

We are Family

Belmore Road is the eighth congregation that I have been a part of during my Christian walk. The other seven congregations were all in the US – three different cities in Florida, two fellowships in Nashville, one in the suburbs of Chicago and one deep in the Bible-belt of America – Austin, Texas. Each of these gatherings of Christians had their own distinct ‘personality’ as a group of people, but one thing that has been characteristic of all of them has been a deep and abiding sense of being a family.

I think this is particularly true of Belmore Road. Perhaps this is because many of us don’t have extended families here in Melbourne, or even in Australia. Perhaps it’s due to our relatively small size, compared to the 700+ we worshipped with in Austin. Or maybe it’s because this was and is part of the Lord’s plan when He put together the pattern of His church.

He knew that we would need others to help us grow stronger in our faith and our walk with Him (Hebrews 3:13). He anticipated our need to have others help hold us to account for faith – people who could say an encouraging word, ask the hard question, ponder with us difficult decisions (Colossians 3:16). He planned for us to have others rejoice with us in our happiness and cry with us in our sorrows (Romans 12:15). He wanted us to have people so close to us that they would see our needs and do whatever they could to meet those needs (Galatians 6:10). At its deepest essence, isn’t this what family is? Isn’t this what family does?

Our personal families are made up of individuals – each with their own strengths, personalities, ideas, goals, contributions and needs. We recognise each person for who they are. We love them, we like them – sometimes better than at other times, we care for them and we know them well enough to know their needs. We know that being part of the family brings benefits and responsibilities. In some situations, we are in the giving role and then things shift and we’re in the receiving role.

In my family, my brother, Dick, was one of God’s special children. He was both mentally and physically handicapped. He needed extra care, and each of us in the family had a role in providing that. He, in turn, provided to each of us wonderful lessons for life – being patient with ourselves and others, getting joy out of simple things around us, and giving love without measure.

We at Belmore Road are family. God is our Father. Jesus is our eldest brother. We are all the younger siblings – who are looking after each other, helping each other grow as best we can, and letting others help us when we are in need.

Debby 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.

Today - Ladies Over The Table

Ladies, please join us today for "Over the table". Salad greens will be provided, so bring your favourite salad topping to share. We will eat together, have a short devotional period and make decorations for the upcoming India banquet.

We will meet at 4:00 at the church building and be finished around 7:00. Hope you can join us. Catherine Donnelley is in charge of crafts, Debbie Carpenter in charge of the meal.

Also on Sunday September 12, we will meet at the Carpenter's home to make beaded bookmarks. We will have a meal together, create, design and fellowship.

Join us at 4:00 at 4A Bright Street, Brighton East. Please bring any tools you have to cut or shape wire (jewellery making tools) and a Salad topping. Call Debbie with questions.

Singing Night Tonight

The next singing night is on tonight! This will be held at Jules' Cseszko's home at 12 Koroit St. Nunawading (Tel: 9894 8218) at 7pm. Bring a song if you want - and someone else, if they're so into singing. See Nancy for more details.

Bollywood Night

As you may be aware, on the 7th of August at 6.00pm at the Church Building we are having a fund raiser to help the 8 children we currently support in India!

If you have spoken to Chorlian, you can imagine, this has been a significant sacrifice by all who are looking after their physical and spiritual needs!

\$50 per adult and children free...includes

- Dinner (provided by Lentil as Anything)
- Bollywood dancing (taught to us for free by a community minded group of Indian women)
- and of course great fellowship

Be courageous as you invite people to come along! They will love you for it whether they can make it or not.

Please let us know how many will be coming in your party, and give your money to Sally-Kate Hooi, Jennifer Permezel or Catherine Donnelley. We need to be getting a feel for catering purposes

Camp Revive:

Jesus love: God's way of changing me and then the whole world

Set aside 24-26 Sept for Camp Revive at Candlebark Farm.

George Little is currently a part of a church plant in the north of Sydney. George is married to Julie and they have 3 sons and a grandson. George trained at the Macquarie School of Biblical Studies in Sydney during the late 70s.

He has worked for long periods with the Sydney church, Northwest church and more recently the Glendale Church of Christ in the Los Angeles area of Southern California, which is the Little's sponsoring church in the USA.

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We'll be blessed to have Amber Drew teach the girls. Come along and find out more about God's mission! See Peter Randall, Nancy, Charlotte or Ruth for more details.

Church Library

Our library is about to reopen, could you please look on your shelves, peer into your cupboards and grope under your beds. If you find any of our library books please give them to Leone Smith or Marissa Carpenter. We are currently adding over 40 new books. Thanks to all who have donated them. - Leone

Crying Room

As part of our recent renovations we now have a fantastic space for parents to take unhappy babes & toddlers during the service - and still be able to see and hear what's going on up front. Yes, you guessed right, it's behind that big window at the back! As we are still working to fine-tune the acoustics in the auditorium, this room is a great asset to help ensure Worship can be heard by all.

Cleaning Volunteer Needed

We're looking for a family to volunteer to clean the building on 21 August. Please let Ashley or Charlotte know if you can find the time to help.

People Movements

- Welcome back to Benny Tabalujan (from

Singapore), John Cooper (from Sydney), the Rowleys (from Sydney) and the Drews (from Gosford)

- Alex Lazarev is working in Russia for a short while.

Prayers Please

- For our Elders and Deacons
- For our search for a full-time worker
- For Beth Humphris who is recovering from an appendectomy
- For our new babies, Sam (Auld), Mackenzie (Ibbetson) and Eden (Jackel)
- For Tim Tabalujan - recovering from a dislocated shoulder
- For Hannah's health
- For the Sudanese congregation at Chadstone
- For Brian and his wife Ann Humphris (Luke Humphris' parents) in your prayers. Brian is recovering from an operation to remove a cancer.

For the Record

Contribution:

11th July 2010: \$1035

18th July 2010: \$966

Attendance:

N.A

Thank-you for Worshipping with us this morning. Hymn books and Chorus books may be returned to shelves in the back corner of the auditorium.



PEARLY GATES



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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.

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WORSHIP ROSTER JULY 2010

July	Greeters + Assist LS	An-nounce (+Op+Cl Prayer)	Songs + Assist LS	Lord's Supper	Reading + Assist LS	Sp Prayer + Assist LS	PREACHING (THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL - EPHE-SIANS)	SUN ADULTS' CLASS (BOOK OF PSALMS)
25	Charles H Ash C	David T	Tim M	Ian C	David W	Gareth L	Benny T	Steve B
Mid-week	Discovery Groups – The Ephesian Letter							

DUTY ROSTER JULY 2010

	Lord's Supper	Luncheon Prep & Cleanup	Morning Tea	Mowing	Cleaning (weekend of)
J U L	Bethany Burgin	Cath Campbell Charles Hooi Hannah C (H)	Kate Burgin Jo Drew Chorlian	Trevor B. Benny T	03 - Permezel 10 - Forbes 17 - 24 - Ana C & Nancy W 31 - Sonia & Ruth Xu

YOUR NOTES
