

## Still Learning

Prior to Belmore Road, Scott and I have attended 5 different churches in our married life. Everywhere we go I seem to have learned new things that help me in my walk as a Christian. For example, in Magnolia, we attended Magnolia church of Christ. One thing they were involved in was Bible Bowl. Bible Bowl is when a book of the Bible is chosen and studied for about 4 months and then you travel and compete with other churches over the material learned. We often had as many adults participate as we had kids participate. I had the joy of studying and competing at the adult level and then studying and teaching both of my children. We spent every other year studying the Old Testament, and I began to see how much I enjoyed studying the Old vs. the New. One really gets a sense of God's character when you study the Old Testament. So often we focus on God's love, how he loves, and that he will never leave us. Yes, all of that is true. But, the Old Testament teaches us that when God says something, he means just that, no ifs or buts' about it. He expects total and absolute surrender to Him. Solomon summed up God's character quite well when he said, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13

Another thing that I notice about the Old Testament is not only do I get to know God's character but I get to know the characters that he used. God really knew how to pick 'em! Abraham was old, Jacob was insecure, Leah was unattractive, Joseph was abused, Gideon was poor, Moses had a speech problem and was a murderer, Samson was codependent, Rahab was immoral, Jonah was reluctant, Naomi was a widow, David had an affair and had a host of family problems and on top of that was a murderer, Elijah was suicidal, Jeremiah was depressed and Ruth, well she was an immigrant! Overlooked by everybody, but Hand-Picked by God! If we let Him, God can use us wherever we are and in any situation to do His work. My love of the Old Testament, God's character and his mates, is what I took with me from Magnolia.

So, what will I take with me from Belmore Road? When I listen to Benny teach, watch Charles serve, when I see Roger's passion, Debbie's gentle and quiet spirit, Nancy's dedication, Rhonda and David's love for teaching children and Pauline's hospitality, I know I will take gifts of Belmore Road, wear them around my neck and Glorify God with things learned from Belmore Road.

*Debbie Carpenter*

## 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.

### Baptism Today! Angels Rejoice!



Our God is truly great and amazing! The work of His Holy Spirit has brought us a joyful moment - Louise Zhang has decided to get baptised into Christ! Her baptism is taking place this morning at 10:25AM at the church building. There will be a

celebration morning tea afterwards.

Louise was an LST student. She and her family have been regularly coming to church since 2008 not long after Belmore Road Church started the Chinese worship service. Louise, her husband Adam and their 7-year-old daughter Zhenzhen live in Boronia.

Praise be to the Lord, forever and ever!

### Wintersong is Today!



Do you remember the great singing experience when Keith Lancaster came in March this year? Did you know that there'll be 2 hours of singing at Belmore Rd this afternoon, here at Belmore Road, from 3-5pm? If you missed out when Keith was here, you can attend today and join in

celebrating our new lives in Christ through song.

There'll be the opportunity to sing parts and meet up with brethren from other congregations. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

You may not have the kind of voice that brings fame and fortune, but don't let that stop you. God loves it when we are filled with the Spirit and speak to each other in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs and making melody in our hearts to God. Eph 5:19

We are providing soup and bread for lunch before the event so if you would like to eat at the building, please join us.

### Projection Hymns

We have recently purchased the entire 9 volumes of the Paperless Hymnal on cd. The hymnal has over 1000 songs, with music for projection. If you lead songs or just want to try it out, the volumes are stored in the church's laptop and external drive. So bring your usb sticks and get a copy. Otherwise, there are limited CD copies available in the AV room. If you need any assistance in using this software, pls let Richard or John Cooper know.

### Bollywood Night a Huge Success

What a wonderful night it was! See Edifier front page next week for full story and photos.

### Jumping Juniors

The next jumping juniors is on Saturday 21st August at the Tabalujan home at 3.30pm.

We will be having a craft or a cooking activity and a devo. Parents are welcome to stay and fellowship too.

So bring your kids (5years to grade 6) along and have FUN with us. See Pauline for more information. Thanks, Rhonda

### Library News

"Talking Smack" by Glenn Williams. A must for every parent - Don't wait until your kids are teenagers - Alcohol, Meths, Ice, Ecstasy are out there! So are your kids!

Be prepared - Read this book and learn how to protect them - NOW.

And for Dads.... "Raising A Modern-day Knight - A Father's Role In Guiding His Sons To Authentic Manhood" by Robert Lewis.

### Cleaning Volunteer STILL Needed

We're STILL 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.

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### Revive 10: Jesus love: God's way of changing me and then the whole world

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?' Do you want to live forever? If you believe what Jesus says, your life will never be the same again. Would you like to know more? Come and be revived during the camp held on Sept 24-26, 2010 at Candlebark Farm, 531 Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Rd. You'll be glad you did. See Peter, Ruth, Charlotte or Nancy for more details.

### Benevolence Ministry: Gardening



This year Trevor Baker, Ana and Rachael Cornock will be our benevolence ministry leaders. They will be building on the good work of Francis and Christine Hooi. Last year Gardening was part of the program. Light

gardening requests were carried out for occupants of ministry housing. We plan to offer our service 7 days a week again this year. We are looking for volunteers to do the work as we may be unable to fulfill all requests. Thanks for considering. If your able to help or have any questions, contact Trevor.

### 2010 Australian Christian Convention

This conference of speakers and participants from all 'streams' of the Restoration Movement in Australia is being held in Sydney from Friday evening 8 October – Sunday afternoon 10 October 2010. This year the Convention is being hosted by Westchurch Sydney and will explore the implications of Paul's example in becoming 'all things' to 'all people' so that by 'all possible means' some might be saved (1 Corinthians 9:22). There is also a Pre-Conference Church Planter's Workshop on Thursday 7 October – Friday 8 October. See full brochure on Notice Board or Alan Rowley for more information.

### Discovery Groups

DGs run their last session on The Ephesians Letter during week beginning 23 August. On Wednesday 1 September there will be a combined DG night at the church building at 7.30pm. This night will include prayer, singing and a short study introducing the next Topic 'Worshipping God'. See Alan Rowley with any questions.

### People Movements

- Welcome back to Peter (Canberra) and Benny (KL)
- David Tabe is spending a few days with his parents in Hobart and will be back tomorrow.

### Prayers Please



- For Ron Tabe (David's dad) as he goes for cancer treatment.
- For Chorlian and Cedric as they seek employment.
- For our Elders and Deacons
- For our search for a full-time worker
- For our new babies, Sam (Auld), Mackenzie (Ibbetson) and Eden (Jackel)
- 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 Doug Morgan as he settles into Gosford
- For Amber Drew and the team whilst they are in PNG.
- For Sam White and family (Hunter Valley Christians) while they are involved in custody proceedings

### For the Record

Contribution:  
8<sup>th</sup> August 2010: \$773.00  
Attendance: English 88 Chinese 16

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[www.belmoreroadChurCh.org.au](http://www.belmoreroadChurCh.org.au)

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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 AUGUST 2010**

Aug	Greeters + Assist LS	An- nounce (+Op+Cl Prayer)	Songs	Lord's Supper	Reading + Assist LS	Sp Prayer + Assist LS	Preaching (The Gospel Is For All Situations)	Sun Adults' Class (Psalms & Conflict)
15	David W John B	John C	Scott C	Francis H	Johnston S	Trevor B	Benny T	Peter R
22	David W John B	John C	Richard H	Steve B	Cedric L	Ian C	Graham W	Peter R
29	David W John B	John C	Richard H	Francis H	Tim T	Charles H	Congr. Mtg	Peter R
Mid-week	Discovery Groups — The Ephesian Letter							

**DUTY ROSTER AUGUST 2010**

	Lord's Supper	Luncheon Prep & Cleanup	Morning Tea	Mowing	Cleaning (weekend of)
<b>A U G</b>	Nicholas Lim	Ana Cornock Pauline Tab Chorlian (H)	Jackie Baldwin Peter Randall Tjing Krause	Mark I	07 - Chans 14 - Carpenters 21 - Volunteer 28 - F Hoois