

Don't Forget!

- July 26 Kamp Agappae starts
- July 28 Prayer Focus 7:30pm
- July 30 Youth 7:30pm
- August 04 Prayer Focus 7:30pm
- August 06 Youth 7:30pm
- August 08 Communion

This Week at a Glance

Wednesday, July 21

Weekly Prayer Focus 7:30pm

Friday, July 16

Youth 7:30pm

Sunday, July 25

10am Pastor Jim Drennan
Short Business meeting after the morning service to vote on membership candidate.

Needed for Kamp Agappae – paper rolls, any size will do. Please leave in church office.

Men's Canoe Trip

September 3-6, for more info see Trevor Clark.
Extra gear available!
Sign-up sheet at the Welcome Centre.

Wilf Wight

July 18, 2010

HAVE YOU UNDERSTOOD?

John 13:1-17, vs.34-35

Key verse:

(Vs. 1) "It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love".

Review and Progression:

July 4: Let Freedom Ring (John 11). Lazarus is given resurrection life and then freed from the encumbrances of grave clothes so he can live in the freedom Christ gives.

July 11: Extravagant Love (John 12). Mary (of Bethany) pours out her love to the Lord as she anoints his feet at the dinner given in his honour.

July 18: Have You Understood? (John 13). Jesus demonstrates humble service and foreshadows total sacrifice.

(Vs. 7) "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand". Later the disciples would understand that

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(Vs. 12) "When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?', he asked them."

When we understand what he has done for us we are motivated to

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, I come to you confessing my sins of pride, arrogance and I believe that the Lord Jesus died on the Cross for me, paying the debt of all my sins. I accept your offer of freedom from guilt and shame. His sacrifice and example have changed my attitude toward others. My heart is moved to love this Holy One who gave His life for me. Now, my hands and feet are motivated to serve Him. Give me the grace to live for Him in my home, in my church and in my community. For your glory. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Morning Worship 10:00 am

James Drennan

Senior Pastor

**Welcome to our service this morning.
May God's grace flow abundantly so,
that you may grow in that grace and
know the fullness of God.**

Welcome to AV!

July 18, 2010

If you are a guest today, we're glad you have joined us! We invite you to complete the *AV Communication Card* and place it in the offering plate or give to an usher. Our prayer is that you will sense the reality of God's presence here today and be drawn closer to Him as a result of our time together.

Pre-Service: I Will Enter His Gates
I Will Call Upon the Lord
Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Welcome

Worship: He Touched Me #504
I Stand in Awe
The Longer I Serve Him #518

Offering

Worship: What a Mighty God We Serve
The Servant Song
I Will Serve Thee #446

Message: "Have You Understood?" Wilf Wight

Closing: Have You Any Time for Jesus? #328
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

3PM Church Family Picnic @ the Habinskis' – maps @ the Welcome Centre

Next Sunday

Pastor Jim Drennan

Short Business Meeting after the morning service.

Did you know that you can keep up with the latest sermons while away on holidays?

Just follow the link <http://altavistabaptist.org/category/sermons/>

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION



CENTRE OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

My answer is "yes". The Christian faith is centered in the church **and** in the home **and** in the individual. I suspect that's not the answer you were looking for. So let me explain why, I couldn't select one area as the primary centre for the Christian faith.

There certainly is an individual dimension to my faith. In fact, to become a Christian I had to decide to focus my faith on Jesus. I had to personally believe His death on the cross was sufficient payment for my sins (1Corinthians 15:1-4). I had to individually choose to trust Him as "the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). No one could believe on my behalf. That makes my faith very personal.

But while the Christian faith is meant to be personal, it was never meant to be private. True faith in Jesus will not stay hidden in the heart; it will show itself in how a person lives at home and at church. That's why the Bible has so much to say about family life (Colossians 3:18-21) and church relationships (Colossians 3:12-17).

And it doesn't stop there. The Bible makes it clear that the Christian faith is to shape the way I live in the broader community. Christians are called to demonstrate the love of Jesus and communicate the message of Jesus to all people. We are to let our faith be seen not just at home or church, but also in society.

The Bible declares that Jesus is Lord of all (Philippians 2:10=11). That means He has a rightful claim over every aspect of life. No wonder He wants His followers to live out their faith in all aspects of their lives. Christianity gets compromised when it gets compartmentalized.

from...."Ask the Religion Experts"

The Servant Song

Brother, let me be your servant.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are brothers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out for you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are
weeping.
When you laugh I'll laugh with
you.
I will Share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey
through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony.
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

Can you help? Looking for transportation for Rupert Campbell (Billings Bridge area) to bring him to church. If you can take on this ministry, or share with another individual, please speak with Marie Deslauriers.