

Banyo Baptist Church

April Newsletter

Good afternoon brothers and sisters in Christ. This is now our third newsletter which we hope will inform you as to what is happening in the life of Banyo Baptist Church during April.

We were all saddened by the unexpected and sudden loss of our sister Robyn Sinfield on March 13. She will be greatly missed by us all, but we rejoice in that she is now with her Lord and Saviour.

We also remember Jeff who flies out early in April to go to the UK for a conference and to reunite with family. We wish him safe and enjoyable travels. Please keep him in your prayers.

In early May, I am going up to visit my daughter, Michelle, in Townsville to look after my granddaughter Elsie for two weeks. I will be away for Sundays May 4, 11 and 18. Rest assured everything will be well taken care of by Jeff and Ywa while I am away.

Services

The preaching roster for March is as follows;

Sunday April 6	Richard Kingham
Sunday April 13	Ed Marshall
Good Friday April 18	Greg Peckman
Easter Sunday April 20	Ed Marshall
Sunday April 27	Philip Sinfield

Note: Good Friday's Service is at 8:30 am on April 18

Easter Sunday's Service is at 9:30 am April 20

A special invitation has been extended to us to attend the Karen Good Friday Service at 10:30am. Lunch will follow with a Bible Study after lunch on discipleship at 12:30pm

We welcomed Ed last month on March 16 and by all accounts his message was really well received.

Sunday School

Sunday School is still continuing generally most Sundays, With the loss of Robyn we are in need of further volunteers to assist Denice and Ann, If you could assist even one Sunday a month it would be greatly appreciated. Please talk to Denice if would like to help out. Children are continuing to learn from the book of Genesis.

Termites

Our builder Jeff Pitman will be coming this month to replace the affected timbers in the door frames.

Music

We are continuing to work with Ywa and Nicholas to organise more song learning sessions for us, The next song we will learn is the one that they sang on March 30 "In His time", probably on April 13!

Prayer and Bible Study

The Bible Study got underway successfully on the 12 February with 6 people in attendance. This will now continue every second Wednesday with the next one being on April 2 starting at the earlier time of 1:00pm. This allows people to get home before traffic builds up and also to pick up children from school. Keep reading from Luke 1.

After receiving some feedback, we have decided to lengthen the alternate Wednesday evening prayer meeting so as to start at 6:30pm allowing a short Bible Study (which will parallel the Wednesday afternoon study in Luke). This will provide opportunity for all to come and participate in the same study.

Audio Issues

The investigation into the possible use of wireless headsets for those with hearing disabilities is continuing. Hopefully we will be able to come up with a decent solution for those whose hearing is impaired.

All sermon recordings are going up on the church's website now and are of much better quality than those we have been putting up. If you open the web site and select ENGLISH SERVICE and then PREVIOUS SERMONS you can download and listen to past sermons.

Computers

The church has three surplus computers that we would like to give (**for free!**) to a good home. Not the latest models, but still quite serviceable. We have two Dell desktops with monitor, mouse and keyboard (currently being used for the audio visual work) and a Dell laptop. If you are interested, please see me.

Karen Fellowship

On Sunday March 30, I had the privilege of being invited to the Karen Youth Service. It was in English and Ruth Peckman (wife of Greg) gave the message. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with some great food afterwards.

Prayer Points

We would like to encourage you to pray for the following:

1. That God will raise up someone to replace Robyn on the Church Council and also as Church Secretary.
2. That God will pour out his Holy Spirit on the fellowship
3. That God will give wisdom and grace to the church council
4. That God will grow His church at Banyo both spiritually and in numbers

Philip on (behalf of Denice and Ywa)
(Church Council)