

## WALKING AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

In Ephesians 5:6-14 Paul exhorts the Christians in Ephesus to no longer allow the forces of darkness to influence them but instead to live in a way that truly reflected who they had become. They were now children of light.

For us who are Christians and children of light, God wants us to be ever shining brighter in this dark world. But how can we, as children of light, continue to shine brighter for the glory of God?

Paul expresses in his letter to the Ephesians his desire for them to grow in their knowledge of Jesus and all the spiritual blessings they now have through Him. Ephesians 1:16-17.

To go back to old practices meant they lacked a true knowledge of Jesus and were no longer shining as children of light. Ephesians 5:20

For these Ephesians to continue to shine as children of light they were to grow in their knowledge of Jesus and His expectations. Notice Ephesians 5:7-10 and verse 17

As children of light we also have a responsibility to grow in our knowledge of Jesus and His will.

A great contributor to darkness is deceit. In Ephesians 4 & 5 Paul refers to the deceit that comes from lust, false doctrines, lies, empty words and false philosophies. All were intrinsically a part of the culture of Ephesus.

In contrast to deceit is Truth. The concept of Truth is mentioned in Ephesians 4:15, 4:20, 4:25 and 5:8-10. We cannot shine as Children of light when we are influenced by deceit. On the other hand as we embrace and practice the truth we can begin to affect and impact those around us.

In his letter, Paul tells the Ephesians not to be involved in filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting (5:3-4). Also they were not even to mention the evil deeds done in secret (5:12). In Ephesians 4:29 he says that they were to let no unwholesome word proceed from their mouths but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. We become clearly noticeable as children of light when we refuse to speak inappropriately.

We can never hope to be children of light when we look and behave like all those around us. Paul tells the Ephesians not to be partakers with the sons of disobedience (5:7). Furthermore, he commands them not to participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness but to expose them (5:11).

We shine as Children of light when we grow in our knowledge of Jesus, embrace truth, speak fittingly and avoid participating in unfruitful deeds.

*Graham Wall*

## 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.

### Congregational Meeting and Shortened Worship Service Today

Today our worship service will be from 11.00am – 11.30am and will include prayer, singing and Lord's Supper. At 11.30am we will conclude worship and move straight into the congregational meeting which is due to finish at 12.30pm. We encourage all to stay on after worship and be part of the congregational meeting.

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

Change? Who wants change? God does! And it's for the better. Come and tap into the most powerful source there is and learn more about the God who loves you too much to leave you the way you are. Camp Revive is held on Sept 24-26, 2010 at Candlebark Farm, 531 Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Rd. Come and dive on in. See Peter, Ruth, Charlotte or Nancy for more details.

### YAYAH Today!

Today is YAYAH (youth and young at heart area wide gathering)

We are going rock climbing in Finders Street.

We will leave the building at 1pm.

### Jumping Juniors Bowling Fun

All grade 6 to prep kids 1 game, drink and lolly bag free (so bring your friends) \$9.50 a game for parents and anyone else who would like to join us.

Saturday 18th September at 3:30pm (please arrive at 3:15 to start at 3:30, or you won't be able to bowl)

AMF Bowling, Forest Hills  
Level 3 Forest Hill Chase  
Shopping Centre  
270 Canterbury Rd  
Forest Hills

We need to know numbers to book, so let me know if you are coming by 15th September, on 0409035281 - Thanks, Rhonda

### 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, please let Richard or John Cooper know.

### Combined Discovery Groups this Wednesday

This Wednesday, 1 September, there will be a combined DG night at the church building at 7.30pm. The night will introduce the new DG Topic 'Worshipping God' and will include readings, prayer and singing. See Alan R with any questions

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### For the Record

22nd August 2010:

Contribution: \$2,787.00

Attendance: English Worship: 101  
Chinese Worship: 15

### People Movements

- Benny Tabalujan leaves for Singapore today for work and will return on Saturday 4th September. On 5th September the Tabalujan family leave for America to visit with family and church brethren. They will be back on 2nd October.
- The Tabe family leave for Hobart on Wednesday to spend time with David's family. They will be back on Monday 6th September



### Prayers Please

- For our newly baptised sister Louise Zhang.
- For Ron Tabe (David's dad) as he undergoes cancer treatment.
- For Chorlian and Gareth as they seek employment. Gareth finishes current work in first week of September.
- For our search for a full-time worker
- 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 Sam White and family (Hunter Valley Christians) while they are involved in custody proceedings
- For Kaleb, young son of Dave & Kristi (Vicki Baldwin's brother & sister-in-law). Kaleb has Cystic Fibrosis and is currently very unwell. Please keep Kaleb, his younger sister Hannah, Dave, Kristi and their family in your prayers.
- For Brad, a friend of one of Jackie Baldwin's work colleagues. He has been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and underwent major surgery Friday 27th Aug as precursor to chemo. Brad is father to two very young children. Please keep Brad and his family in your prayers.

## 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.



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**WORSHIP ROSTER AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2010**

Aug	Greeters + Assist LS	Announce (+Op+Cl Prayer)	Songs	Lord's Supper	Reading + Assist LS	Sp. Prayer + Assist LS	Preaching (The Gospel Is For All Situations)	Sun. Adults' Class
29	David W John B	John C	Richard H	Francis H	Tim T	Charles H	Congr. Mtg	Peter R
Mid-week	Discovery Groups - Letter to the Ephesians							
Sept	Greeters + Assist LS	Announce (+Op+Cl Prayer)	Songs	Lord's Supper	Reading + Assist LS	Sp. Prayer + Assist LS	Preaching (The Gospel Is For All Mankind)	Sun. Adults' Class (Gospel into Community)
05	Charles H Nic L	David T	Matt T	Peter R	David W	Scott C	Roger D	Steve B
12	Charles H Nic L	David T	Matt T	Peter R	James Cp	Ian C	Brett C	Steve B
19	Charles H Nic L	David T	John C	Trevor B	Tim T	Jimmy F	Bevan J	Steve B
26	Charles H Nic L	David T	John C	Trevor B	Cedric L	Steve B	Stuart P	Stuart P
Mid-week	Discovery Groups - On Worship							

**DUTY ROSTER AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2010**

	Lord's Supper	Luncheon Prep & Cleanup	Morning Tea	Mowing	Cleaning (weekend of)
<b>AUG</b>	Nicholas Lim	Ana Cornock Pauline Tab Chorlian (H)	Jackie Baldwin Peter Randall Tjing Krause	Mark I	07 - Chans 14 - Carpenters 21 - Forbes 28 - F Hoois
<b>SEP</b>	Josh Campbell	Gareth Lewis Nancy WuWon + volunteer	Leone Smith Crills	Ash Crill Peter R	04 - Crill 11 - Ana C & Susan Lu 18 - Crill 25 - Baldwin