



JULY
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Drifting

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DRIFTING

Jim Derrington

The “five senses” associated with the human body allow us to experience and interact with the world around us. Sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch work by sending signals from specialised receptor cells to the brain, which interprets them. Typically, we only learn to really appreciate this aspect of God’s wonderful creation when we begin to realise that we are steadily losing the ability to fully use these five senses at full capacity.



In more recent years, due no doubt to ageing or perhaps sustaining the odd concussion, both my smell and taste senses have diminished markedly. It doesn’t present too great a challenge other than missing the pleasure of smelling and fully appreciating the taste of Carol’s freshly cooked sausage rolls. I also miss the smell of a garden, particularly freshly mown grass. Add to the fact that as we age, most of us encounter the issue that we are prone to hear less clearly, particularly with competing voices in a crowded room. And who of us over the age of 50 years require glasses to read our bibles in the morning? That just leaves “touch” somewhat

untouched or unaffected at this time in my life. The other four senses continue a steady decline, which is irreversible by nature. Most times we become aware of the increased failure of our senses as we increase in age, but it is possible that we can go on merrily in life, blissfully unaware of the inevitable decline and consequent lessening performance of our five senses. We all, at some stage “drift” from experiencing maximum performance from our 5 senses, to something increasingly less.

It's a bit like boat fishing for whiting. Anchored in a sandy hole, catching fish with great regularity, then suddenly realising everything has gone quiet. The hooks are snagged in weeds and everything has changed. You might need to wake up to the fact that the anchor has shifted and the boat has drifted off your fishing hot-spot.



To remedy the situation, simply pull up the anchor and go back and find the sandy hole.

We become acutely aware that we are “drifting” when we “sense” that next to nothing is happening.



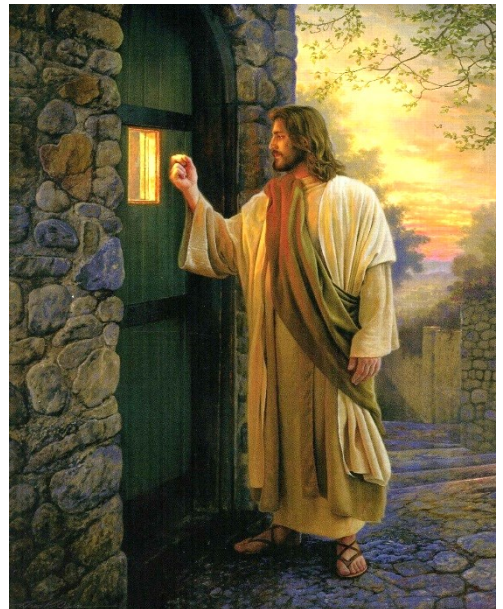
Most of the seven Churches in the Book of Revelation were doing just that.... “drifting”. God interrupted their spiritual drifting, as He will ours, speaking clearly about what is needed to address the condition. Most often, we only come to acknowledge this “drifting” from God and His word, when indeed nothing much is happening in the church or in our personal lives. How many of us are aware that we worship a “happening God”?

This reality of “drifting” was, for the seven Churches and is for us, a serious but *reversible* condition. God’s instruction is to repent, turn back, and with an obedient heart, respond in your spirit. But our most urgent need is to attune our spiritual senses to both see and hear. God declares to each Church in the book of Revelation and each believer today – **“to those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches”**. (Rev 3:22) The implication is that we might have

eyes and ears but they may be lacking in sensitivity due to drifting.

We may be unawares but God is not. He will always speak to our true condition. Whether we hear what he says and respond accordingly is entirely up to us. If our need is great, God will speak to us many times, the same message, with mercy, patience and a Father’s love.

To the Church of Laodicea (Rev 3:21) Gods says, **“Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in.”**



No more drifting when Jesus is present in the house, but we need our spiritual senses awakened like never before.

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY



Happy Birthday!

2 - Ryan

17 - Clara

11 - Vicky S

24 - Donovan

16 - Beth

28 - Meta

Thanks for letting us share your birthday!

'With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.' Ps 91:16

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	
4 TH JULY	End of Term 2
5 TH JULY	BICC Prayer Breakfast – 7:30am
13 TH JULY	Commissioning Service – Pastor Ben Delaney Shared Morning Tea
20 TH JULY	Music Practice – 12-2pm
26 TH JULY	AMOS – 2pm



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.



Commissioning Service

Pastor Ben Delaney

Sunday 13 July

Shared morning tea to celebrate!

WELCOME PASTOR BEN!

As we enter July, we are overjoyed, excited and thankful to be welcoming the Delaney Family officially to Burnside Family Church and Ben Delaney as our new Lead Pastor! Ben, with his wife Ellia, and now *four* girls, Amayah, Amari, Valory and Kaiya come all the way from Ridgehaven to Burnside and they have moved from Living Faith Church in St Agnes.

Ben is not only a pastor, but a secondary school teacher. He has been teaching at Hope Christian College in Craigmore. Particularly, 'Workplace Practices' with Year 11 and 12, 'Christian Living' with Year 9 and 10, and 'Maths' with Year 8. However, for Semester 2, he will be continuing only to work with his Year 12 students to allow time to dedicate to BFC.

Recently, I asked Pastor Ben a few questions to help us get to know him a little better. Here's what he said...

Q & A WITH PASTOR BEN

WHAT IS YOUR FULL NAME?

Ben Ronald Fook Ling Delaney



WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MEAL?

Fresh oysters, followed by American style ribs with curly fries. Dessert: Creme brulee and a glass bottle coke.

FAVOURITE SCRIPTURE, BIBLE PASSAGE, OR STORY

So many that I love. My favourite scripture would be Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

FAVOURITE WORSHIP SONG

At the moment "God really loves us" by David Crowder



FAVOURITE SPORT

Big basketball fan. Happy to talk to anyone about the NBA. I have no idea about AFL, and choose my team based on who would win in a real fight.

WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO BE STUCK IN A LIFT WITH?



With someone who was carrying snacks and drinks to restock a vending machine.

IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY ANIMAL AS A PET, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

I'd like a baby goat.

WHAT'S A SKILL YOU'D LOVE TO LEARN?



I would have loved to have learnt how to play the drums. I am a hack musician and can kind of play guitar.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE WAY TO RELAX?

Spending time with my wife and kids. I love spending time with my family.

AND FINALLY, WHICH SIGNIFICANT FIGURE HAS INSPIRED YOU THE MOST?

The person that has spiritually shaped me (that I don't know personally) is a preacher named Matt Chandler from the Village Church. His style, boldness and humour has really shaped me as a communicator and my own personal desire to preach the Gospel in a fearless and engaging manner.

July 2025

June '25							August '25						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids	30 W10	1 9.00a Prayer 10a Talking Tuesday	2 10.30a Magill Estate 7.00p Flourish Connect	3	4 End of Term 2	5 7.30a BICC Prayer 6.30p Intercess. Prayer
6	9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids	7 School Holidays 7.00p Elders	8 9.00a Prayer 7.30p enCourage Connect	9 7.30p Glenside Connect	10	11	12 6.30p Tamil Bible Study
13	9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering (Commissioning Service) BF Kids	14 School Holidays	15 9.00a Prayer	16	17	18	19
20	9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids Music Practice	21 First Day Term 3	22 9.00a Prayer 7.30p enCourage Connect	23 7.30p Glenside Connect	24	25	26 2.00p AMOS
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JULY SUNDAY TEAM

Date	Teaching Team		Kids Ministry			Music Team (see elvanto for musicians)		Service Team					Hospitality Team	
	Sermon	Chair/ Notices	Kid's Church	Helper / Creche	10:40 Group	Sound Desk	Media Desk	Comm Serving	Welcome	Collection	Count	Lock Up	Kitchen	Comm Prep
6/07	Ben Delaney	Devinder Raju	Elizabeth	Jenny C	Bronnie Mel	James	Andrew	Renee Sarah Smita Jenny S	Tony Vicki	Mark H Elsa	Jenny S Joshua	Mark H	Mark T Khai	Sharon
13/07	Ben Delaney	Jim Derrington	Alf		Lyn James	Brian	Annabelle	Michelle Neville Tony Vicki	Aaron Monica	Ally T Beth & Amayah	Aaron Jeff	Andrew	Alice Michelle	Alice
20/07	Ben Delaney	Brian Raynor	Sharon		Neville Jeremy	Joshua	Grace	Jelita Lester Aaron Annabelle	Andrew Sharon	Amy Annabelle	Monica Lyn	Nev	Renee Leonie	Helene
27/07	Jeremy Duke	Alf Chehade	Jim	Sarah	Carol Elizabeth	Joshua	Sheila	Jeff Leonie Liz D Mark H	Lisa Renee	Benjamin Brandon	Devinder Leonie	Jim	Alice Brian	Michelle
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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Sufficiency Hope & Joy

in Christ.

6 | Ben Delaney
13 | Ben Delaney
20 | Ben Delaney
27 | Jeremy Duke



July
Teaching Series

July

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INDONESIA MISSION TRIP

This month, our amazing Indonesia Mission Teams will be adventuring, nurturing, playing, building and working at the Bukit Karmel Orphanage. There are several maintenance projects that need to be undertaken, but one of the biggest jobs to do while there is to love the children, share Jesus, and cuddle the babies! They will also be teaching them skills with all the wool, fabric and sewing materials that were donated.

There are two teams with offset arrival and departure times and with slightly different purposes.

Please pray for safety and protection in travels, for the Lord to open up and prepare the way for them. Pray for Spirit-filled moments with the children and staff at Bukit Karmel, for the health of the team, and for everything to go as planned.

We look forward to the stories they will have to share when they return!

Pujih Tuhan!

(Praise the Lord!)



INDO MISSION TRIP '25

PRAYER RESOURCES



MISSIONS TRIP TO INDONESIA

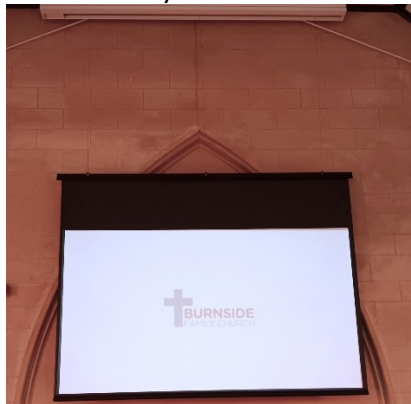
TRIP ITINERARY OUTLINE

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| 29th June | First team (Mavis, Ally, Jim, Carol, Sheila & Catherine) arrive in Jakarta |
| 30th June | Team's arrival at Bukit Karmel |
| 7th July | First team departs Bukit Karmel to return to Adelaide |
| 8th July | Mavis & Ben arrive in Solo |
| 11th July | Second team arrive in Jakarta |
| 12th July | Second team arrive at Bukit Karmel |
| 24th July | Second team depart Jakarta to return to Adelaide |
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MAVIS HAS PREPARED SOME TAKE-HOME PRAYER MAGNETS FOR YOUR FRIDGE, WHICH HAVE ALL THE PRAYER NEEDS FOR THE MISSION TRIP...
(FOR THOSE OF YOU PRAYING ALONG AT HOME! MAKE SURE YOU GRAB ONE.)

NEW PROJECTOR SCREEN

In June, we had our projector screen upgrade installed and now everything's just a little bit easier to see. It is retractable so that the wall behind can still be bare when needed, but most of the time, the screen will be down as you see here.



Our old screen that used to be mounted on the wall to the side is now being put to good use in the Youth Room – enjoyed each Friday night by Kid's Club currently!



BICC QUIZ NIGHT – SUPPORTING PASTORAL CARE WORKERS



PENTECOST 2025 – A MULTICULTURAL DESSERT FEAST!



CONNECT

— — —
PRAY
— — —



'ENCOURAGE'
MEN'S CONNECT

7.30P
FORTNIGHTLY
TUESDAYS

ANDREW JENKINS

GLENSIDE
7.30P
2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAYS

ALLY/ALF
CHEHADE

— — —
DISCUSS
— — —

TALKING TUESDAY'
(WOMEN)
10.00A
FORTNIGHTLY
TUESDAYS

BRON LANGMAN

'FLOURISH'
(WOMEN)
7.00P
FORTNIGHTLY
WEDNESDAYS

SHARON
JENKINS

TAMIL
6.30P
2ND SATURDAYS
DAISY & KUMAR

— — —
BELONG
— — —

2025

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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.