

Greetings and welcome to our service. If you are a guest or looking for a new Church home, you are especially welcome. Crèche facilities are located next to the foyer for your convenience. Please join us for morning tea after the service.

11TH APRIL 2021

Today

10am - Worship

Speaker: Tony Burgum Series: The Words of Jesus at Easter Study 4: Words from the Road – Luke 24:13-27



Service can be watched on the FTG Church website, ftgbc.org.au

Next Sunday 18th April - 10am

9.30am - Prayer

10am - Worship

Speaker: Tony Burgum Series: The Gospel Message of Romans Study 18: Walk According to the Spirit – Romans 8:1-17 Now behold, two of them were travelling that same day to a village called Emmaus... So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

Luke 24:13&15

A Word From Tony: Faith on the Road

In the final chapter of the Gospel of Luke, there appears a beautiful account about two men, distraught over the death of Jesus, who find themselves in deep conversation with the Jesus Himself, only they don't realize it is Him.

As they walk the road to Emmaus, these two men learn about the Christ directly from the source. And when they finally realize who they had been talking with the entire time, they rush to tell the 11 apostles the good news: The Lord had indeed risen!

The experience of the two men and their encounter with Jesus upon the road to Emmaus is powerful. Not only does it serve as one of many post-resurrection appearances of Jesus, but it shows us how we can look to Scripture, particularly Old Testament prophecies, to see how God's plan has unfolded.

It also serves as a model for us in our own discipleship: Jesus opened the eyes of these men, steered them to the full truth that is contained in God's Word, and ultimately revealed Himself to them as the resurrected Saviour.

That is exactly what we are to do in our own faith journey.

Church Service 11th April

With sanding and sealing of the floors carried out Thursday and Friday, the Pastor and Elders decided that it would advisable not to hold our Sunday service today, Sunday 11th April, at the Church complex, but to have a service pre-recorded and available on the Church Website and also on DVD. This was done for 3 reasons: to allow the floors to dry properly, to avoid people being negatively impacted by smell and to provide time to clear up any remaining dust created by sanding.

Considerations were given of using the playgroup hall, but with the current COVID health regulations, we could only have fitted 36 people.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have provided and look forward to meeting back with you all next Sunday.



What's On This Week

Saturday 17th April: Working Bee, 8.30am at the Church

Dates For The Diary

Saturday 15th May, Movie Night at the Church Sunday 30th May, Church Life Meeting



Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope Give us strength, help us cope In this world, where e'er we roam Ancient words will guide us Home.

Ancient words ever true Changing me, and changing you. We have come with open hearts Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our Faith Handed down to this age. Came to us through sacrifice Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world. They resound with God's own heart Oh let the ancient words impart.

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Songwriters: Michael W Smith Lynn Deshazo

PNG COVID Emergency Appeal

Last week we provided you with information from Baptist World Aid regarding a request from the Baptist Union in Papua New Guinea (BUPNG) for urgent funding to help three Baptist-run hospitals in Tinsley, Telefomin and Kompain purchase PPE equipment their workers.

The amount raised so far from FTG is \$1,630. Thankyou for your generous support. This money has been sent to Baptist World Aid to be then forwarded to BUPNG.



Be love. End poverty.

Working Bee

Saturday 17th April from 8.30am

We will be clearing up after the flooring being sanded and sealed and carrying out some preparation work ready for carpet to be laid in the auditorium.

There will also be some general cleaning and tidying up around the complex.

Please speak to Frank Schlag for details and things you could be involved in.

Pastoral Availability

Pastor Tony has not scheduled any specific times to be at Church during this week, but, if you would like to meet with him, please call 0406 686715.

Day off -Friday.



Church Family Camp Interest

As mentioned last week, we are looking at the possibility of holding a Church Family camp later in 2021, possibly late in October.

However, before making any bookings we are keen to assess interest.

In the foyer is a sheet for you to put your names down.



The Privilege of Prayer

Come and pray together at 9.30am each Sunday before the worship service.

Please continue to keep Alan Sullivan in prayer as he remains in Maroondah Hospital recovering from shingles. He is still having rehab in preparation for going home.

Continue to pray for the Baptists Union of PNG as it seeks to support three Baptist-run hospitals in Tinsley, Telefomin and Kompain as they seek to treat people impacted by fast spreading COVID virus in PNG.

Please keep Hennie Luppa and Lynne Burgum in prayer as they receive treatment for back complaints.

Keep Jeanette Ullrich in prayer as she receives further treatment for a hip complaint.

Pray for the BUV head office team as they transition back into working together at the office in Camberwell. Pray also for Daniel Bullock as he leads the team which provides support for the 250 Baptist Churches throughout Victoria.

Please keep Helga Meinel in prayer as she continues her work with Arab people in SA. Give thanks for the many people who attended the Arab Hope Church on Good Friday.

Helga also asks that we pray for Jordan and the work of WEC, but also for the King and his family and the stability of the country. (Helga notes that Jordan has been one of the most stable countries in the Middle East but the most recent news out of Jordan is not good)



Eric Mock with the **Slavic Gospel Association** says Christians in former Soviet countries (where only 1% of people are Christians) have had unprecedented ministry opportunities during the Covid-19 pandemic. 'Amazing doors have opened up for the Gospel. Through SGA, we're helping churches provide upwards of 200,000 meals per month. And that has resulted in millions of meals served. As they bring food to people's homes, Christians share the hope of the risen Christ. Some estimates show the Gospel has been shared about 50,000 times or more. And through this, we're finding people coming to faith that would have never been interested in hearing from a church.'

Just one story from **Russia**: 'God is great! Because of the shutdown, we got a list of poor families in order to bring them food and a Bible. But we

got lost in one multistoried building and when we finally found the apartment, the woman at the door said no-one had called her to tell her we were coming. We were puzzled but still gave the woman a food package and a Bible. She was so surprised. She said it was a miracle because they needed food this week! And she was grateful to hear about our Christian faith! Later we realised we had been at the wrong building. But we know it wasn't an accident.

God had sent us there!'

| Date | Morning Tea | Bible reading | Flowers |
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| 18-Apr | Mirjam | Bradley | Lynne |
| 25-Apr | Regina | Rainer | Anni |
| 2-May | Christa | Scott | Mirjam |
| 9-May | Dorothy | Luke | Dorothy |
| 16-May | Renate | Jeanette | Jeanette |

If you are unable to fulfill your service at any time, please arrange to swap with someone else.

HOME GROUPS

| Wednesday 10am - Dingley, Helmut Becker | PH 0490 139864 |
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| Wednesday 10am – Home of P & E Kruger | PH 0437 012 402 |
| Wednesday am - Contact Martha Katona | PH 03 9803 1883 |
| Wednesday 8pm – Home of A & J Ullrich | PH 03 9762 7115 |
| Thursday 2pm – Home of R & H Luppa | PH 03 9758 4195 |
| Thursday 10am – Home of Audrey de Jong | PH 0433 490 719 |
| Saturday am - Contact Elfriede Kruger | PH 0490 963 685 |

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