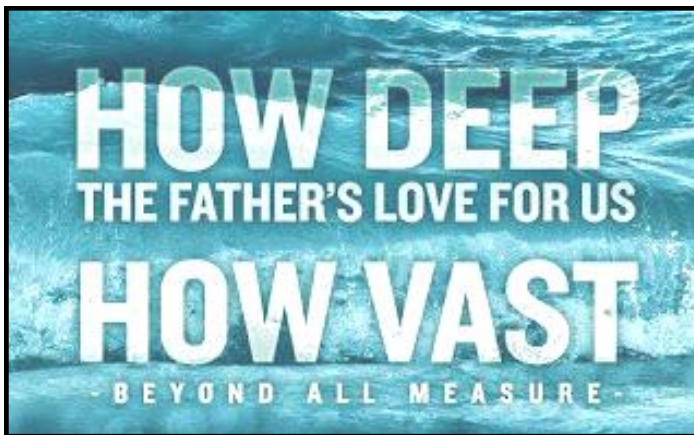




*Greetings and welcome to our service.
If you are a guest or looking for a new Church home,
you are especially welcome.
Crèche facilities are located next to the foyer for your convenience.
Please join us for morning tea after the service.*



Today

9.30am - Prayer

10am - Worship

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We welcome our Guest Speaker
Geoff Maddock,
GIA State Leader VIC/TAS

Sharing God's Love – John 3:16

For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



A Word From Tony

The History of Australian Baptist Mission

Australian Baptist mission started in 1864 as the activity of individual Baptist colonies in Australia. On 28 October 1882, the first Australian Baptist missionaries, Ellen Arnold and Marie Gilbert, left Adelaide for India. After that, Baptist Missionary Societies in each of the other colonies also sent missionaries to India and then in 1912 those societies formed a federation and the Australian Baptist Foreign Mission (“ABFM”) was registered on 1 May 1913 with its headquarters in Adelaide. The work focused on the region of Bengal.

Following World War two, Australian Baptists were challenged to extend their evangelistic passion across the borders of Bengal to neighbouring countries and to people living in Papua New Guinea.

From there Australian Baptist horizons extended to more countries in Asia and Africa. Baptist work among Aboriginal Australians was also entrusted to the mission.

The name of the Mission was changed to the Australian Baptist Missionary Society (“ABMS”) in 1959 and the current name, Global Interaction, was adopted in August 2002.

For nearly 140 years, God has used the Mission staff to contribute to the transformation of the lives of many people groups. Around 1,800 active faith communities are operating with a formal membership of more than 150,000 believers and a wide range of medical, health and development initiatives are now led by national churches.

What's On This Week

Due to COVID lockdown, all ministry and meetings have been suspended including home groups in private homes or at the Church.

Next Sunday 29th August

Speaker: Tony Burgum
Series: The Gospel Message of Romans
Study 28: Living Sacrifice,
Transformed Mind – Romans 12:1-2

If you wish to do a bank transfer into the Church bank Account the details are:

ANZ - Ferntree Gully Baptist Church

BSB: 013278

Account: 296710027



Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 12th September – Annual Church Life Meeting
Friday 29th to Sunday 31st October –
Church Family Camp, Belgrave Heights Lodge

Pastoral Availability

Pastor Tony has returned from leave.

To contact him please phone

0406 686 715



Annual Church Life Meeting



Meeting Reminder

We plan to hold our Annual General Church Life Meeting on Sunday 12th September.

We will keep you informed with regard to minutes, agendas and timing of the meeting.



Reasons for no longer attending professional sports games. (or maybe church?)

1. Every time I go they ask me for money.
2. The people I sit by aren't very friendly.
3. The seats are hard and uncomfortable.
4. The coach never calls me.
5. The referee makes decisions I don't agree with.
6. Some games go into overtime and I'm late getting home.
7. My parents took me too many times when I was growing up.
8. My kids need to be able to make their own decisions about what sports to follow.

Church Fellowship Camp

A Church Family Camp at Belgrave Heights Convention Lodge is currently booked for 29th to 31st October 2021. However, with the current ongoing COVID lockdown uncertainties we are reevaluating the viability of a camp. We are keen to hear current thoughts from those who initially put their names down to attend. Please speak to Andrew Ullrich or Pastor Tony.



*Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be*



*Great
is thy
faithfulness*

*Great is Thy faithfulness,
great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
new mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

Songwriter: William M. Runyan

Staunton's New Ministry Project

In their latest newsletter, Andy and Cathie shared about a new project they are planning. This involves leasing a building to provide training in literacy, small business incubation and skill-based training. The centre will also be used as a coffee shop. Also, they have purchased a rickshaw which is being converted into a coffee cart. They plan to employ some locals to run the café and coffee cart but also to provide mentoring and discipleship for the workers and families. This is one way Andy and Cathie see that they can be more involved in the Chreav village local community. Also, with discussions I have had with Andy, they also hope to commence a Christian Church in the village.

If you would like to provide any monetary gifts toward support for these projects, please contact Andrew Ullrich about how you can give.

They are also building a swimming pool next to their house and plan to set up a swimming school. (Drowning are an issue in the community.)



Please pray for our neighbours

Indonesia is currently reporting the highest number of new cases of COVID 19 per day in the world, exceeding the rates of India and Brazil.

Active infections – approximately 650,000, with more than 20,000 deaths in July alone. Over 250,000 children have tested positive for COVID-19. 7 to 12 years old are the most affected (28 per cent), followed by the 16 to 18 age group (25 per cent) and the 13 to 15 age group (19 per cent). Child mortality has reached 3 to 5 per cent, which could be the highest in the world according to the World Health Organisation.

Overall data is indicating that Indonesia could have a death rate three times higher than the global average right now.



The Privilege of Prayer

Please be in prayer regarding the current problems in Afghanistan, especially in relation to the Taliban moving very quickly taking over towns and cities. Pray for governments like the USA and Australia as they seek to safely evacuate foreign nationals and locals who provided support during the 20 years of conflict. Pray also for those who remain in Afghanistan, especially women and children. Pray for the protection and God's presence for believers who are in danger there and in surrounding nations.

Pray for those affected by the Haiti earthquake and the agencies providing aid to them.

Praise the Lord that the Stauntons - Andy, Cathie, Charlie, Ruby and Hugo have been able to remain in Cambodia during the COVID pandemic and have been kept safe and healthy.

Pray for Andy and Cathie as they seek to commence new Ministry projects in Chreav Village supporting locals but also seeking opportunities to share about God's love for them.

Praise God for the speakers we had over the past 6 weeks: Jim Dawson WEC, Brent Weeks Reach Beyond, Graham Cann, Andrew Hill Venew Church, Jonathan and Michelle Ullrich AFES and local church ministry, Robert Hayman BUV. Pray for the various ministry organisations they are working with that the Lord will be able to continue to use them to reach people with the message of His love, forgiveness and salvation.

Continue to uphold Giovanni and Angela in prayer. Giovanni is in Box Hill hospital and is limited in his ability to walk. Pray that he will be spared pain but also continue to know the Lord's nearness and care for him.

Pray for Joy in the Austin Hospital. Pray for the doctors and nurses caring for Joy in relation to the spinal surgery.

Continue to uphold the Pastoral Search Committee in prayer: Andrew U, Rainer L, Jeanette U, Frank S, Corey E and Lorraine G as they move forward in deliberating and seeking the Lord's guidance with regard to pastoral leadership at FTG.



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