

THE WALL – WE REMEMBER (PART ONE)

On Tuesday, the 10th November the world celebrated a fallen symbol. Twenty years ago, the Berlin wall 45k.m. in length and 1.5m high was dismantled. This wall stood as a constant in your face reminder of terrible images. The Berlin wall was

- **A symbol of hatred.** Built by East Germany in 1961. This physical structure divided a once whole city.
- **A symbol of death.** When the wall was dismantled over years hundreds died trying to escape to the west. One article reported 136 people shot dead trying to cross east to west. For many tried and never made it.
- **A symbol of separation.** The wall separated families, relatives and friends. Individuals were unable to walk, jump in their car and go visit a loved one. All because of this stupid wall.
- **A symbol of poverty and fear.** Many feared that the wall if pulled down would bring down an economy. East Berlin would make west Berlin an economic basket case. Welcome to the world of insecurity.
- **A symbol of no hope.** Hope and prosperity depending on what side of the fence you resided. East being out for me.

These are some reported comments of those celebrating the death of a symbol, “it’s a day for those who believe in the face of cynicism, doubt and oppression, walls can truly come down” “no barrier to celebrating” “families torn in two wept tears of relief as their loved ones crossed the barricade” and finally “the world cheered the fall of hated that divided east from west in the cold war.”

Without doubt the world has changed when the wall was taken down piece by piece

- Providing new opportunities and adventures.
- Providing new friendships and hope.
- Providing political and social reforms throughout Eastern Europe.

How do you interpret such world events? Some interpret through spiritual eyes, as Daniel once prophesied about God’s sovereignty in world affairs. If you were born after 1989 the level of interpretation may have no significance as you more than likely have only read or heard these facts. For those of us who lived through the whole event we may see it in a different way. I don’t believe such events are merely coincidence. I know God is involved in our personal affairs as well world affairs, like the Berlin wall. I am a big, big believer in the majesty and mystery of God. The wall stood as a terrible symbol. This coming week think about the wall. Open your bible and read Ephesians 2:11-22 and meditate on the spiritual wall. The spiritual wall has more impact on individuals than the physical Berlin wall. The mystery and majesty of our Father.

Trevor

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.

Young Marrieds / Young Families MBTI - 13 Feb

Couples who are young marrieds or have young families are invited to participate in an MBTI workshop on Sat 13 Feb 2010 from 10am-2.00pm. The MBTI (Myer-Briggs Type Indicator) is a widely used tool to help individuals understand their communication and learning preferences in order to communicate and work better with each other. Benny Tabalujan and Debby Rowley, who are both certified to use the MBTI, will be facilitating the workshop. The subsidised cost is \$20 per person. If there are other BRCOC members who are interested, please speak with Benny or Debby to discuss the possibility of running another session.

Youth News

Some of the youth are away with several young adults and some parents this week on a camp at Powlett River. They will be worshipping together and remembering Jesus on or near the beach together. This camp marks the end of year for formal activities. Hangin" In and other regular activities will resume in the new year.

Jumping Juniors

The next Jumping juniors will be on the 17th December. We will be going on a walk titled "The Road to Bethlehem - The Story of Jesus". This will be for every family - not just school aged kids. More information will be coming soon. If you have any questions please call Rhonda 98724416 Jennifer 98947044

Jumping Juniors Road to Bethlehem

Just wanted to let you know that tickets have been booked for our Road to Bethlehem walk. We will be doing our walk on Thursday the 17th of December at 9:20. There was nothing for a large group any earlier (on Thursday) than this however if this is too late for those of you that are interested there are plenty of tickets for earlier times and don't forget this runs between the 14th - 17th of December. I have booked 40 tickets and there are still plenty of those available but please let me know if you would like to come soon. This event is not just for jumping juniors we welcome everyone to come and be apart of this glorious event. You will not regret it....but those of you who miss out might. It is a wonderful way to start your Christmas celebration.

God Bless,
Jennifer Permezel

Draft 2010 Building Roster

On behalf of the building and maintenance team, thank you to all that have helped out this year, putting together the Lord's supper, making morning tea, cleaning, mowing, working bee, putting together luncheon's. Belmore Road couldn't do it without you and we thank God for you. A new year is soon upon us therefore attached is a printed copy of the 2010 Building Roster. Please let us know if you are aware of any unavailabilities or errors in the roster e.g. double ups. We have tried to follow requests and suggestions but please correct us if this isn't reflected in the roster.

Ash and Charlotte Crill

Hospital

On Tuesday Chris Baker will be in Box Hill

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Hospital having her fistula replaced. It will be an over night stay.

Forthcoming Events

- 17th Dec 2009: Jumping Juniors
- 18th Dec 2009: L.P.G
- 27 Dec 2009 - 1 Jan 2010: Camp Challenge, Yarramundi, NSW.

Prayers Please

- Continue to pray that Hannah will be healed, and the whole Campbell family
- Continue to pray for Chris Baker's health, and for Trevor and the Baker family.
- Pray for our Church Elders, Deacons, and all who work for the Lord at Belmore Road
- Our pregnant mums Alice, U-Li, Paula and Beth.

People Movements

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

For the Record

06th December 2009
Contribution: \$1166.00

29th November 2009
Contribution: \$2659.00

December Birthdays

Vicki Baldwin	1st	
Sarah Chan	2 nd	
Joshua Campbell	6 th	
Phil Drew	7 th	
Ben Campbell		18 th
Anthony Donnelley	22 nd	
Roger Donnelley	22 nd	
Matthew Cornock	24 th	

Wedding Anniversary

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

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

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



WORSHIP ROSTER DECEMBER 2009

Dec	Greeters	Announce (Op+Cl Prayer)	Songs	Lord's Supper	Reading + assist LS	Sp Prayer + assist LS	Preaching (Paul on Christian Marriage & Family Life")	Sun Adults' Class ("What we learn at dif- ferent ages/ cultures/ stages")
13	Nicholas L Jimmy F	David T	Cedric L	Steve B	Ach C	Alex L	John C	Peter R
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
Mid- Week	Discovery Group Dec 9 - Benny T; Dec 16 - John C; Dec 23 - John C; Dec 30 - Steve B							

DUTY ROSTER DECEMBER 2009

Lord's Supper	Lunch Prep & Cleanup	Morning Tea	Mowing	Cleaning
Milly Burgin	Jackie Baldwin Ruth Xu Chris C. (H)	Analene F. Johanna Lewis	Mark I.	05 - Drew 12 - Balwins. 19 - Crill 26 - Ana C & Trevor B.