

Sunday 15th
October

BATTLE
BAPTIST
CHURCH

It's time to stand as one.

The words of Jesus: John 17v 11:

“Holy Father, keep through your name those whom you have given me, that they may be one as we are one...it goes on v 13 .. that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.”

Psalm 133 v 1

“Behold how good it is for brethren to dwell in unity!”

Ephesians 4 v 3

“Endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

In these days of multi-media information, it is difficult sometimes to be aware of what is happening between people. We can read an email, but we cannot know how and what is actually being said — we do not know the tone of voice that is being used - people have stopped speaking to one another. Where this happens, and folk use the mobile instead of speaking to one another, fellowship and relationships can so easily fall apart. Misunderstandings can so easily occur. Conversation, relationship and fellowship, I believe, are vital for us in our Christian walk.

It is so important in these days that we give the enemy no room to come in and destroy church life. What the devil really enjoys is to see folk gossiping or falling out with one another in a Christian church. For him it is a victory - it is music in his ears.

As our outreach program – ‘The Turning’ - gets under way, it is vital, as always, for the church to stand as one – in unity with God and with one another. Jesus and God are one, as Jesus says – they call us, as their followers, to enjoy that same unity. That is the challenge.

In the town folk still say – why should we be Christians? – They can't even

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agree amongst themselves!

It is so important that the Christians in the town stand as one, in unity, as we take the Gospel out into the town.

We live in dangerous times; in the country, in Europe, in the world – it seems to me that Satan is having a field day in so many disaster areas. That is why we need the armour of God – we need to take on board all that He gives us, so that having done all we can stand firm in our faith.

Praise God. There is good news, but it does not make the newspapers, thousands of Christians in China are being baptised every month, and are crying out for Bibles. As that continues to happen, who knows what the consequences will be?

As we go about our daily lives, let's make sure that we are the messengers of 'Good News'.

Dwell in unity - be filled with Jesus' joy – let's claim Jesus' joy being fulfilled in our daily lives – Ephesians 4:

“one body, one Spirit, the bond of peace, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.”

Yours in Christ

Francis Willoughby

News, notes and prayer-opportunities

- If you would like to order **Bible reading notes** for 2018 please pick up an order form and return it with payment to Ruth Rymell by 29th October.
- The Caterpillar Club are having another **clothing exchange** on 23rd October 10-11.30am. Bring clean clothes, toys and books in good condition suitable for babies, children and adults and take away anything you can use.
- There is a **ladies film night** on Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm. The film showing is The War Room cert PG.
- The next **church meeting** is at 7.30pm on 19th October.
- Thank you to those who have offered to serve on the children's work team and serve refreshments in the morning. Helpers are urgently needed at 10.45am and 5pm with the **Youth Group**. Leaders are in place but we need a

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What's on this week...

Caterpillar Preschool (Monday to Friday) and Caterpillar Crew (Monday to Friday) plus;

Sunday, October 15th. ● 8am: **Breakfast** in the Manna House. ● 8.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 8.45am: **Chapel Gathering.** ● 10am: **Refreshments** in the Manna House. ● 10.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 10.45am: **Chapel Gathering** & communion with Sunday Club and creche. ● 5pm: **Chapel Gathering** with Sunday Club and Youth Group.

Monday, October 16th. ● 9.15-11.45am: **Caterpillars** Parent and Toddler Group. ● 3.45-5.15pm: **Chosta** in the Youth Room. ● 7.45pm: **Elders & Deacons meeting.**

Tuesday, October 17th. ● 9.15-11.45am: **Caterpillar Explorers** Parent and Toddler Group. ● 9.15am: **Prayer-for-Healing Group** (prayer room). At 10.45am there will be prayer for all who come. ● 2pm: **Tuesday Fellowship.**

Wednesday, October 18th. ● 10am - 1.30pm: **Games Emporium** in the Manna House, refreshments provided, £1. ● 12.30-1.30pm: **United Churches** prayer for Battle in the prayer room (bring a packed lunch). ● 5pm-6pm **BBFC** Youth team & 6pm-7pm: **BBFC** training at Claverham 3G. ● 7pm: **Battle Baptist Runners** meet at the church. ● 7.30pm: **Ladies Film Night** "War Room" PG.

Thursday, October 19th. ● 9.15-11:45am: **Caterpillars** Parent and Toddler Group. ● 7.30pm: **Church meeting.**

Friday, October 20th. ● 7.30am: **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast. ● 9.15am **Chatterbox** for mums, dads and carers (upstairs). ● 10.30am: **Coffee Club** in the Youth Room. ● 12.30pm: **Friday Lunch Club** for retired people. (Advance booking essential on 772192, weekdays between 6pm and 7pm.) ● 3.30-5pm: **After School Club.** ● 7-9pm: **4:12.**

Sunday, October 22nd. ● 9.30am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 10am: **Chapel Gathering** with Sunday Club and creche. Refreshments after the gathering. ● 5pm: **Chapel Gathering** with Sunday Club and Youth Group.

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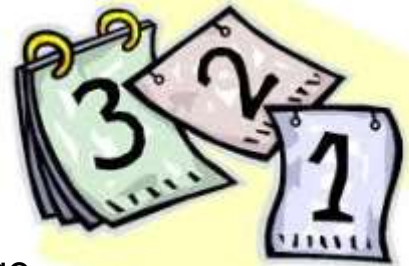
number of helpers to support the leaders. Please speak to Mark or Ben if you can help. ● Next Sunday we have **one** morning gathering at 10am and a gathering at 5pm. The 10am gathering will include two **dedications**. Please come and support the families as they thank God for their children and dedicate themselves to the task of Christian parenting. ● Could you serve **post-match tea & biscuits** at Battle Rec from 4.30 pm to 5 pm on Saturdays. This ministry of hospitality provides a great blessing & witness to players from BBFC & the other East Sussex teams we play. Please speak to Andy.

This week's prayer opportunities

- ◆ Pray for the Holiday Club taking place during half term. Pray that there would be more bookings, that God would inspire Josh and that families would join their children for the Sunday Holiday Club roadshow.
- ◆ Pray for the church as we gather on Thursday for a church meeting. Pray that we would be united in the decisions we make especially as we vote for deacons.
- ◆ Pray for Logan Spicer, Reuben Lee and their families as they prepare for their dedications next Sunday. Pray that God would give their parents wisdom and all the spiritual gifts they need to bring their children up to know the Lord.

Dates for your diary

- ◆ 18th October 7.30pm Ladies Film Night
- ◆ 19th October 7.30pm Church Meeting
- ◆ 23rd October Caterpillar Clothing Exchange
- ◆ 26th, 27th & 29th October Holiday Club
- ◆ 6th November 7.30pm Prayer & Praise



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Ed Jones (Pastor) Francis Willoughby and Mark Hirst (Associate Pastors).
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