

SBC BULLETIN

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Welcome to the service this morning. We are grateful to also welcome visitors from Shalom House to our service this morning. It is always great to have them in our midst. We trust that the Lord will use their visit to bless us and them in a special way. Please join us for a chat and some refreshments after the service.

We are continuing our focus on Evangelism and Mission this week. Matt Hall will be leading the service and Chad Power will be bringing us the message from the Word. We thank the Lord for the musicians who so faithfully lead us week by week.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Prayer meeting before church; Sundays @ Six & service tonight

Brighton Kids continuing on every week day

MONDAY

Morning Bible Study at 9.30am at the church

Evening Bible study at 7pm at the church

TUESDAY

Craft Group from about 9am-11.30am

THURSDAY

Mainly Music at 10.30am

Music Committee: THIS SUNDAY after church

Finance Meeting - once a month

Management Meeting - once a month

Elders' meeting - once a month

"Is not the commission of our Lord still binding upon us? Can we not do more than now we are doing?" — William Carey

"The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become." — Henry Martyn, missionary to India and Persia

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose" — Jim Elliot, missionary martyr to Indians of Ecuador

"We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure in which we have received it" — P.F. Bresee, founder of the Church of the Nazarene

"If a commission by an earthly king is considered a honor, how can a commission by a Heavenly King be considered a sacrifice?" — David Livingstone

"Sympathy is no substitute for action." — David Livingstone, missionary to Africa

The life of Christ can be reproduced in us as the church only by the power of the Holy Spirit. As a miraculous work of God, it is achieved not by human effort but by divine enabling. Dependence on God is, therefore, an essential part of our Christian life. At the same time, the Bible is full of commands for us to believe, obey, walk, present, fight, reckon, persevere, pursue, draw near, pray, respond, speak, and love. Our dependence on the Holy Spirit must lead to actions for God.

And yet, our actions of service to God are never the point. It is only when our actions are marked by deep humility, that we can adequately bring the message of God's love to others. The Holy Spirit empowers us by pointing us away from ourselves to Jesus. All our actions as Christians are always only grateful responses to what God has done for us in and through Christ Jesus. We can love God and others only because we have become the recipients of God's love through Christ. We experience the love of Christ through the continuing indwelling presence of his Holy Spirit within us. Therein lies our power alone.

CAFE & PLAYGROUND PROGRESS

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The work on the cafe is continuing well alongside the work on the playground. We believe that we have sufficient funds to complete the first phase of the cafe. We are so grateful that the Lord has enabled us to do all that we have done so far through the financial and practical contributions of the people in this church. Our vision is that the cafe will set up a non-threatening bridge to help us reach out to the community with the message of salvation in Jesus. We still need to put up some roofing or pergola for the outside area at an estimated cost of \$17,000.

The playground is taking shape quickly. Jan (from Moora church) who is building the playground for us has concluded that it makes more sense to complete our proposed Stages 1-3 in one go as it means using all the heavy equipment at one time. This results in great savings for us. Jan is willing for the church to pay for the final stages later but the management believes that we should pay it as soon as possible. We, furthermore, need to put down some mulch or sand underneath the play equipment as well as some form of shading around the playground. This may require another \$15,000. All this means that a few more miracles are required.

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 created⁴ 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.

