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What is happening at Scarborough Baptist Church?



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WELCOME

ACTIONS THIS WEEK

**OUR CHURCH VALUES:
LOVE**

**PRAYER: ASK AND YOU
WILL RECEIVE**

BIBLE READING

Welcome to our service this morning. We trust that the Lord will use us all to bless one another with the love his Spirit has poured into our hearts. One of the collateral benefits of the Covid 19 crisis is that we have learned to appreciate many things we had taken for granted. Like meeting together. Let us praise God for the privilege.



The values of Scarborough Baptist Church fall under three action categories – Love, Know, and Go. Each category contain a series of supplementary principles that act as a guide to how we 'do' church at Scarborough.

We pray to be a church which is:

built on the person and character of God where our members are excited about who God is, love His person and character and worship him as the triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), who is their Creator, Saviour and Lord

embrace his will as an opportunity to love him and others better

resist being motivated by guilt to do things for God and others but are motivated by their love for God and gratitude for what He has done for the world in Christ

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Prayer meeting before church
Sundays @ Six & service tonight

MONDAY

Explorers' Bible Study 9.30 am
at the church.

Bible Study at the church at
7pm.

TUESDAY

Craft group possibly starting in
a week's time

Pastors' meeting

THURSDAY

Mainly Music Outreach to
carers with toddlers.

OTHER MINISTRIES

Brighton Kids continuing on
every day.

Music Committee meets first
Sunday of the month

Saturday Prayer Meeting 8am

NEXT SATURDAY on zoom

Mentoring at Primary School -
to be decided when to restart

Finance Meeting - once a
month

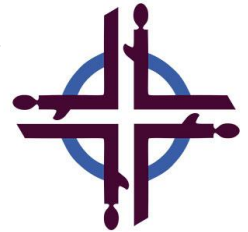
Management Meeting - once a
month

Elders' meeting - once a month

When we ask God to forgive us our sins, we often say it thinking of our personal failures and shortcomings. This is not necessarily wrong.

The prayer, however, also point to our communal sins. The "our Father" is the prayer of the people of God. In this prayer we confess that we as a church community can so easily get it wrong. We confess that we believe in one holy and apostolic

Prayer



church, the community of believers. To belong to the church is to belong to a local church community, but also to a community of believers across the world and across various denominations. In praying "forgive us our sins" we are associating ourselves with the brokenness and fallenness of the church worldwide. But why should we do this? Are we not responsible for our own lives and own sins? Why should we confess the sins of others over whose actions we have had no control? Because they are family, and we care for them. Because their actions bring shame on the church as a whole. A Christian who acts badly, does not only affect his or her own spiritual life, the action has consequences for the church as a whole. How many times we have heard of people who do not want anything to do with God or the church, because of the way they had been treated by someone confessing to be a Christian. But there is a more significant reason for us to confess the sins of the church together: we thereby confess that we too belong to this group who need forgiveness again and again. Even as we consider the many places where others in the church, or churches as a whole, have failed to bring honour to God's name, we do so in the knowledge that we have the same capacity for wrong-doing as they have demonstrated.

There are many Christians who confess to knowing the Lord but who wants to disassociate themselves from the church. They do not want to be counted among the hypocrites. Sadly, in so doing they miss the heart of the gospel. They are removing themselves from those who have to rely on God's grace to forgive them again and again. They place themselves outside of the realm of grace. They wish to associate themselves with the healthy who do not need the doctor. The Lord's prayer, however, invites us to align ourselves with those who are weak and have fallen, and ask with them: "Forgive us our sins."

This is the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 It began as the prophet Isaiah had written:

“God said, ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you to open the way for you.’

3 Someone is shouting in the desert,
‘Get the road ready for the Lord;
make a straight path for him to travel!’”

4 So John appeared in the desert, baptizing and preaching. “Turn away from your sins and be baptized,” he told the people, “and God will forgive your sins.”
5 Many people from the province of Judea and the city of Jerusalem went out to hear John. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan River.

6 John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 7 He announced to the people, “The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. 8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 8

27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”

28 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

29 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”

30 Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.



Who is Jesus?