

# BENDIGO BAPTIST CHURCH



## Messages

### This Week

9:30am Eaglehawk  
10:30am Junortoun  
Dave Gillett - rebuilding the walls  
6pm Junortoun  
Michelle Cook (GB)  
6pm Eaglehawk Café 3:16



### Next Week

10:30am Junortoun  
Christmas Cantata  
9:30am Eaglehawk  
6pm Junortoun  
David Lovell - twas the night before Christmas  
6pm Eaglehawk Café 3:16  
**Htoo Moo Plaw**  
Karen Service 1pm  
Junortoun Pastor Hae Bo

## Welcome Visitors

We'd love to meet you, so please stay for a cuppa after the service. If you have children, we have various programs running during the services. Please speak to a ministry leader for details.

## Dear Church family

As we head towards the end of the Old Testament in our Story series, we find ourselves at Nehemiah this week. Nehemiah has often been used to speak about leadership lessons and how to build God's church together, but it is much more than that.

In the big picture of the Bible's storyline, the books of Ezra & Nehemiah show us that the return of many Israelites to Jerusalem was only one step toward the fulfillment of the prophetic hope of the new covenant and the kingdom of God. The full realization of that hope came only when God himself entered personally into Israel's story in the person of Jesus. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and through the gift of the Spirit, the story took a quantum leap forward ... and you will get to that part of the biblical story soon enough.

For the moment, it's worth reflecting on the fact that the book of Ezra-Nehemiah is a realistic story about religious leaders who are unable to realize their dreams because of the impossible paradox of the human condition. Despite their best intentions, Ezra and Nehemiah are not able to accomplish the transformation of the human heart. Even the most capable leaders will tell you that the law of unintended consequences and inevitable human failure will compromise the best of our plans. But that doesn't mean Ezra and Nehemiah shouldn't have tried. Their stories give us hope and inspiration to keep pointing other people to God's grace and to keep calling them (and ourselves!) to faithfulness and devotion.

Dave Gillett



## Prayer & Praise - Local

### **Please be praying for:**

- Janiene Vandy: Praise God that Janiene has come home from hospital.
- Lynn Boland as she recovers from open heart surgery (an Aortic valve replacement) and as she is transferred to St John Bendigo in the next few days.
- Gay Nay Blu and her family on the sudden loss of A Day in a car accident. (Tha Wah and Koe Lay are his brothers).
- The Plant family as Jude has been discharged after his 3rd round of chemo. Please pray that he will stay well, for patience as they wait in Melbourne for ongoing monitoring of Jude's bloods at RCH.
- All of our families as we lead into Christmas. May we resist the pull of consumerism and be grateful and generous during the Christmas period.
- For the permits for the Madcow Community Garden to be approved promptly.
- Carol King as she undergoes follow up treatment and for healing of her wound post-surgery.
- Irene Turnbull: Praise God she is cancer free.
- Lois Mitchell as she has an appointment on 22nd Nov to check her eye; for hope and healing.
- Tina Stubbs as she has had further investigative tests, for insight for the Dr's and for healing.
- Clynton Robinson, for his recovery and healing.
- More Christians to come to café 3:sixteen to connect with a large number of people exploring faith. Praise God for the missional space.
- For new leaders to join the Girls' Brigade Team in 2018.
- For the 2 leaders and 1 girls from Bendigo Girls' Brigade going to the national camp (FONO) in January 2018. Pray that God will prepare their hearts to take on the challenges He has for them while at FONO (Perth).
- Provision of Ian Stephens to be the new administrator for the church. Pray for wisdom as we gather to approve this recommendation.
- Marlene Dimond's niece, Alison's husband, Ryan, is on life support after a motorbike accident. Pray for healing for Ryan and strength for Alison as she supports him.
- Bryn Smith, for a speedy and complete healing as he recovers from surgery on Monday night.
- Upcoming baptisms at the Junortoun Campus on Dec 17.
- The Christmas season and the opportunities to share about the birth of Christ - God's hope for the world..

### **Praise:**

- Great progress and favour with MADCOW community garden at Eaglehawk Campus.
- Youth church volunteer teams both @ Eaglehawk & Junortoun helping teenagers to interact with God's word and each other.
- That Kel Bramley is home and doing much better.
- A good time for all at the Sunday programs children's leaders gathering on Sunday as we celebrated a fruitful year.
- For small groups: impact of God's Word in the lives of people meeting across Bendigo.
- For the growing culture of discipleship across all generations. Lives are being transformed by Jesus.
- For community engagement as our Junortoun Campus is heavily used throughout December.



**THIS CHRISTMAS**  
**you have the chance**  
**TO SHARE**  
**LOVE**

...to those who are less fortunate by contributing towards a **Christmas hamper.**

Items can be dropped off at BBC  
(both campuses) or Life Essentials by  
**Sunday 10th December**

**No clothing or shoes. No large toys please.**

Suggested Hamper Items: Mince Pies, Christmas Cake, Shortbread Biscuits, Tinned Ham, Tinned Vegetables, Pasta, Bottled Pasta Sauce, Rice, Tinned Fruit, Cereal, Long Life Milk, Treats, Toothpaste, Soap, Soft Drink, Cordial, Personal Hygiene Products as well as NEW Toys for Primary School Children.

My need is \_\_\_\_\_

Please pray for \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one: Confidential (Staff Only) / Prayer Request / Please Call Me

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disclosure Statement: Any information given on behalf of another person must be given with their consent.  
This accords with the Privacy Policy of the BUV.

## Study Questions for Small groups

Nehemiah 1

Read Nehemiah 1 and retell it to each other in pairs.

1. What do you learn about God's people from this chapter?
2. What do we learn about prayer from this chapter?
3. What do we learn about God from this chapter?
4. With all of the overwhelming needs in the world, how do you think a person can know where God wants him/her to focus?
5. Why do you think it is important to realize that God's purpose is primarily His glory, not our happiness? Why are these two things not ultimately in conflict?

*THE STORY*



# CONNECTION CARD

BENDIGO BAPTIST CHURCH



Please fill out this card and drop in the offering, or the blue box in the foyer.

I am new to Bendigo Baptist Church

Change my contact details

PERSONAL DETAILS  Please include in Church Directory

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title First Name Surname M/F

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Today's Date Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Suburb State Postcode

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Home Phone Mobile Date of Birth  
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Email

Names of family members: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Campus Attended:

Junortoun Campus  Eaglehawk Campus  
 AM  PM

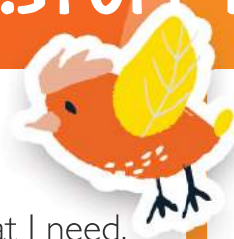
I would like to find out more about:

What Christian's believe/  
Alpha Course  Baptism

Volunteering  Life Groups

*Connection folders which outline all ministries of the Church are also available at the Connect Desk in the Church foyer.*

# BEYOND SUNDAY...STUFF FOR PARENTS



## KIDZ BIZ

### BIBLE STORY FOCUS:

I am thankful God gives me what I need.  
The Lord is my Shepherd • Psalm 23

**MEMORY VERSE:** *"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart."* Psalm 111:1, ESV

**KEY QUESTION:** Who can you thank for everything?

**BOTTOM LINE:** I can thank God for everything.

**BASIC TRUTH:** God made me.

## GATEWAY

**BIBLE STORY:** Gratitude Is with You ...  
Always (Give thanks no matter what)  
• 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**BOTTOM LINE:** Always be grateful.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *"Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus."*  
1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV

**LIFE APP:** Gratitude-letting others know you see how they've helped you.

**BASIC TRUTH:** I can trust God no matter what.



Starting in November, Gateway children can collect their nametags in the foyer and meet their small group leaders in the Function Room any time after 10:15am.

**BBC  
JUNORTOWN  
CAMPUS**

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CHILDREN

@BBC

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## GATEWAY

THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH.  
LUKE 1:26 - 2

**MEMORY VERSE:** "But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 NIRV



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EAGLEHAWK  
CAMPUS

fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

## Welcome to Summer

3rd Dec 5-7pm

McIvor Forest

Estate Playspace

Events like this are a great way to engage in our local community, especially one on our doorstep.

Join Pastor Dave Lovell on the 3rd.

<http://junortoun.org/news/>



Ron Bish is turning 50 & the church family is welcome to join him for lunch TODAY, at 1 pm at the home of Sue & Barry Ward, 541 Emu Creek Road, Emu Creek. Please RSVP to Sue Ward on 0478 372 168 or Rhonda Leske 0412 020 894



Following recovery from hip surgery and subsequent rehabilitation, Jack Stephens would like to thank the church family for cards, phone calls and prayers which were of great assistance and encouragement whilst he was a patient in Nowra Private Hospital during October.

Catherine & Ian Stephens



I am so thankful to God for my church family. The support through this year of bereavement and illness has been amazing. My treatment is nearly over and for now I am cancer free. God is so good. Irene Turnbull

## Special Members Meeting

- Sunday Dec 3 at 12 Noon at Junortoun. Church Council is recommending a name for the Administrator position for BBC.

The **LE Bookshop and Life Essentials** will be open until 8 pm on Fridays during December (1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd).



## Condolences

Our condolences and prayers are extended to Peter & Wendy Seach at the passing of Peter's mother Jocelyn & Garry Hall and the passing of Jocelyn's father Gay Nay Blu and family at the tragic loss of Ah Day in a car accident

Condolences 

## Youth Ministry Worker vacancy

Bendigo Baptist Church is seeking applications for a Youth Ministry Worker. This is a part-time position (2 day per week), for a period of 1 year initially, and the successful applicant will be responsible to the Children's, Youth & Young Adults Pastor.

When applying for the position, applicants will need to show they can satisfy the requirements of the Job Description, which is available on our website. ( <http://www.bendigobaptist.org.au/images/About/youth-min-job-pd-oct2017.pdf> )

Written applications will need to be submitted by email or hard copy to Pastor Dave Gillett by 8pm on December 8: [dave.gillett@bendigobaptist.org.au](mailto:dave.gillett@bendigobaptist.org.au) . The selection panel will consider applications, and conduct an interview process the following week. The successful applicant should expect to commence employment from the start of January 2018. For more information, please contact Dave Gillett.

Bulletin additions by noon Wed each week -  
[admin@bendigobaptist.org.au](mailto:admin@bendigobaptist.org.au)



# ONE CHURCH - Multiple Locations

The Star Movie  
Rated G - now  
showing at the Star  
Cinema. Visit [www.starcinema.org.au](http://www.starcinema.org.au) for  
more information.



Life Essentials is looking for donations of pasta, rice and pasta sauce to help feed the homeless and those doing it tough. For around \$5 (cost of a coffee) you can help someone have three evening meals by providing these cheap ingredients. Items can be brought into Life Essentials or left at the church office. If you can help with any of these items it would be greatly appreciated.



Jan 3rd - 7th  
2018  
Phillip Island  
Adventure  
Resort  
Flyers on  
the Connect  
Desks

Contact Sonia Hinson for more details  
0409 258 043

## Seniors Christmas Service and Lunch

Kangaroo Flat Sports Club  
Mackenzie Street West KF  
11am Tue 12th Dec  
\$17 per person  
Give your name to:  
Lorraine Clarke  
Robyn Geyer  
Dianne Bergmeier  
by 3rd Dec.

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and click on 'iGive' in the top  
right hand corner.

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**Director of Community Care:**  
Matt Parkinson 0418 698 693



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**Associate Pastor:** Leighton Gates 0432 057 090  
**Associate Pastor:** Andrew Johnston 0447 818 630  
**Associate Pastor Eaglehawk:** Brock Gravener 0439 349 821  
**Pastoral Care Ministry Worker**  
- Junortoun: Michelle Cook 0429 125 596  
- Eaglehawk: Coll Hastings 0429 040 354  
**Children's Ministry Worker:** Donna Clarke 0428 418 180  
**Safe Church Concerns Person -** Jenny McWilliam 0431 459 464

## COMMUNITY CARE

**OP SHOP** - 214 Hargreaves Street,  
Bendigo. Ph: 5441 4747  
Manager - Rod Meadows  
**Gilead Counselling Centre:**  
Counsellor - Mark Boyd ph: 5441 1494  
**MAD COW CAFE** MON-FRI 8:30-4:00  
**Playgroup enquiries:**  
[playgroups@bendigobaptist.org.au](mailto:playgroups@bendigobaptist.org.au)



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