

## Are we cultivating His Fruit?

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.** Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.'* Galatians 5:22-25 (TNIV)

These words were written by the apostle Paul at a time when the churches in Galatia were experiencing considerable turmoil. They were being influenced by a group of Jewish Christians to depart from the Gospel which Paul had taught. They were no longer 'keeping in step with the Spirit', but instead were being led by others who were convincing them to return to some of the old ways – to some of the legalistic works of the Old Testament.

Throughout his letter, Paul affirms the freedom that the churches have from the old ways. He stresses that it is by faith in Jesus Christ, not through the law, that people are brought into the right relationship with God. And it is through faith that they are to live out their new life in the freedom of the Spirit.

Paul also points out that Christian freedom brings with it a requirement for believers to allow themselves be led by the Spirit and, in doing so, to display the Fruit of the Spirit.

Over the next 14 weeks, Discovery Groups will provide us with the opportunity to study the Fruit of the Spirit and to examine how well each of us is being led by the Spirit. It's an opportunity for all of us to work on cultivating His Fruit, to better model Christ and to become his showcase.

R.J. Krejcir puts it well when he states *'The cultivation of our Fruitful faith becomes the practical aspect of living and loving life and is the current God uses in us to show that the Gospel is real as it resides in us and resounds to those around us.'* (Discipleship Tools, [www.discipleshiptools.org](http://www.discipleshiptools.org) )

Alan Rowley

## 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

**Don't forget to pay your \$20 for registration and your registration form today and be eligible for the Early Bird special!**

NOTE: There is a slight change to pricing for Sunday Worshippers at CampING: For those coming for Sunday Worship only (without staying for morning tea or lunch) on the 7th of March, there is no Onsite Charge of \$13.90 - they can come for FREE. However, if they choose to stay for Morning Tea, there will be a nominal fee of \$5.00 per person. Registration for catering purposes is necessary

On the Saturday night of camp, we will be holding a Multi-Cultural Night-International Bazaar. "Be a part of celebrating our diverse cultural heritage and discover how much you know about other lands, customs and the people in Global Trivia Bingo. Bid for your chance to receive a Cultural Experience Package-helping to raise funds for the PNG clinic and meanwhile trade your International Tokens from the cornucopia of flavors at our World Snacks and Refreshments Stand. Finally, as at the end of any adventurous journey- buy a souvenir to remember the trip!"

It's going to be fun and glorifying to God! Are you coming?

"For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor 4:5,6

### Discovery Groups:

- DGs are starting this week! The topic for this term is the Fruits of the Spirit. We hope you will find this time of small group fellowship beneficial as well as enjoyable.

### Ladies' Prayer Group



Need refuelling during the week? Join a small group of sisters who share in a time of devotional and prayer.

Previously on alternate Fridays, we might be changing the day and venue for our gathering, so please do let Sally-Kate know what suits you best and we will work something out. The LPG is part of the Women's Ministry and we are always interested in ideas and suggestions on how we can further equip our women in the Lord. Please let Sally-Kate or Richard know your wonderful ideas.

### Autumn Songfest 2010



Keith Lancaster will once again be in Melbourne to lead a citywide singing event. This free event, attended by hundreds previously, is on again at Beaumont Hall, Blackburn High School on 7.30pm, Wed, 3rd Mar 2010. There will also be a song leader's workshop the night before (7.30pm) at Essex Park Community Centre, Endeavour Hills.

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

Yesterday, Benny and Debby facilitated 12 young marrieds/families in a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator session. The session provided a very useful insight into identifying how we are "hard-wired" and how we can use that knowledge to help in our family and married

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lives. Excellent session with many "light bulb" moments. A big thank you to Benny and Debby and also to the Rowley's for opening their home and providing a healthy lunch. And a big thanks to Pauline and Jackie in looking after the kids.

### Recently Married



Marvin and Oi recently got married in Thailand. They had a traditional Thai wedding and were dressed in traditional costumes.

Oi is a Christian girl that Marvin met whilst over in Thailand.

### 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 Beth Humphris and new son Roy Benjamin

- For Alice Merigoux and new son Stephan
- For Frannie Baker and newly born daughter, Jade Chrislyn
- Our pregnant mums Ainz, Sophie, Paula and Emma Thomas
- For the continued health of Andrew Penhall
- For Amber Drew as she settles in at STAMP
- Pray for the Sudanese congregation at Chadstone

### People Movements

- Ruth Zu is in China visiting with her parents until 6th March
- Nancy Wu-Won is on her way back from Cairns this afternoon.
- Ian Campbell & the boys are travelling back from Sydney today
- Welcome to the 'Bargholz Trekkers' who are with us today before setting out on their next adventure
- Welcome back to the Forbes who have been celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary in Hawaii.

### For the Record

7th February 2010

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Attendance: English 105, Chinese 16

### The 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 FEBRUARY 2010**

Jan	Greeters	Announce (Op+Cl 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"
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
<b>Mid- week</b>	<b>Discovery Group: Feb 10 Alan Rowley.; Discovery Group commences Feb 15</b>							

**DUTY ROSTER FEBRUARY 2010**

Lord's Supper	Luncheon Duty	Morning Tea	Mowing	Cleaning
Tjing Krause	Jackie Baldwin Analene F	Jean Collier Amy Waugh Bethany B	Roger D John B	06 - Ibbertson 13 - Lewis 20 - Chan 27 - Permezel