Donna (Sexual abuse Survivor). Wow!

I was active in ice and weed addiction for 35 years. Some weeks ago I had 3 drug dealers in my home (heroin, ice, coke). They all had their product out on dinner plates ready to "shout" me (Australian term for “pay this round.”)

I began to text my adult daughter's mum. Both are devoted Christians. I prayed, “Lord, God, I'm sick of these people putting all their crap in my life. I don't want this anymore. PLEASE GOD take this waste out of my life, out of me, out of my home, my soul." Then...my daughter’s mum replied to my text, "Yes! Jesus, praise you! Hear Dan's prayer...his cry" Then, within a 100th of a beat of my heart, the girl ice dealer dating the heroin dealer saw some picture on his phone of another chick. They started physically brawling. The coke dealer emptied his plate back into his bag. The girl stopped and said, "Sorry, Dan. We gotta go!" And they were heading out the gate!

I was heading back inside and God said, "DANNY, I HAVE BEEN WITH YOU FOR SO LONG THAT MY VOICE IS AS FAMILIAR TO YOU AS YOUR OWN"

JOHN 10:27...MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME.

I CRIED like never before. Went inside and you know in “Braveheart” or “Troy” where after a field battle they come and collect the dead and maimed?? Well, it was like that in my lounge room, but only for 10 to 15 seconds, even Satan was gone!

When I was a kid, I had a paper route in Punchbowl, Sydney. I had an old-school cart and whistle. One day I came across a little dog being bullied by a big dog. The little dog was scared of being bit, so I chased the big dog off. That little dog met me every day after school at the start of my run and followed me every mile every day until I was done. So, I was a BIG dog chasing off the enemy of that little dog.

Today...JESUS IS MY BIG DOG! I'm THE LITTLE DOG. He came into my home, my heart, my life and fought for me. I've been around, seen some good scraps, but this battle left me with my chin on the ground. Powerful. Intense. INSTANT.

My first prayer was "THANK GOD I'M ON YOUR SIDE AND YOU'RE ON MY SIDE.

I'm 13 days clean today. I still struggle some days but mostly I kiss the sun and do my morning prayer time - where I ask God to take my will and my life, show me, guide me, and you know what? Joy isn't just an old ladies name! I listen to Christian radio all day (and your show).


God talks to me every day now. I'm grateful for his love and grace . SO, I'm a little dog.....and God's my Big Dog.....and I'll follow him anywhere, everywhere, every day.'

Then in a later email -

'I got scared yesterday but 25 days clean!'

Danny

Excerpts from emails received by Eric Scattebo, producer of Vision radio's 'Real Faith'. www.realfaith.org.au



**For the LORD your God
is the God of gods and Lord of lords,
the great, mighty, and awe-inspiring God...**

DEUTERONOMY 10:17

COVID-19 test Kits for Democratic Republic of Congo

Covid-19 is wreaking havoc across many African countries. When a cluster broke out in DRC, MAF responded to an urgent call for test kits. Transporting kits was far from easy. In order for the enzyme in the kits to not be damaged in the heat, a 'cold chain' had to be kept intact. Travel permissions had to be granted to enter the country via Uganda.

MAF's Peter Rothchild shares, 'We were able to deliver everything in good condition. . . showing it is possible to cope with very difficult logistics.'

Source:
Flying for Life Winter 2020



Zoom Home Groups

Wednesday - 8pm

Thursday - 2pm

Both groups are using the Bible Study material which is currently being made available in the weekly news sheet.

Please contact
Pastor Tony
if you would
like to be
involved
in either of
these groups.



On my daily walk:

In the park by Boronia railway station.

Thelymitra pauciflora
Slender Sun Orchid



Continue in prayer about the School Chaplaincy Bill to be considered before the Victorian Parliament in October that it will not be upheld. Also, continue upholding Ange Bakhtiari, chaplain at Ferntree Gully North Primary School employed through CHIPS.



Continue to keep Giovanni A in prayer. He is now in William Angliss Rehab. Pray for the doctors as they assess Giovanni's ability to cope at home. Pray also for Angela as she visits but also as they both consider what is best for the future. Pray for the family as they support them both.

Please pray for Bingh (Gabiella) and her family as Bingh has been diagnosed with bowel cancer. Bingh is in Box Hill Hospital awaiting further medical treatment. Pray that the doctors will have wisdom at this time.

Praise the Lord that the specialist has advised Audrey she does not need surgery at this time but to continue with pain management and appropriate exercise.

As we come to the end of 2020, please continue/be in prayer for FTG Church as we consider how the Lord wants us to continue service for Him, including the possibility of playgroups.

Pray for our State Government as it makes decisions shortly about moving out of Stage 4 lockdown restrictions and the possible designation of Church Services being essential services.

Church Services Essential

Pastor Tony joined a large group of evangelical pastors signing a letter which was sent to the Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria last week. Firstly it was indicating gratefulness for the efforts and commitment of the government to contain the second wave of the COVID19 outbreak but then strongly encouraging the government to consider Church

services be designated an essential service. This would allow people to meet together providing spiritual, emotional and mental support. The letter did express the belief that this can be done in a safe way, ensuring that COVID Safe and social distancing measures exercised.



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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**Faith is to believe what you do
not see; the reward of this faith is
to see what you believe.**

Saint Augustine