

WHAT'S NEW IN 2012?

I wonder how many made new year resolutions? I wonder how many have already broken them? God's promises in the Bible are still true today! How's that for a truly reliable and trustworthy God, who is worthy to be praised!

I made a clean fresh start to the year by having my whole yard cleared, pruned and cleaned up outside, along with many cupboards, drawers and shelves cleared and cleaned out, inside.

The library books have had a facelift and there have been 5 new books added. Briefly:

- 1. "REMEMBER ME Mrs V"** by Tom Valenta. He shares his & others experience caring for their loved ones with Alzheimer's Disease. (Health/Healing section).
- 2. "A DESPERATE FAITH"** by Jo Kadlecek. In this fascinating book Jo explores the time Jesus spent on earth after His resurrection. She reveals what happens when once desperate and fearful friends encounter the risen Lord. (Christian Living).
- 3. "THE YEAR OF LIVING LIKE JESUS"** by Ed Dobson. You are invited to join in on a year of revelation – a year that will change your spiritual life forever. (Christian Living).
- 4. "NEARING HOME"** by Billy Graham. 'Growing old has been the greatest surprise of my life' – 'I would have never guessed what God had in store for me and I know that as I am nearing home, He will not forsake me the last mile of the way.' Billy shares intimately and practically how he is managing his final run home. (Autobiographies/Biographies).
- 5. "SON OF HAMAS"** by Mosab Hassan Yousef. Mosab is the son of Sheikh Hassan Yousef, the founder of the terrorist group, Hamas. This is a gripping story of murder, terrorism, torture, deceit, betrayal, political intrigue and the unthinkable choices he had to make after becoming a Christian, all of which was part of Mosab's life. Mosab wrote this book so the truth can be known by Jews, Christians and Muslims. The only way to peace is through belief in Jesus Christ, and Christians have the biggest responsibility. (Autobiographies/Biographies). Ed.

ROSTER for next week: 5th February

LOCKUP: Peter C Today: Cal/Mark
 WORSHIP LEADER: N/A
 SOUND DESK: N/A
 BIBLE READER: N/A
 WELCOMING: Paul & Cathy
 HOLY COMMUNION: Dianne
 MORNING TEA: Gwen P. May G, Sue H.
 COFFEE MAKER: Cal
 FLOWERS: Mairi
 LAWNMOWING: John B
 \$ COUNTING: Allan /Rose

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 Please find a replacement.*

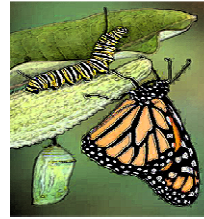
GAWLER BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

10.00am – 3.00pm.

Jeff available Monday, Tuesday,
 Wednesday & Friday.
 (unless called elsewhere.)

Hailey available Monday & Thursday
 from 9.00am – 2.00pm.

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Gawler Baptist Church

**"Helping ordinary people become
 fully devoted followers of Jesus"**

**Sunday 29th January 2012
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A WARM WELCOME to everyone worshipping here today. If
 you are visiting us, please stay for a cuppa after the service so we can meet
 and greet you personally.

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2012! I wonder what this year has in store for us as a church? Perhaps this will be the year when some of the things we have been considering for the future might start coming into place. The good thing is that we don't have to make it happen. Our job is to keep in step with the Spirit and trust that he will lead us step by step.

Our theme for this year is **Transformed** which is based in Romans 12:2.
Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (NIV)

Our first series around that theme starts next Sunday and is based on the book *Renovation of the Heart* by Dallas Willard. Sunday morning will consider the content of the book and then the home groups will work through a study guide that's based on that content. The basic theme of the series will be the transformation of the inner person, "a divine process that brings every element in our being, working from inside out, into harmony with the will of God or the kingdom of God." It is the process whereby our inner being increasingly takes on the character of Christ himself to the extent that his nature becomes second nature in us. While we have a part to play in this process, it is primarily a work of the Spirit of God and is not something we can do solely out of our own resources.

I trust the series will be an enriching time of learning and growth. Please check out the available home groups, or start a new one for the series. Get together with a couple of others and do the study with them. At the very least, the study guide can also be used individually.
 Jeff

Gawler Christian Men's Breakfast, will be at 7.30am, **Saturday 18th February** in the Gawler Uniting Church Hall, Tod St. All men are most welcome to attend. **Speaker** - Ms Lyndall Bain, Principal of Banksia Park International High School. **Topic** - "International Education – peace and harmony through global citizenship education". **Donation of \$5** to cover the cost of the meal would be welcomed. If you intend to go to the event **contact** Allan McDougall or Bryan Paice by **5pm Sunday 12th February** for catering needs.

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TODAY
BLUE MOONERS LUNCH



The first Blue Mooners Lunch for 2012 will be held **TODAY, 29th JANUARY** @ Pamela's home, @ 12.30pm. Please bring food & drinks to share.

Last Week's Offering:
Offering: \$2313. 60
Direct Debit: \$710. 00
Total Offering: \$3023. 60
New Budget: \$2796. 00



TEAR MEETING

NO TEAR MEETING next Sunday. The first meeting for 2012 will be held on **SUNDAY, 4th MARCH.**

HELP NEEDED

Rev Torry Wilson is looking for someone to play an instrument for the services held on **Thursdays from 10.45 – 11.30am** at the Playford Nursing Home. If you can assist him, please phone him on Mobile: 04 1014 8944 asap.

Prayer Points for the Week

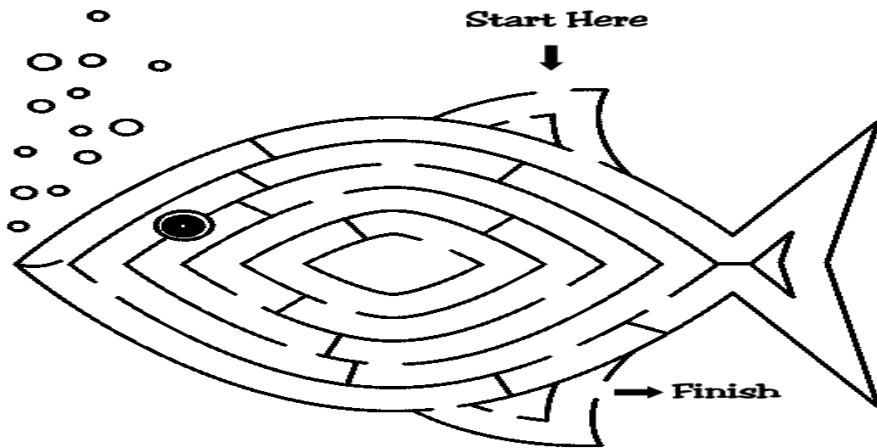
1. Pray for healing for Wendy and wisdom, discernment & good health for Jeff.
2. Pray for the Playford Baptist, Elizabeth and their Pastor Denis Hillson.
3. Pray for those in our church family who are facing challenges and finding it tough going at present. Pray for God's peace & presence to comfort them.

Home Groups for Renovation of the Heart

Day	Time	Location	Contact
Wednesday	7.00 pm	Woolfords 16 Holness Ave Gawler East 8523 0210	Allan & Kate McDougall 8522 1994
Wednesday	12.45 noon	Church	Pamela Wilson 8523 2916
Thursday	10.00 am	Hatchers 10 Jane St Willaston 8522 5480	May Gibbon 8523 2087
Friday	9.30 am	Mavis O'Hara 5/3 Fotheringham Tce Gawler 8522 3066	Sue Hoyer 0422 256 959
Friday	7.00 pm	May Gibbon 1/46A Redbanks Rd Willaston	May Gibbon 8523 2087
Friday	6.00 pm	Davies 13 Edith Street Gawler 8522 5754	Kerry Davies 8522 5754



Fishing for People
Mark 1:14-20



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"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 14:17 (TNIV)
Based on Mark 1:14-20



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JOHN	NEWS	CASTING	FISHERMEN	SIMON
KINGDOM	BOAT	GALILEE	NETS	BELIEVE
ANDREW	REPENT	SEA	BROTHER	FATHER
GOOD	COME	FOLLOW	JAMES	LAKE

Ethical Shopping: Bringing Liberty to the Captives

In our church worship we sing a Chris Tomlin song: "We know where the Spirit of the Lord is, Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty..." based on 2 Corinthians 3:17 which says that "...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom". Worship is not just about singing in church about liberty, but living in step with God's plan for this world. Jesus announced that proclaiming liberty to the captives was part of his mission on Earth (Luke 4:18), and as Jesus' followers we care about human freedom in the fullest sense of the word.

John Wesley wrote, in the days of 18th century slavery:
"Liberty is the right of every human creature, as soon as he breathes the vital air; and no human law can deprive him of that right which he derives from the law of nature. If, therefore, you have any regard for justice ... render all their due ... Away with all whips, all chains, all compulsion! Be gentle toward all men; and see that you invariably do unto every one as he should do unto you."

Nowadays people can be unaware of the estimated 27 million slaves throughout the world because on the surface everything seems okay, but there is hidden injustice and exploitation. Thankfully, we have opportunities to learn more about exploitation, human trafficking and slavery so that we have increased opportunities to address it. One way we can address it is by choosing certification systems like Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance, where we attempt to inject justice into a system of trade that too often ignores (or even promotes) exploitation. Another thing we can do, when we find something incredibly cheap in a shop, is to ask "Who is being exploited?"

When we give more weight to justice and ethics in our daily purchasing decisions than to getting a bargain, or convenience, we send a message that we value our neighbours around the globe. If we do this, we **can** help bring liberty to the captives.