

# BENDIGO BAPTIST CHURCH



## Messages

### This Week

9:30am Eaglehawk  
10:30am Junortoun  
6pm Junortoun  
David Lovell - twas the night before Christmas  
6pm Eaglehawk Café 3:16  
Christmas celebration

*'twas the  
NIGHT before  
CHRISTMAS*

### Christmas Eve

10:30am Junortoun  
6pm Junortoun  
No Eaglehawk service

### Christmas Day

9am Eaglehawk  
No Junortoun service

## 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

This Christmas we are partnering with our own Htoo Moo Plaw Church to support two specific projects in Mae Sariang region where many of this Karen congregation are from.

### Eh Htu Hta

Eh Htu Hta is a refugee camp for Internally Displaced People. Over the years, many Karen have fled to Eh Htu Hta camp, to seek refuge from the fighting. It is one of the only refugee camps situated in Burma. As a consequence it is very underfunded and food supplies are critically scarce. There are some solutions for the Karen in this camp but the majority of them are in a tight situation. Our gifts this Christmas will help support the middle school in this camp by funding some of their food supplies. **Goal: \$5,000**

### Saw Bwe Der

The village of Saw Bwe Der is located about a day's walk from Eh Htu Hta. The pastor of this village is endeavouring to appoint field workers to reach the Buddhist and animist families in that location. These field workers are bible college graduates who are sent to serve in such villages as teachers, medics or pastors. Our gifts this Christmas will help support a field worker in this location.

### **Goal: \$1000**

Our goal this Christmas through the HOPE PROJECT offering is to raise **\$6,000**. Your gifts can be given in two ways: You can utilize the envelope that is provided in the bulletin or you can give online through our website at [www.bendigobaptist.org.au](http://www.bendigobaptist.org.au) by selecting the iGive tab at the top of the page and then the Special Giving Appeals under the Campaigns heading. **Note:** All gifts given are tax deductible if requested. Please leave your contact details on the envelope or call church office if you've given online and need a receipt.

Thanks for being willing to make a difference in the lives of others this Christmas.

Pastor Dave Lovell

## Prayer & Praise - Local

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

- Janiene Vendy: Praise God that Janiene's liver is improving. Please pray for continued improvement with her bloods and for healing and strength.
- David Cook whose surgery went well and for Michelle and the family as they support and care for him during his recovery.
- Gay Nay Blu, the children and the extended family as they adjust to life without A Day.
- The Plant family as Jude has started his 4th round of chemo, for the treatment to work now and into the future. Please pray that Jude has not and will not catch a superbug. Also pray for Jude's development and future independence.
- For the permits for the Madcow Community Garden to be approved promptly.
- Carol King as she continues to improve from recent surgery. Pray for wisdom regarding her health related issues and their treatment. Creating volunteer teams for all children and youth ministries in 2018.
- For new leaders to join the Girls' Brigade Team in 2018.
- For the 2 leaders and 1 girl 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).
- Opportunities for ministry to youth as the year comes to an end.
- Opportunities to share the Christmas story with a variety of schools/community groups utilizing our property.
- Marlene Dimond; please pray for her health.
- The families and individuals who will receive the packed Christmas hampers. Pray that they will experience the love of God tangibly through the hamper.

### **Praise:**

- Great progress and favour with MADCOW community garden at Eaglehawk Campus.
- For the work of our caretakers who keep our property clean and smart throughout the year.
- For Chris, Lisa and Martin are being baptised this weekend.
- For BBC involvement in the Eaglehawk Christmas Carols Sunday Dec 10.
- For a great year of faith exploration at Café 3:sixteen.
- For opportunities to hear from Stephanie McWilliam, one of our mission partners, who is here from Zambia.
- For the impact of small groups as they shape disciple-making environments across the city..
- For the 70+ hampers that were packed and go to homes across Bendigo this week.

Very special thanks to my beautiful church family and prayer warriors for your thought and prayers, hospital and home visits, cards, flowers and phone calls over the past few weeks of surgery and rehab. God bless you all abundantly, Lynn Boland.

fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

## Global Leadership Summit 2018

Bendigo Baptist is one of 25 locations in Australia in 2018 hosting the Global Leadership Summit over two days from 16-17 October 2018.

This is an incredible event with keynote speakers from all around the globe. Dive in and secure your ticket this week at <https://willowcreek.org.au/gls2018/#vic>  
A great Christmas gift idea.



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THE GLOBAL  
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SUMMIT



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

## EMPLOYMENT - BCCCI Administrator Position

Bendigo Baptist Community Care is seeking a suitably qualified person to fill the position of administrator. This is a permanent part time position of 12 hours per week located at 214 Hargreaves street.

The successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day accounts, payroll and bookkeeping and will report to the Community Care Director.

It is envisaged that the successful applicant would commence in late January 2018.

For a copy of the **Position Description**, please contact Matt Parkinson via email: [matthew.parkinson@bendigobaptist.org.au](mailto:matthew.parkinson@bendigobaptist.org.au)

Applications will close COB Tuesday 19th December. Applications to Matt Parkinson.

## I Hope Mentoring

Mentoring disadvantaged children in Primary Schools.

Two vacancies remaining for training in 2018

Wednesday February 7th 10am – 2pm

Could you be the “one caring adult to make a difference and change our world.”?

If you are interested please contact Alison Phillips 0417 128 019

**1HOPE** mentoring




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

# ONE CHURCH - Multiple Locations

## Youth Ministry Worker Appointment

We are very pleased to announce that we have appointed Isaac Parkinson as our Youth Ministry Worker. This is a 2 day a week role, for one year. We are excited about having Isaac involved in the youth ministry and look forward to his input through 2018. He will have responsibility for our youth ministry (under Dave Gillett's oversight) and will be particularly focused on supporting key leaders of the various groups and discipling leaders within the teams.



*...unto us a son is given: and the  
government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting  
Father, The Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6*

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IGIVE

**Chair of Council:** Kris Tatt 0439 306 327

**Senior Pastor:** David Lovell 0408 413 026

**Administrator:** Ian Stephens

**Director of Community Care:**

Matt Parkinson 0418 698 693

**Associate Pastor:** Dave Gillett 0407 418 226

**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

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TOWARDS SAFER CHURCHES

## 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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BENDIGO BAPTIST CHURCH

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NIGHT before  
CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve

SUNDAY 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM

JUNORTOUN CAMPUS — 757 MCIVOR HWY

Christmas Day

MONDAY 9:00 AM

EAGLEHAWK CAMPUS — 10A PARSONAGE GROVE



# **CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES NOV/DEC 2017**

## **November**

- \* Bendigo Christian College – The board have been encouraged about thinking about their point of difference to other schools in the Bendigo Region moving forward.
- \* Ian Stephens name has been put forward to members for the role of Administrator.
- \* Dave Lovell, Andrew Johnston & Brock Gravener will be attending a training week in Fiji in late January with Real Life Ministries. Dave Campbell will visit Bendigo Baptist in February.

## **December**

- \* The Christian Bookstore at Life Essentials has opened. Dave Anniston has been appointed as Part Time Manager.
- \* The Bendigo Christian College is currently reworking their starting budget and will present to Council in the New Year.
- \* Consideration is being given to the importance of a property Master Plan moving forward to consider all the uses of the land attached to the Church for the next 10-15 years.
- \* Finances – Budget shortfall currently approx. \$20,000 at the end of November.
- \* A review was held of the AGM looking forward to how we do the event in the future.

# BEYOND SUNDAY...STUFF FOR PARENTS

CHILDREN

@BBC

## KIDZ BIZ

### BIBLE STORY FOCUS:

The angels tell about Jesus.  
The Shepherds • Luke 2:8-20

**MEMORY VERSE:** "God has given a son to us." Isaiah 9:6, NCV

**KEY QUESTION:** How do we know God loves us?

**BOTTOM LINE:** God gave us Jesus.

**BASIC TRUTH:** God loves me.



## GATEWAY

**BIBLE STORY:** Someone's Gotta Give (Be rich principle) • 1 Timothy 6:18

**BOTTOM LINE:** Look for creative ways to give.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Command the rich to do what is good. Tell them to be rich in doing good things. They must give freely. They must be willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:18, NIV

**LIFE APP:** Generosity—Making someone's day by giving something away

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



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# BEYOND SUNDAY...STUFF FOR PARENTS



## KIDZ BIZ & GATEWAY End of year Celebration!

Party Combined with Kidz Biz + Gateway.  
We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas Eve together next week in Junortoun, and Christmas morning here in Eaglehawk.



If you haven't yet checked out our Facebook page, please have a look!  
Search "BBC Eaglehawk Families"

**BBC**  
**EAGLEHAWK**  
**CAMPUS**





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

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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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Mobile Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

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

Campus Attended:

Junortoun Campus  
 AM  PM

Eaglehawk Campus

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.*