

THE WALL – WE REMEMBER (PART TWO)

Some books we read, movies we watch and conversations we have are so moving, that every effort is made to pass on the experience. After reading a good book, we encourage others to buy or borrow a copy. Who hasn't watched a movie, and then gone back for a repeat, or desired to retell an engaging conversation? Our reading today - Ephesians chapter 2:11-22 - is one of those outstanding readings of the bible.

We believe in Paul's statement all scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.", and in my mind Ephesians chapter two is of special quality. It speaks to us about the majesty and mystery of God. You can see the majesty or the beauty of our Father in every statement. The mystery is not a reference to a riddle or a secret but rather a spiritual insight known to previous generations.

- **God can be trusted with whatever He promises.** God made a promise to Abraham all nations would be blessed. Paul describes the Gentiles the uncircumcised "as foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and God, excluded from the citizenship of Israel", but "now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ ." (verse 12-13) It took centuries but God delivered on His promise to Abraham. How trustworthy is God?
- **It was Jesus who removed the obstacle to coming to God.** Christ's death met the requirements of the law. He fulfilled the law, "the commandments and regulations His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two" (verse 15) Christ's death and resurrection removed the law. Salvation by faith established through the finished work of Christ.
- **God broke down the human barriers that separate nation with nation.** In Paul's time the separation was between Jew and Gentile, the circumcised and uncircumcised. Today it is between the Christian, Muslim, Jew, Jehovah witness and Pentecostal. "For he himself is our peace" (verse 15) "fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household" (verse 19). The reality is the barriers are still with us, but our world tomorrow with the completed work of Christ salvation has no boundaries.

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NEWS AND NOTES

- **God gave us a reason for His institution - the Church.** To continue in our efforts to bring ‘peace’ (verse 15) and “reconciliation” (verse 16) to all mankind. “and in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit”(22)

God’s work has been planned, prepared and delivered over the centuries. He continues to shape future generations and nations. Last week we focused on the dismantling of the Berlin wall, a physical symbol of death, hatred, poverty and fear. The spiritual wall was dismantled by the death and resurrection of our Lord, which is a message full and complete, with optimism and hope, and a message affirming the majesty and mystery of God.

Trevor

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.

Thanks from Tjing

Tjing Krause would like to express thanks to Francis Hooi, Pete Randell, and Ashley Crill, for cleaning up her garden yesterday (Saturday). You guys are really a blessing, and a great inspiration.



Chris Baker’s Operation rescheduled

Chris Baker’s fistula operation which was to take place last Tuesday was cancelled . It will be rescheduled.

Childrens Home, Sathupalli, India.

“Pray for me”, and “Thank you” cards have been sent to us, they are on display in the foyer. Check them out!

Edifier - Returning in 2010

The Edifier team would like to thank you all for contributing towards keeping the brethren at Belmore Road informed about events, church matters and requests throughout 2009.

We would especially like to thank those responsible for regular contributions (you know who you are), and would like to encourage you all for 2010 to continue to submit notices, thank-you’s, and other information relevant to the Lord’s church at Belmore Road.

We will be taking a break from regular Publication, and returning on 10 January 2010.

Forthcoming Events

- 27 Dec 2009 - 1 Jan 2010: Camp Challenge, Yarramundi, NSW.

NEWS AND NOTES

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People Movements

- The Tabalujans are on their annual sojourn in Asia. They're due back in Melb on 26 Jan.

Prayers Please

- Continue to pray that Hannah will be healed, and the whole Campbell family
- Please pray for all of our brothers & sisters in Christ who are travelling at the moment, to visit friends and family all over the world, and throughout Australia
- Pray for wisdom for our Leaders and Politicians as they struggle to reach agreements concerning global issues
- Our pregnant mums Alice and U-Li.
- Pray for courage for yourself – to go out and share the saving message of Christ

December Birthdays

Vicki Baldwin	1st
Sarah Chan	2nd
Joshua Campbell	6th
Phil Drew	7th

Ben Campbell	18th
Anthony Donnelley	22nd
Roger Donnelley	22nd
Matthew Cornock	24th

Wedding Anniversaries

Beth & Luke Humphries	3rd
Kate & Steve Burgin	4th
Pauline & Benny Tabalujan	4th
Jennifer & Rob Permezel	11th
Jackie & John Baldwin	26th
Susan & Jerry Lu	28th
Cath & Roger Donnelley	29th

Spiritual Birthdays

Jean Collier	12 Dec 1976
Peter Randall	20 Dec 1996
Trevor Baker	29 Dec 1974
Roger Donnelley	1987
Phil Drew	29 Dec 1980
Jo Drew	29 Dec 1980
Juli Forbes	Dec 1997
CK Lim	Dec 1984
Vera Lim	Dec 1984

For the Record

13th December 2009
 Contribution: \$808.00
 Attendance: English --, Chinese --

PEARLY GATES

SOME GIFTS COME WITH BATTERIES, SOME GIFTS COME WITHOUT...



SOME GIFTS ARE QUICKLY BROKEN, THEIR QUALITY IN DOUBT...



SOME GIFTS ARE WRAPPED UP NICELY, BY SOMEONE WHO'S QUITE ABLE...



BUT THE GREATEST GIFT THE WORLD HAS KNOWN... WAS LOVE-WRAPPED IN A STABLE!



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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 DECEMBER 2009

Dec	Greeters	Announce (Op+Cl Prayer)	Songs	Lord's Supper	Reading + assist LS	Sp Prayer + assist LS	Preaching (Paul on Chris- tian Marriage & Family Life")	Adults' Class - Learning at dif- ferent ages/ cultures/ stages")
20	Nicholas L Jimmy F	David T	Richard H	Trevor B	Cedric L	Ach C	Stephen J	Peter R
27	Nicholas L Jimmy F	David T	Richard H	Trevor B	Cedric L	Gareth L	Steve B	Peter R
Wed	Study Dec 9 - Benny T; Dec 16 - John C; Dec 23 - John C; Dec 30 - Steve B							

WORSHIP ROSTER JANUARY 2009

Dec	Greeters	Announce (Op+Cl Prayer)	Songs	Lord's Supper	Reading + assist LS	Sp Prayer + assist LS	Preaching (Paul on Chris- tian Marriage & Family Life")	Adults' Class - "The Cross - Re- flection on God's Redemption)
03	David W David T	Charles H	Scott C	Ash C	Cedric L	John B	Mark I	Trevor B
10	David W David T	Charles H	Scott C	Ash C	Cedric L	Gareth L	Francis H	Steve B
17	David W David T	Charles H	Mark I	Ash C	John B	Trevor B	Peter R	Steve B
24	David W David T	Ian C	Pak Tjun	Rich- ard H	John B	Jimmy F	Peter R	Steve B
31	David W David T	Ian C	Pak Tjun	Rich- ard H	Gareth L	Jimmy F	Peter R	Steve B
Wed	Study Jan - 6 - Roger D; Jan - 13 - Steve B; Jan - 20 - Peter R; Jan - 27 - Benny T							

DUTY ROSTER DECEMBER 2009 / JANUARY 2010

Lord's Supper	Luncheon Duty	Morning Tea	Mowing	Cleaning
Milly Burgin	Jackie Baldwin Gareth L	Analene F. Johanna Lewis	Mark I.	19 - Crill 26 - Ana C & Trevor B.
Tom Donnelley	----	+ Volunteer	Ian C James C	02 - Volunteer 09 - Crill 16 - Tabe 23 - Bee Ling, Cedric, Nick 30 - Jackel