

JESUS

Through The Bible
From Beginning to End

SBC BULLETIN

What is happening at Scarborough Baptist Church?

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BIBLE READING

Welcome to Scarborough once again.

Today we are privileged to have Chad preaching and Colin leading the service at Scarborough. Our Zoom service is on as usual at 9am and we welcome all who attend this part of our fellowship.

Isn't it great to see the Cafe starting to take shape? Pray for Chad as he heads up this project. We are hoping that it will be up and running by the start of December. Funding is not yet all in, so we are praying for that as well. Feel free to have a look around and ask questions;)

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Prayer meeting before church; Sundays @ Six & service tonight

MONDAY

Explorers' 9.30 am at the church; Bible Study at the church at 7pm;
Pastors' meeting 11 am

TUESDAY

Craft Group from 9 onwards

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 every third Saturday

Mentoring at Primary School

Finance Meeting - once a month

Management Meeting - once a month

Elders' meeting - once a month

Baptism:

"Baptism is more than just washing your body. It means turning to God with a clear conscience, because Jesus Christ was raised from death."

1 Peter 3:21

We will have a baptismal service at the beginning of October! Praise the Lord!



A couple of weeks ago we focussed on praying without needing any words, in fact, groaning before God. And the Bible states that "... the Spirit intercedes along with our groans that cannot be expressed in words."

Today we consider the implications of praying to Jesus who is the Word, and has been the Word from the beginning. God spoke and it was; the spoken Word became reality. We have heard today from the gospel of John: "The Word was in the world, but no one knew him, though God had made the world with his Word."

The basic meaning of a word is a sound that is enunciated through someone's mouth. It might also be inscribed on paper, rock, the sand and it might be in any of a number of languages. Words are the sounds and symbols that communicate meaning. Our thoughts are often in pictures but also in words and as we consider our prayer life, let's think of how we come to The Word, with our small words, our meagre attempts to compose ideas and present them to the Creator.

Jesus as the Word means that God has always wanted to communicate his character, thoughts and feelings. Creation did not simply happen, it was more than the impersonal outflow of some eternal neutral force. It was the result of a personal, speaking God. God created through his Word, and in humanity he created living beings who could respond to his self-communication. God's Word still addresses us. While words are sounds and symbols pointing to something beyond themselves, in Jesus, God's Word became more than a symbol. Jesus is God's Word which became flesh; Jesus is the ultimate disclosure of who God is, wants, thinks and feels.

We understand the New Testament as the Word of God because it points us to God's ultimate communication in Jesus. Paul writes to the Thessalonians "...you didn't think of our words as mere human ideas. You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe." God's communication in Jesus is more than a monologue. Jesus came to restore our relationship to God, to invite us to listen and respond to God's self-communication through his Word-become-flesh. God's Word of love says that He cares about our thoughts, needs, wants and feelings; that He also wants to listen to us. So, let us pray.

In the beginning was the one who is called the Word. The Word was with God and was truly God. 2 From the very beginning the Word was with God. 3 And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. Everything that was created 4 received its life from him, and his life gave light to everyone. 5 The light keeps shining in the dark, and darkness has never put it out. 6 God sent a man named John, 7 who came to tell about the light and to lead all people to have faith. 8 John wasn't that light. He came only to tell about the light. 9 The true light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. 10 The Word was in the world, but no one knew him, though God had made the world with his Word. 11 He came into his own world, but his own nation did not welcome him. 12 Yet some people accepted him and put their faith in him. So he gave them the right to be the children of God. 13 They were not God's children by nature or because of any human desires. God himself was the one who made them his children. 14 The Word became a human being and lived here with us. We saw his true glory, the glory of the only Son of the Father. From him all the kindness and all the truth of God have come down to us. 15 John spoke about him and shouted, "This is the one I told you would come! He is greater than I am, because he was alive before I was born." 16 Because of all that the Son is, we have been given one blessing after another. 17 The Law was given by Moses, but Jesus Christ brought us undeserved kindness and truth. 18 No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is truly God and is closest to the Father, has shown us what God is like.



Cross references:
Genesis 1: God speaks
Hosea 6v5 - and many other places where the prophets brought the Word of God to the people of Israel, both admonishing and encouraging them
Matthew 13: a parable about the Word of God