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Beyond Blood

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FATHERHOOD BEYOND BLOOD

Alf Chehade

1 Corinthians 4:15...

For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church and made this very astute observation. Plenty of advisors with limited skin in the game, but very few fathers, who are far more invested with emotion, passion, and commitment.

For almost 20 years, I worked with at-risk young people, overwhelmingly young men. Our aim was to get them into jobs and then help them to hold those jobs. We placed well over 3000 into jobs, mostly young guys. And then we would visit them in their new workplace to encourage them and try to sort out any problems they were facing. Almost without exception, the lads who came to us had no functioning dads. For a myriad of reasons, dad was absent. Most lived with mum and her “boyfriend”.

We grew to realise that one of the most important issues in the life of a young guy was having or not having, a functioning dad. By revelation of

this issue, and by God's grace, we acted towards them like a good father would act. We were generous towards them as they were mostly broke. We piled on free snacks. We set high standards for their behaviour while at our training program. Areas such as punctuality, dress code, respect for others, use of decent language, and as well, we enthused them with vision for a better future for their lives. We addressed pride, lying, forgiveness, and laziness. There were many more issues, but these mentioned are sufficient for now. We set boundaries for them where for so many of them, no-one had been able to set boundaries. We applied our Christian graces to young guys who needed much grace.

For us, this was a Christian ministry to people in high need. The young guys realised that we were serious about what we were doing, that we cared for them, and that we just might have the answers they were needing in their particular situation.

We had a very high attendance rate, very few dropped out of our program, and we produced outstanding results for our Government funding bodies. We

were discreet in our Christian witness knowing that if we went too far and were unwise, maybe things would backlash.

One key to our success, among many others, was that we acted towards them like any good father should. Though they might not have been able to articulate that need, they responded to us with trust, belief, and willingness to get on board. Once we had their confidence, we could then achieve great things with them.

Back to Paul's comment to his Corinthian friends... Paul's point was that while many other ministries had interaction with the believers at Corinth, their input was tangential and lacked the relationship that Paul ministered with. He related that he and his co-workers had put up with much deprivation, had suffered ridicule, hunger, and rejection because of their love for God's people, including the Corinthian Christians. Paul ends that train of thought saying God's kingdom is not just talk, but a demonstration of God's love and power.

In many parts of the Western world, there is an absence of effective fathering. Many fathers have had their legs cut from under them, and

their confidence rocked by the attack on the male persona. "Toxic masculinity" is waved in their faces. Their thinking has been undermined as to how a good dad ought to act.

Let us all look at how God, our heavenly Father acts. He is always loving, always caring, always encouraging, always wanting us to strive for the best, and He is always forgiving if we mess things up. He corrects when we fall. He soothes us when we err.



Be encouraged dads. You have a great exemplar in God our heavenly father.



BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2- ELLIA

20- JEFF

"I pray that you may enjoy good health and that
all may go well with you..." 3 John 1:2

Celebrating birthdays is one way we can honour the gift of life God has given each of us. Happy Birthday from us!

Your birthday not showing up? Tell us when your birthday is so we can celebrate with you.

DIARY DATE REMINDERS

6TH SEPT	BICC Prayer Breakfast – 7:30am
7TH SEPT	Father's Day Service
14TH SEPT	Norwood Pageant Flag Gluing Day
21ST SEPT	Annual General Meeting
27TH SEPT	AMOS – 2pm
28TH SEPT	Music Practice – 12-2pm (TBA)
UPCOMING	
22ND NOV	Norwood Christmas Pageant!



Spring

teaching series

September

7 | Ben Delaney (Father's Day)

14 | Ben Delaney

21 | Andrew Jenkins

28 | Laura Duke & Elizabeth Reynolds

Philippians THE DISCIPLINES...



silence

meditation

prayer

worship

service

tithing

fasting

studying

hearing

FATHER'S DAY SERVICE

Sunday 7 Sept

Scones for Morning tea afterwards

Honouring Dads

...the screws that hold us together!





Annual General Meeting

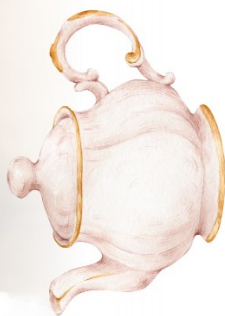
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Sunday 21 September
Shared Lunch after the Service

I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.
John 15:5

September



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September 2025

August '25							October '25						
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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium	1	W7 7.00p Elders	2 9.00a Prayer 7.30p EnCourage Connect	3 10.30a Magill Estate	4	5 5.15p Kids Club / Youth 6.30p Intercuss. Prayer
7	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Father's Day Service Baby Dedication BF Kids	8	W8	9 9.00a Prayer 10a Talking Tuesday	10 7.30p Flourish Connect 7.30p Glenside Connect	11	12 5.15p Kids Club / Youth 6.30p Tamil Bible Study
14	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids & 10:40 Group Flag Gluing Day	15	W9	16 9.00a Prayer 7.30p EnCourage Connect	17	18	19 5.15p Kids Club / Youth
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5	9.20a Prayer 10a Family Service	6	School Holidays 7.00p Elders Labour Day	Notes			

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY TEAM

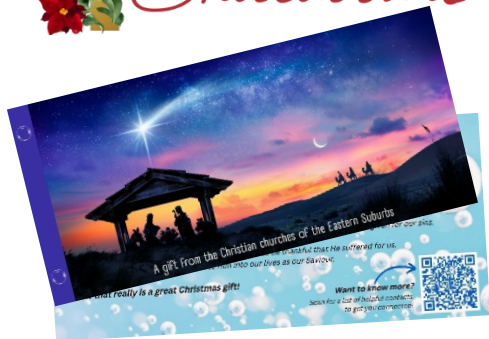
Date	Teaching Team			Kids Ministry			Music Team (see elvanto for musicians)			Service Team				Hospitality Team	
	Sermon	Com-munion	Chair/Notices	Kid's Church	Helper / Creche	10:40 Group	Sound Desk	Media Desk	Comm Serving	Welcome	Collection	Count	Lock Up	Kitchen	Comm Prep
7/09 Farmer's Day	Ben Delaney	Jim Derrington	Sharon	Mel	Sharon Malika	-	James	Brandon	Renee Lester Tony Vicki	Jelita Ally C	Beth & Clara Nick	Sheila Joshua	Nick	Alice Brian	Helene
14/09	Ben Delaney	Brian Reynor	Alf	Laura	Lyn Joshua	Mel & Ally C	Jeremy	Andrew	Jeff Leonie Devinder Smita	Tony Vicki	Brandon Benjamin	Jeff Devinder	Nev	Carol Ally C	Sharon
21/09	Andrew Jenkins	Joanne Lee	Ben	Ben	Nev Mel	-	Brian	Sheila	Oliver Zach Jim Carol	Aaron Monica	Ally T Monica	Aaron Lyn	Elizabeth	Michelle Renee	Michelle
28/09	Elizabeth Reynolds / Laura Duke	Devinder Raju	Jim	Sheila	Andrew Jim	Ben	Joshua	Grace	Ally C Michelle Nev Brian	Andrew Sharon	Amy Sunny	Andrew Leonie	Jim	Ally C Leonie	Ally C
Thank you for serving the Lord, and blessing our Church family. If you need to swap with someone, please contact another person directly. A copy of the roster is up on the vestry wall. info@burnsidefamilychurch.com // www.bfc.elvanto.com.au															

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BUBBLES OF HOPE – NORWOOD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FLAG GLUING



Combined Christmas
Endeavours



Those flags don't get themselves attached onto the little bubble dispensers by themselves! We need hands to glue and press and hearts to do it with love and prayer! Thousands of the above-shown flags with the Christmas message in a nutshell are printed and ready to be glued onto thousands of little bubble dispensers. Here's some more precise figures:

5800 bubble dispenser bottles
purchased

6000 Christmas flags printed
5,000,000 ribbons cut!

It is a massive effort from the Christian churches of the Eastern suburbs, otherwise known as the Combined Christmas Endeavours, of which Burnside Family Church is a big part. The front of the Norwood Christmas pageant is a

dense, magical flurry of bubbles as children joyfully receive the little bottle and flag in celebration of Christmas.



(Norwood Pageant 2024)

On **Sunday 14th September**, after having lunch together, we have our task set before us to get the flags attached to the bubble bottles. This little package of Christmas truth is a way for the gospel to be shared at this special time to families across Norwood and surrounding suburbs. The flags will end up in people's hands and homes and we pray that God will use them for His glory, opening up a path for some to find their way to His message of love and salvation.



(Flag Gluing Day from 2023)

On the back of the flag, along with the message, there is a QR code link to a website which connects viewers to various contributing churches and their contact details. We pray that we see some response from this, but ultimately, we pray that our part in the Norwood Pageant would both bless and convict people's hearts to seek Jesus, just as the Magi did so fervently.

The pageant is being held on **Saturday 22nd November**, and if you haven't registered yet as a volunteer for the day, **please see Alf Chehade or Jeff Byerley**. While help gluing the flags is much needed, so is the help of many volunteers on the actual day of the pageant!

You can:

- Walk along with a banner
- Walk along distributing the bubbles and flags
- Ride on the carols truck and sing
- Dress up as a character from the nativity story
- Help with set up and pack up

Vicky Alkmim has been making costumes for the children, Oliver Stephenson has prepared the website the QR code links to, Alf and Jeff are instrumental on the Combined Christmas Endeavours committee in driving the progression of the event preparations and encouraging volunteer participation, and there are many others who consistently participate in some way. Truly a huge team effort that everybody can be involved in!



You can read more information here:

burnsidefamilychurch.com/norwoodpageant

BABY DEDICATION – ELIZA DAWN DUKE

We are looking forward to sharing with Jeremy, Laura, Josiah and Caleb in the dedication of Eliza Dawn Duke to the Lord! As a church family we will pray with them as they trust in God to raise Eliza in His ways.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DELANEY FAMILY

Kaiya was dedicated to the Lord by her parents Ps. Ben and Ellia Delaney on Sunday 3rd August. It was special to join with their whole family and witness this commitment of faith. And it's an important reminder of the role we all share as a Christian family.



COFFEE ANYONE?



We have had yet another new arrival in our church. Okay, this one's not a living, breathing bundle of baby cuteness, this one is a coffee machine. In our very own kitchen, as soon as it's plumbed in and at least one person has learnt how to use it, it will be open for business!

At first, while we perfect the art of coffee-making, coffees will be free-of-charge, but after this short period, a small charge will go towards the upkeep of the machine, and supply of milk and beans etc.

GATHERED IN HIS PRESENCE



For a month now, we have held our weekly prayer meeting in the main auditorium of the church at 9:30am before our worship gathering. It has been a lovely time of sharing praise, thankfulness and supplication. At the end of the meeting, we join hands as a symbol of our unity in Christ. Anyone is welcome as we spend this special time in the Lord's presence.



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PRAY

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'ENCOURAGE'
MEN'S CONNECT
730P
FORTNIGHTLY
TUESDAYS
ANDREW JENKINS

GLENSIDE
730P
2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAYS
ALLY/ALF
CHEHADE

DISCUSS

TALKING TUESDAY
(WOMEN)
1000A
FORTNIGHTLY
TUESDAYS
BRON LANGMAN

'FLOURISH'
(WOMEN)
700P
FORTNIGHTLY
WEDNESDAYS
SHARON
JENKINS

TAMIL
630P
2ND SATURDAYS
DAISY & KUMAR

BELONG

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TITHES & OFFERINGS

EACH DECIDE IN YOUR HEART HOW MUCH TO GIVE.
AND DON'T GIVE RELUCTANTLY OR IN RESPONSE TO
PRESSURE. "FOR GOD LOVES A PERSON WHO GIVES
CHEERFULLY" 2 COR 9:7

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LEAVE A LEGACY. MAKE A PLEDGE TO:

CHURCH LEGACY FUND

A FUND TO STRENGTHEN OUR HERITAGE
OUR LOCAL FACILITY AND GLOBAL MISSION

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LEGACY
Ref: "BFC Legacy"

[A service fee of 1.45% charged by the provider]

SUNDAYS FOR EVERYONE

BF KIDS

During the main teaching segment of the service every Sunday, BF Kids runs a primary school program that encourages children to know how much Jesus loves them, and learn about the Word of God through games and bible stories.

10:40 GROUP

10:40 invites High School students to learn about Christian foundations, explore relevant topics and gain a deeper understanding through games and Q&A, what it means to follow Jesus in high school.

10:40 Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and on other weeks they are sometimes encouraged to help with Kid's Church.

CRECHE/FAMILY ROOM

During the service, little bubs, crawlers and toddlers are invited to the Family Area in the rear hall where they engage partly with the Kid's Church program and partly in free, unstructured, supervised play. A video stream of the service and facilities for changing and feeding are available there. 3 members of our team will be there to look after your little ones if you wish to return to the auditorium.

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...a house of prayer for all nations
accomplishing more than we
could dream for the
brokenhearted to call on the
name of Jesus [as vision]

...sent to make a difference every
day in the name of Jesus to all
generations [as mission]

10.00A SUNDAY

Starting at 10.00a, we usually finish by 11.30a. You will be greeted at the door and receive our newsletter and invited to take a seat of your choice. Our gathering begins with music with words shown on a media screen.

During the service, we share in communion which reminds us of the death and life of Christ we share. An encouraging message from the Bible follows and afterwards, everyone is invited to the Back Hall for tea and coffee.

We have a video stream into the rear Hall we call our Family Room and a recording of the service is posted online each week.