

BENDIGO BAPTIST CHURCH

Messages

This Week

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Brock Gravener: The Story - A few good Men & Women
6pm Eaglehawk Café 3:16
Htoo Moo Plaw Karen Service 1pm Junortoun



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(Weekly) 1pm (Junortoun)

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

We congratulate the MAD Ride team as they embark on a courageous journey of faith, cycling from Bunbury WA to Bendigo. We farewell them from Bendigo and look forward to hearing the many stories of God's provision and work in and through them on their return.

I calculated that they will do an average of 650,000 revolutions as they pedal the 3600km. Whoooo!. We are excited to announce that the goal of raising \$50,000 was reached this week! We thank you and God, and pray for continued blessing as our Church continues to love Him and love people; particularly in this case, supporting the marginalised and homeless of Bendigo. The Gospel penetrates and changes each and every situation. Please continue to pray for the riders and support team as they commence the ride today.

This week as we continue to explore 'The Story' we find ourselves in the book of Judges. Although set over 2,500 years ago, the challenges and cycles the Israelites found themselves in, are often not much different than our day to day lives today. Through Israel's sin, God allows them to fall captive to other nations so they can be tutored in the ways of God. When they repent, God is faithful to raise up Judges, who lead Israel's deliverance from oppression.

God continued (EVERYTIME) to rescue them because he made an unconditional promise that the blessed solution for all people to come back into a relationship with Him would come through Israel. This promise of the old covenant, as well as the new covenant through Jesus, is absolutely our promise today as well. We must choose to live in our new identity; as righteous Children of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bless you,
Pastor Brock Gravener.



Prayer & Praise

Please be praying for:

- Joyce Stait as she has treatment for her eyes, for continued improvement.
- The current shortfall in our giving. Pray for God's abundant provision.
- Marjorie Mason as she recovers from surgery.
- For the number of non-believers connecting into Café 3:sixteen as they explore faith.
- For little Will, friend of Lois Mitchell, now in rehab with no arm or leg movement and limited sitting time. Please pray for healing of his body as it adjusts to the left side of his brain being shut off.
- The Plant family as Jude is down in Melbourne having treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia and looking at a 6 month stay in Melbourne.
- The upcoming voluntary plebiscite. The loss of the definition of marriage in public policy will dramatically re-shape our nation and have consequences for freedom of religion and speech.
- Safety for all riders and support crew as they begin the MADride.
- Tom; that God would touch his life during a difficult season of him making some poor choices.
- For health for Khaw Min Inmae who has an appointment regarding surgery on Sept 19.

Praise:

- Recent baptisms amongst our young adult community at an overnight event at Gunyah.
- Great progress and favour with MADCOW community garden at Eaglehawk Campus.
- Great progress with the dynamics in our children's ministry at Eaglehawk.
- Youth church volunteer teams both @ Eaglehawk & Junortoun helping teenagers to interact with God's word and each other.
- Enthusiasm of young children/youth within Girls Brigade as they serve in the Samaritan's purse project.
- Recent contributions towards the Madride. Currently over \$50,000+

Global Praise & Prayer Points:

Dave & Enty

grateful for their financial support as it helps cover most of their accommodation needs each month in Bandung.

- Pray for them as they adjust to a new school culture and seek to bring the love and light of God to a dark world.

Stephanie

• Please pray for wisdom as we discuss options for teaching next year, keeping God at the centre of whatever decisions are made.

- Jenny as she is currently with Steph on a short visit.

A & W

• Another document necessary for the Café visa is now complete. Continue to pray for favour for working visa in country.

- A new helper has commenced work at the café.

Bill & Pauline

• Pray for preparation for 2018 around travel, training camps and leadership events.

• Bill will be conducting a funeral service for a young woman on Oct 6. Pray for a sense of God's peace and presence as it is a sad time.

Thankful for a great Outback Exposure time with team from Taralgon. Pray for a new couple (Matt & Shannon) as they prepare to move to Southern Communities in late 2018.

GIRLS' BRIGADE Samaritan's Purse Project

Next packing night is **Monday September 18th**. All welcome to help.

If you are packing a shoe box at home, please return your completed box by September 18th.



These are the things we need to pack more boxes.

- * Toothbrushes, combs or hair brushes, face washers
- * Clothes – Any size T-shirts, shorts, caps, thongs, etc
- * Toys for boys and girls of all ages but particularly age 10-14 - skipping ropes, cars, recorder, yo-yos, tennis balls, dolls, kaleidoscope, puzzles, sunglasses, sewing kit, musical instruments, backpack, balls with pumps.
- * Lots of soft toys – must be new
- * Other special things – balls, hair clips, balloons, jewellery, marbles, bags, balloons.



Donations – We would appreciate your donation to help with cost of freight and distribution of these boxes (\$10.00 per box). If you would rather give money so we can buy the gifts we need to finish boxes, then we would be glad to receive your donation today.

Any queries to Carolyn Naunton on 5439 6306 or 0418 368 373.

JOB VACANCY

ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Applications are now being sought for an administrator at Bendigo Baptist Church. This is a 0.6 position (23h/w). The job description and administrative duties are now available on the church's website (http://bendigobaptist.org.au/images/About/AdministratorPD_2017_duties.pdf). Applications close on Sunday Oct 1st and all enquiries and applications can be directed to David Lovell (david.lovell@bendigobaptist.org.au).

A NOTE from Pastor Dave...

It's only a matter of days before I join with 22 other riders and begin our journey back to Bendigo from Bunbury. We've all trained incredibly hard and each of us is looking forward to an adventure of a lifetime together. Thank you in advance for all of your prayers.

While there will be a number of staff away on this ride, please know that Ps. Leighton Gates and Ps. Brock Gravener will still be around and available throughout this period of time. If you have any immediate pastoral needs you can also contact our pastoral care ministry workers (Junortoun Campus: Michelle Cook – 0429 125 596 or Eaglehawk Campus: Beth Cameron – 0437 876 795) at each ministry campus.

Looking forward to seeing you when we ride in to Lake Weeroona on Sunday October 8th at 1:00 PM.
Blessings Ps Dave Lovell

ONE CHURCH - Multiple Locations

BBC Ministry TARGETS 2017

Weekly iGive Goal

\$12,700

This includes local and global



Giving is still significantly under budget by \$21,452 to the end of August. Please continue to prayerfully consider the church's finances and the impact on ministry.

TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE LIVES FOR GOD'S GLORY

Are you listening to Bendigo's Contemporary Christian radio? Tune in today to 105.1FM and find out more at www.life1051.org.au



SAVE THE DATE

Sat Nov 11 2017 will be the Church's AGM Dinner. This will be an evening of celebration and vision casting as we look forward to 2018. \$25 a head for a 2 course meal. More details to come.

We will be having a love offering for the work of the Gideons in our Sunday services across both campuses on **Sunday Oct 1**.



To give electronically, head to www.bendigobaptist.org.au and click on 'iGive' in the top right hand corner.

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CHURCH STAFF & COUNCIL

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- Junortoun: Michelle Cook 0429 125 596

- Eaglehawk: Coll Hastings 0429 040 354

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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



www.bendigobaptist.org.au

BEYOND SUNDAY...STUFF FOR PARENTS

CHILDREN

@BBC

KIDZ BIZ

BIBLE STORY FOCUS:

When God is with me, I can be courageous.
Rahab and the Spies • Joshua 2:1-22; 6:1-25

MEMORY VERSE:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid... for the LORD your God goes with you." Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV

KEY QUESTION: Who is always with you?

BASIC TRUTH: God is always with me.

BOTTOM LINE: God loves me.

PARENT CUE APP: <http://apple.co/1tR61VM>



GATEWAY

BIBLE STORY: Forgive and Let By (Forgive one

another) • Colossians 3:13; John 21:1-17
(Supporting: John 18:1-27)

BOTTOM LINE: Friends forgive one another.

MEMORY VERSE: "A friend loves at all times. He is there to help when trouble comes." Proverbs 17:17, NIV

LIFE APP: Friendship-using your words and actions to show others you care.

BASIC TRUTH: I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

Sing along with us this week by visiting <http://studio252.tv/fun2watch> & clicking 252 Music to watch the music video.



Preschool, the most important phase? What do you think?

Just A Phase : An Interview with Holly Crawshaw
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GATEWAY

BREAK UP PARTY
FOOD AND FUN TO CELEBRATE
THE END OF TERM 3



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1HOPE mentoring

Have you heard about 1HOPE?

1HOPE is our very own mentoring program designed to help vulnerable and marginalised kids. We have moved away from the Kids Hope model and created our very own brand to allow us to expand our mentoring program.

Want to know more? . . . Please contact Alison Phillips via the Church Office.

'It only takes one caring adult to make a difference and change our world'

BBC Indonesia Trip Jan 2018

The next BBC trip to Indonesia will be led by Phil Trebilcock & Katrina Pemberton. This is a fascinating missional insight into our next-door-neighbour. We visit all BBC cross-cultural partners in Indonesia.



Consider coming with a friend. In the past we have had YP, parents have come with their kids, grandparents with their grandkids. Participants must be reasonably fit, flexible, & willing to try new things.

Dates are Jan 17 to Feb 2 (approx.). Cost is \$2300, \$1900 students.

Brochures are on the Connect Desk, or contact Phil on 0422 188 228,

pjtreb@bigpond.com

MADRIDE Prayer Notes

Day 1 (17th Sep)

- Thank God for all the people who have worked very hard to get the riders and support team to the start line..it has been a tremendous effort
- pray that the riders appreciate that lots of people are cheering them on and want to see them do well, and feel inspired by that
- pray for safety for everybody involved; that God will help the riders concentrate well, cause other road users to be co-operative, help us to be wise as we do the ride
- pray for riders and support crew to be able to work out quickly how they are going to function together well as a team

Day 2 (18th Sep)

- Pray for strength for riders as they tackle the hilliest day of the ride, and that they will be a helpful support for each other
- Pray that it's a profitable/encouraging time for everyone as we have afternoon tea with Lake Grace School
- Pray for support crew as they get into their daily routine and roles

Day 3 (19th Sep)

- Pray the the riders will be working away at their spiritual goals for the ride, and that God will be at work in them
- Pray that support vehicles following riders will doing job their smoothly and safely
- Pray for LaRaine Rose as she looks after the bikes as the mechanic.

Day 4 (20th Sep)

- Pray for the riders as they face a challenging day into Esperance and that the whole group will be able to have ridden the full distance so far.
- Pray that the storage container and mobile kitchen will be functioning well, and especially that the cool room and freezers will keep going without any problems.

Day 5 (21st Sep)

- Pray that it's an enjoyable mostly rest day that will give riders and support crew a good chance to catc
- Pray that the riders will be working out well how to look after their muscles
- Pray that the website, with the video blog, gps tracking etc, is enabling lots of people in our community to keep connected with the ride

Day 6 (22nd Sep)

- Pray for a south wind today as the riders head up to Norseman
- Pray for Ken & Graham as they drive the support vehicles behind the riders
- Pray that Peter letto's massage work will be beneficial for the riders

Day 7 (23rd Sep)

- Pray for the support crew as we have our first night in tents on the Nullarbor
- Pray for the riders to have a positive attitude as they face the Nullarbor, not to be daunted by it, but able to break it down into little pieces day by day

Day 8 (24th Sep)

- Pray for a really helpful and thankful atmosphere amongst the whole group that builds people up
- Pray that families left at home will be helping them and strengthening them as the ride is going on
- Pray that we will get west winds as we head across the Nullarbor

Day 9 (25th Sep)

- Pray for helpful and encouraging conversations between riders as they pedal away through the day
- Pray for riders bodies to be handling saddle soreness well
- Pray that everybody is getting all the sleep they need

Day 10 (26th Sep)

- Pray for the support crew with all their various equipment, that it will be performing well for us
- Pray for extra people in the support team who will be joining us today, that they will fit in well and find it a rewarding experience
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Day 11 (27th Sep)

- Pray for riders to be able to persevere well and help each other along as they get towards the half way point of the ride
- Pray that as the ride goes on, the awareness and resources that are being raised for MADCOW will be well used to help people in the community who are in need

Day 12 (28th Sep)

- Pray that the bikes will be running smoothly, and that we don't have major mechanical issues to deal with
- Pray for fine weather, particularly as we are camping on the Nullarbor
- Pray for more west wind, to help us enjoy the longest day of the ride (219 km)

Day 13; (29th Sep)

- Thank God for all the communities/sports clubs/churches that have supported or sponsored the ride with accommodation facilities and other resources, and pray that God will bless their generosity towards us
- Pray that riders will be patient and caring with each other as they spend lots of time together

Day 14 (30th Sep)

- pray for good health for everybody, so they can make the most of the experience
- pray that this mostly rest day at Streaky Bay is very enjoyable and relaxing for everybody
- pray for the rest of the riders as they join the group here, that they will quickly get into the routine of what is happening and transition smoothly into the team

Day 15 (1st Oct)

- Pray for favourable winds on what will be a hard day with plenty of uphill travelling to Kimba
- Thank God for the countryside we are able to ride through freely and pray that we will all appreciate God's creation
- Thank God for the way the BBC community has supported the ride and pray that people will feel connected with what is happening on the ride.

Day 16 (2nd Oct)

- Pray that the riders will be concentrating well as they head into the last week of the ride
- Pray that relationships within the whole group will be getting stronger and stronger, especially across the different generations involved.

Day 17 (3rd Oct)

- Pray for co-operation and understanding from other road users through the ride, especially on a busy section of the Eyre Highway today between Port Augusta and Crystal Brook
- Pray for strength for the riders, especially for a tough last third of the day into Spalding
- Pray for the support crew to be having lots of good conversations with each other, and finding joy in what they are doing

Day 18 (4th Oct)

- Pray that the riders will be continuing to support each other well, and be cheering each other on more and more as they get weary
- Pray that the evening debriefs and devotions will have been and will continue to be a helpful time for everybody

Day 19 (5th Oct)

- Pray that as we come back into Victoria lots of people will be noticing the MADCOW signs everywhere and it will create interest in what MADCOW is doing in the community.
- Pray that the riders will be coping well with the temperature as the weather warms up through the ride

Day 20 (6th Oct)

- pray that there will be plenty of discussion and encouragement of each other in spiritual goals and that the ride will have lots of spiritual value for everybody involved
- keep praying for west winds as the ride comes back into Victoria...it makes such a difference

Day 21 (7th Oct)

- pray for an enjoyable time with people from the Boort community on the last night
- pray for an excellent time of celebration and reflection for the whole group on the last night

Day 22 (8th Oct)

- A smooth ride in from Boort as other cyclists join us
- An excellent celebration for everybody involved as we arrive in at Lake Weeroona to the MADCOW stampede

Day 23 (9th Oct)

- pray for the whole team as they readjust to normality of life now that the ride has finished
Thank you for partnering with us in prayer while we are away – The Madride Team

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CONNECT OVER LUNCH

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 11.30am

PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE