

MUDDY WATER

"A righteous man who falters before the wicked is like a murky spring and a polluted well." - Proverbs 25:26

This proverb reveals the true consequences of one who fails to do right before a wicked world - they muddy the water. *A righteous man's mouth is a "well of life," pure and wholesome (Prov. 10:11).* However, when he falters, his well is corrupt and useless.

A righteous man may falter for various reasons: fear, favour, weakness, weariness.

1. He may fear the consequences of his stand for truth. This becomes a trap to him (*Prov. 29:25*). He is enslaved to the whims of men who hate God and His truth. The fearless man, on the other hand is free. He fears God, not man, and is free to act in a way that pleases God and satisfies his own soul (*Heb. 11:5-6*).
2. He may [favour those who are in sin - overlooking their sin because of personal feelings]. This will cause him to be an abomination before the Lord (*Prov. 17:15*). The one who does not show favour, pleases the Lord (*cf. Jas. 2:1-9*). He acts in the Lord's and man's best interest.
3. He may be weak and give in to sin, returning to the mire from which he came (*2 Pet. 2:22*). This brings out his true character, showing him to be of little strength (*Prov. 24:10*). He needs to mature so he is not a slave to his desires and the temptations that come to him (*Eph. 4:12-14*). A strong man will stand out and be a pure example to others.
4. He may give in because of weariness. Such men give up their reward (*cf. Gal. 6:9; Heb. 10:36*). This man needs to remember that labour in the Lord is not in vain (*1 Cor. 15:58*). Also, by considering the trials of Christ, one can gain courage and energy to press on (*Heb. 12:1-3*).

Jesus said, *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men"* (*Matt. 5:13*). Again, the child of God is to be an example, and a preservative, in the world. However, if he loses his influence by becoming like the world - by polluting himself - he will be "good for nothing" and "thrown out." In other words, he is not fit to serve God and will lose his soul.

Are you murky and muddy or clear and clean?

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NEWS AND NOTES

Welcome

We welcome you this morning and hope and pray that your time with us will be spiritually uplifting and fulfilling. We look forward to seeing you again.

CampING 2010 The Gospel is for All

Here's a little about the Talleys who are friends of the Rowleys. Alan describes them as "A wonderful missionary family who have served God for many years in Kenya and now Tanzania. Rebecca is the daughter of long time Thailand and Trinidad missionary Parker Henderson. Velma Foreman runs the One Mile Clinic in Lae, PNG and will attend camp to update the church on the clinic."

Although, you and I may not be sent to Africa or Papua New Guinea to spread the news about Jesus, we can point those in our influence to the truth about Jesus as we seek to live with integrity before them.

"John was not the light. But he came to tell people about the light." Jn 1:8

Mark it in your diaries;
CampING 2010
Fri 5-Mon 8 March.

Young Married & Young Families Ministry: "Getting to Know Me"

Our first event for the year is the session scheduled for 10am-2pm on Sat, 13 Feb 2010. Benny Tabalujan & Debby Rowley will introduce the MBTI (Myer-Briggs Type Indicator) to those participating in the session. The MBTI is a personality typing instrument widely used to help better understand our individual preferences on a number of dimensions.

It is often helpful for improving marriage and work relationships. Space is limited so if you're interested in coming along, please let Benny know by Fri, 5 Feb. There's a cost of \$20 per person for the MBTI instrument - the rest of the cost will be subsidized by our ministry budget. Venue details will be announced later. Please direct all inquiries to Benny Tabalujan or Debby Rowley please.

Five new Christians

We join with Jimmy in celebrating, as he baptised 5 of his extended family members last week.



DG Leaders Meeting

DG Leaders will be getting together straight after worship on Sunday 7th February for a short meeting to run through the new Topic Outline: Fruit of the Spirit. See Alan R with any questions

Jumping Juniors - 2010!

Jumping juniors is for all primary school aged students, older and younger siblings are welcome too. The activities are aimed for primary aged kids. Parents and kids spend time together having fun, playing games and doing a range of other activities. We also spend time having a devotional, singing and a prayer.

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We meet together once a month and encourage all kids to bring their friends along.

Join us for a sausage sizzle at the building.
Saturday 13 February @ 5.30pm
Please bring a drink, chips or a sweet.

A year planner for Jumping Juniors has been organized but we have a few months free for any volunteer who would like to host Jumping Juniors at the building, or in your home. The months free are May, October and November

If you would like to help us out or come to jumping Juniors please contact David or Rhonda on 98724416



Prayers Please

- Pray for the improved health of Pauline's sister Ann in Singapore
- Continue to pray for Hannah's health
- Pray for Sonia's mother, Mdm. Zheng who has been diagnosed with cancer

- For the health of Diedre Taylor's family
- For U-li and new babe, Ariel Mae-Lyn
- For Amber Drew as she settles in at STAMP
- For the continued health of Andrew Penhall
- For Frannie Baker and newly born daughter, Jade Chrislyn
- Our pregnant mums Ainz, Alice, Beth, Emma Thomas and Paula
- All of our kids who are starting back at school this week
- Pray for the Sudanese congregation at Clayton

People Movements

- The Tabalujans have returned from their long holiday in Singapore and Indonesia
- The Forbes are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary in Hawaii. They will be back at church on Sunday 14th February
- 5th - 8th February, Amber Tyres from the Malaga congregation in Perth, and her boyfriend Andrew Buns are visiting Melbourne, and are staying with Take-sure Katuruza's family.

For the Record

24th January 2010

Contribution: \$818.00

Attendance: English --, Chinese --

PEARLY GATES



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Belmore Road church of Christ is a God centered, Bible based family that provides a nurturing environment to share God's truth in love.



In Jesus and through his spirit, we foster and encourage spiritual growth and understanding, offering friendship and help to those in need. We reach out to all, starting with those who are seeking the truth, people in our local community and those who we meet in our daily lives. As we have come to know God's love, we reach out and share His love with others.

WORSHIP ROSTER JANUARY 2010

Jan	Greeters	Announce (Op+CI Prayer)	Songs	Lord's Supper	Reading + assist LS	Sp Prayer + assist LS	Preaching (Paul on Christian Marriage & Family Life")	Sun Adults' Class - Learning at different ages/cultures/ stages")
31	David W David T	Ian C	Richard H	Alan R	Gareth L	Jimmy F	Peter R	Steve B
Mid-week	Wednesday Nights: 27th Jan - Benny T							

WORSHIP ROSTER FEBRUARY 2010

Jan	Greeters	Announce (Op+CI Prayer)	Songs	Lord's Supper	Reading + assist LS	Sp Prayer + assist LS	Preaching - "The Ser- mon on the Mount"	Sun Adults' Class - "The Cross - Reflec- tion on God's Re- demption"
07	Gareth L Nic L	Alan R	John C	Steve B	David W	Trevor B	Benny T	Peter R
14	Gareth L Nic L	Alan R	John C	Steve B	Cedric L	John B	David M	Peter R
21	Gareth L Nic L	Alan R	Peter R	Trevor B	John B	Cedric L	Gordon H	Peter R
28	Gareth L Nic L	Alan R	Peter R	Trevor B	Francis H	David T	Benny T	Peter R
Mid-week	Discovery Group: Feb 3 Roger D.; Feb 10 Benny T.; Feb 17 Richard H.; Feb 24 Mark I.							

WORSHIP ROSTER JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2010

Lord's Supper	Luncheon Duty	Morning Tea	Mowing	Cleaning
Tom Donnelley	----	+ Volunteer	Ian C James C	02 - Volunteer 09 - Crill 16 - Tabe 23 - Bee Ling, Cedric, Nick 30 - Jackel
Tjing Krause	Jackie Baldwin Analene F	Jean Collier Amy Waugh Bethany B	Roger D John B	06 - Ibbertson 13 - Lewis 20 - Chan 27 - Permezel