

From the Pastor's desk

The Christmas season has come and gone. The holidays are a distant memory and some are already thinking that they need another holiday.

Lent starts on the first of March. It is a time of fasting and following Jesus' example of His 40 day fast before He commenced His ministry. Many Christians and non-Christians spend the 40 days abstaining from certain habits and practices, for example, giving up eating chocolate. As a disciple of Jesus it is a wonderful time to fast and pray and to draw closer to God as you meditate and increase your awareness of Jesus' sacrificial denial of Himself and the tremendous display of His love for all mankind as he laid down His life on the cross of Calvary. His act of obedience unto God the Father should be our motivation to follow Jesus and to lay our lives down for Him in our ministry. Let us together as a family, the Heathfield Baptist congregation, lay down our lives for our families, friends and even our enemies as we serve them, bringing glory to God as we do so.

Lent ends over the Easter weekend. Let it not be the end of our sacrificial 'giving up' of /abstaining from certain foods or 'bad' habits but may it be an ongoing/ continuous and complete surrender of our lives unto God and a commitment to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Jesus is worthy because His death came through great pain and suffering in our stead.

"But he was wounded *for our transgressions, he was bruised* for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5.

May John 3:16 give the confidence and assurance of 'whose' we are and 'who we are in Christ Jesus.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord makes His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance (face) upon you and give you His Peace. In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen. Numbers 6:24-26

God Bless.

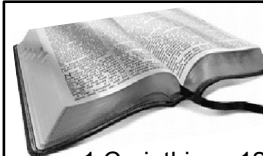
Ps James, Portia and October family.

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God's word says...

1 Corinthians 12:13 "For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."

Romans 6:3-5 "3. Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

5. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his".

Colossians 1:14 "14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins".

Colossians 2:12 "12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead".

1John 1:7 " But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin".

Jesus has set us an example to follow through baptism. May we in obedience to God's Word follow the example of Jesus by identifying in His Baptism, His death and Resurrection. May baptism not just be a church tradition, religious practice or part of our culture. Let this Ordinance (Command) be a solemn and Holy experience both for those who will contemplate baptism and for those who are to be baptised, those who will celebrate their baptism experience and those who will participate in the service as observers/ supporters of those being baptised. If the Spirit leads you to be obedient to the call to be baptised don't hesitate, get baptised.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

God's richest blessing on those celebrating a birthday or an anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Birthdays

Yvonne Petersen 2/3
Dominique Boswell-October 19/3
Nicala Jacobus 21/3
Tyronne Herbert 27/3

Anniversaries

Tyronne & Zaydee Herbert 23/3

Prayer & Fasting

Please remember that every Wednesday is our prayer & fasting day.

Please forward any praise or prayer items to Vanessa.

Pastor James and Portia will be doing home visitation on Wednesday evenings.

Family Focus bible study, prayer and communion also on Wednesday evenings.

"My house will be called a house of prayer" Matthew 21:13

- Gillian Amansure (pancreatic cancer)
- Aunty Poppy
- Charmaine Petersen's sister (kidney's) and niece (stroke)
- Stacey Lamb (pregnancy)
- Garth Lamb (last 2 months in rehab)

Weekly Church Activities

Wed	01/03	Pastoral Visit
Fri	03/03	Youth at 7pm
Sat	04/03	Intercessory Prayer at 8am
Sun	05/03	Yeshua Service at 3pm
Wed	08/03	Pastoral Visit/ Family Focus
Fri	10/03	Youth at 7pm
Sat	11/03	Intercessory Prayer at 8am
Sat	11/03	Worship Practice at 9am
Sun	12/03	Service
Wed	15/03	Pastoral Visit/ Family Focus
Thur	16/03	Worship Team Prayer
Fri	17/03	Youth at 7pm
Sat	18/03	Intercessory Prayer at 8am

Weekly Church Activities

Sun	19/03	Service
Wed	22/03	Pastoral Visit/ Family Focus
Fri	24/03	Youth at 7pm
Sat	25/03	Intercessory Prayer at 8am
Sat	25/03	Ladies at 3pm
Sun	26/03	Service
Sun	26/03	Bible Challenge
Fri	31/03	Church Social (Evening)

Pray for the meetings.

Door Duty

We would like to establish a volunteer team for door duty on a Sunday morning. Please notify Colleen if you are willing to be part of this team.

Once the team has been established, door duty will be allocated accordingly.