



THE PURPOSE AND POWER OF PRAYER

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1 Timothy 2:1-4

¹Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ²for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Here, Paul wants his readers to understand that they should not be so wrapped up in their own needs and their own desires that they do not fulfil their responsibility to reach out to others through prayer – asking God that they (the unbelievers) might receive the same measure of grace that they themselves enjoy – the forgiveness of sins, the indwelling Spirit of Christ, and the hope of eternal glory. There is a great purpose in prayer, and its effects can be powerful indeed.

In the late 18th Century, the power and influence of the church was in serious decline. In England, preachers and people were pelted with stones if they dared to testify to Christ. France was working through a bloody revolution and its

leaders declared that religion was only a system for the oppression of the human spirit.

For forty years a Scot by the name of John Erskine had been encouraging Christians everywhere, through a series of pamphlets, to pray for revival. Finally, on Christmas day in 1781, God broke through in a little church in Cornwall during the 3:00am prayer service. They stayed on till 9:00am and then came back in the evening. By March the following year they were praying regularly until midnight. When John Wesley visited the area in 1784 he wrote, "This country is all on fire and it is spreading from village to village."

Whole denominations doubled, then tripled, then quadrupled in numbers and the movement spread throughout the empire, North America, and some third-world countries.

In 1857, New York was in a state of depression. Businesses were closing, churches were closing and crime was rampant. Jeremiah Lamphier started a prayer meeting that within a few months attracted over 10,000 people. In two years, the revival had added 100,000 new believers to the church.

In March 1857 a few men gathered to pray in the schoolhouse in Kells, County Antrim. By September the following year, there were fifty. In 1859, 20,000 people gathered in Belfast to pray for the whole of Ireland. This saw the harvest of an estimated 100,000 souls.



The six men who showed up on that Wednesday, September 23, 1857 at North Dutch Church, NYC.

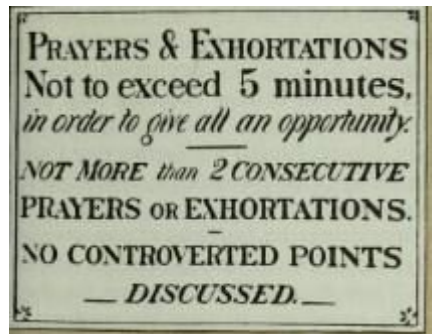
You may have heard of Pastor Larry Lea's "Church of the Rock" in Rockwall Texas. In 1980, there were 13 people total. In 1988 there were 11,000. Larry says, "I didn't start a church – I started a prayer meeting. Years later, they still held their prayer meetings, Monday to Friday, at 5am.

Why do they do this? Because they know something that we often overlook – that the church that is prayerless is powerless; that the church that is not on its prayer-mat is on its death-bed. They also do it because they understand what Paul was saying to Timothy in verses 5 & 6 of the same chapter.

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.

There is only one God. There is only one Mediator. There is only one gospel. There is only one way to eternal life.

If we do not pray for all men (and women) and those in authority; if we do not take seriously the fact that they are in mortal and eternal danger; if we do not care where they spend eternity; if we do not care enough to see them rescued, to see them saved from darkness and sin, to see them brought into the kingdom of light – how can we maintain that we have true faith, a pure heart, a good conscience and we are filled with God's love?



This was the sign for the Businessman's Revival – five-minute prayers!



BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

HAPPY BIRTHDY!



- 1 | JIM

2 | RENEE

5 | BRONNIE

6 | SMITA
- 12 | AMARI

15 | SHEILA

15 | ALF

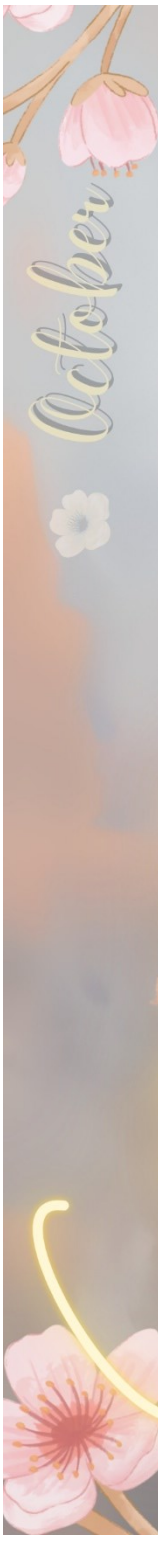
18 | JOANNE

This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it. Ps 118:24

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 OCT	BICC Prayer Breakfast – 7:30am
5 TH OCT	Daylight Saving Begins
19 TH OCT	Music Practice – 12-2pm
24 TH OCT	Kids Club Returns
25 TH OCT	AMOS – 2pm
19 TH OCT	LAST DAY to bring Operation Christmas Child boxes!!
UPCOMING	
22 ND NOV	Norwood Christmas Pageant!





October

Spring

teaching series

- 5 | Tony Alkmim
- 12 | Ben Delaney
- 19 | Ben Delaney
- 26 | Ben Delaney

THE DISCIPLINES...



silence

meditation

prayer

worship

service

tithing

fasting

studying

hearing



TYING, CURLING AND GLUING FOR THE LORD!





October 2025

September '25							November '25						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13			2	3	4	5	6
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27			12	13	14	15	16
28	29	30							17	18	19	20	21
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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Worship Gathering	29 School Holidays	30 9.00a Prayer	1 10.30a Magill Estate	2	3	4 7.30p BICC Prayer
5	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids Daylight Saving Begins	6 School Holidays 7.00p Elders	7 9.00a Prayer	8	9	10	11 6.30p Intersess. Prayer
12	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids & 10:40 Group	13 Labour Day	14 9.00a Prayer	15 7.30p Glenside Connect	16	17	18 6.30p Tamil Bible Study
19	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids Music Practice LAST DAY FOR SHOEBOXES	20 W1 Operation Christmas Child Collection Begins First Day of Term 4	21 9.00a Prayer 10a Talking Tuesday	22	23	24	25 2.00p AMOS
26	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids & 10:40 Group	27 W3 (Operation Christmas Child National Collection Ends)	28 9.00a Prayer 7.30p Encourage Connect	29 7.00p Flourish Connect 7.30p Glenside Connect	30	31	1 5.15p Kids Club/Youth
2	9.30a Prayer in Auditorium 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids	3 W4 7.00p Elders	Notes				

OCTOBER SUNDAY TEAM

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	
5/10	Tony Alkmim	Sharon Jenkins	Ben	Bron Andrew	-	Joshua	Brandon	Smita Sarah Elsa Lester	Aaron Monica	Elsa Ally T	Aaron Lyn	Mark Michelle	Leonie Michelle		
12/10	Ben Delaney	Nev Elizabeth Langman	Jenny C	Sharon Laura	Mel	Brian	Grace	Liz D Michelle Renee Mark	Andrew Sharon	Amy Benjamin	Joshua Sheila	Andrew Jelita	Alice	Jenny S	
19/10	Ben Delaney	Renee Allen	Laura	Lyn Mel	-	Jeremy	Andrew	Neville Sharon Jeff Leonie	Tony Vicky A	Jeff Amayah	Leonie Devinder	Nick Leonie	Keming Sharon		
26/10	Ben Delaney	Elizabeth Reynolds	Jim	Carol Elizabeth	Mel/Ally	Joshua	Sheila	Brian Jenny S Tony Vicky A	Nick Ally C	Beth/Clara Nick	Jenny S Donovan	Brian Renee	Ally C	Helene	
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 rear hall bulletin board. info@burnsidefamilychurch.com // www.bfc.elvanto.com.au															

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A BOX FILLED WITH LOVE! | OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2025

Christmas is such a special time of year. Many of us look forward to gathering with family, enjoying good food, and exchanging gifts with loved ones. But for countless children around the world, the idea of receiving a Christmas present is something they have never experienced.

Each year, our church has the privilege of joining with **Operation Christmas Child**, a project of Samaritan's Purse, to help change that. Through the simple act of filling a shoebox with thoughtful gifts, we are able to share both the joy of Christmas and the hope of the gospel with children in need. Shoeboxes from South Australia in the past have been sent to places like the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and Ukraine. It is humbling to think that a child—who may never have received a gift before—can open a box that's been packed by our very own hands.

Even more importantly, each shoebox is accompanied by literature that introduces children and their families to Jesus Christ. They are invited to take part in *The Greatest Journey*, a discipleship program where they learn about God's love and the good news of salvation. What a wonderful opportunity for us to be part of something that carries eternal impact!



In the rear hall, you'll find some gift suggestions you can include as well as the flatpack shoeboxes themselves and information guides you can take home.

Let's prayerfully consider how many children we can bless this year. Together, we can share not only the joy of a Christmas gift, but the even greater gift of God's love in Christ.

Since 2009 over 46 million shoebox recipients have participated in the 12-lesson discipleship course, *The Greatest Journey*. More than 23 million boys and girls have made decisions for Christ.

Last year, an astounding 57% of the children who attended made decisions for Christ!



It's easy to pack a box! Here are some things to remember...

- Wow Items
- Fun Items
- Practical items
- Full Boxes
- Variety
- A letter or drawing
- Brand New Items
- Prayer

Don't forget to put your **\$12.50 cash donation** inside an envelope **INSIDE** the box. (Unless you're paying online)

Be sure to pray for the child who will receive your box, and the ministry in general! How many can you pack? One? Two? Three? More?...

The \$12.50 donation provides:



Sharon Jenkins will be taking the boxes for collection during the week of **Sun 19th October**, so make sure you bring in your completed box(es) by then.



ANNUAL GENERAL THANK YOU

Thank you to everybody who was able to attend our Annual General Meeting (AGM) last week (and for those who put their apologies in). We were finished in just under an hour. We're thankful for the opportunity to gather as a church family and reflect on God's goodness over the past year. Our AGMs remind us that we are one body in Christ, working together for His kingdom.

There are still booklets available which hold all the contents of the agenda of the meeting, including a summary about all the ministries that operate within our church, written by each ministry leader. The recorded minutes can also be accessed by request.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Elizabeth Reynolds has launched her Sci-Fi Adventure series *Train Flight!* A series of fun, exciting adventures through space and time on a rickety old steam train. For audiences from ages 8 – 108!

The first three books in the series are available from [amazon.com.au](https://www.amazon.com.au) and some other online bookstores. She

hopes to get them into physical bookstores and also publish eBook versions soon. If you'd like **signed** copies, you can talk to Elizabeth and order direct from her.



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DEDICATION!



Daylight Saving BEGINS!

Spring Forward

Sunday 5th October

Don't Forget to Change Your Clock

1 hour
FORWARD!



October



1	☐ Jn 1:1-18		Ecc 1
2	☐ Jn 1:19-28		Ecc 2:1-16
3	☐ Jn 1:29-34		Ecc 2:17-26
4	☐ Jn 1:35-42		Ecc 3:1-15
5	☐ Jn 1:43-51		Ecc 3:16-22
6	☐ Jn 2:1-11		Ecc 4
7	☐ Jn 2:12-25		Ecc 5
8	☐ Jn 3:1-15		Ecc 6
9	☐ Jn 3:16-21		Ecc 7:1-14
10	☐ Jn 3:22-36		Ecc 7:15-29
11	☐ Jn 4:1-14		Ecc 8
12	☐ Jn 4:15-26		Ecc 9
13	☐ Jn 4:27-42		Ecc 10
14	☐ Jn 4:43-54		Ecc 11
15	☐ Jn 5:1-15		Ecc 12
16	☐ Jn 5:16-30		SS 1
17	☐ Jn 5:31-47		SS 2
18	☐ Jn 6:1-15		SS 3
19	☐ Jn 6:16-24		SS 4:1-7
20	☐ Jn 6:25-40		SS 4:8-16
21	☐ Jn 6:41-59		SS 5
22	☐ Jn 6:60-71		SS 6
23	☐ Jn 7:1-13		SS 7
24	☐ Jn 7:14-24		SS 8:1-7
25	☐ Jn 7:25-36		SS 8:8-14

CONNECT

PRAY

BURNSIDE
FAMILY CHURCH

'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

2025

friends | grow | care | fellowship | pray | bible | support

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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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...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.