NEWSLETTER

15th July 2018



Summer Spaces at 5pm

Next Sunday...

Treasure Hunt



For all ages - come and be placed in a team or come as a team of 6.

BBC Teaching Weekend 5-7th October '18



With Ruth Rice Renew Wellbeing Founder

Ruth is passionate about seeing churches turn themselves and their great habits of welcome, care and prayer inside out to reduce isolation and increase wellbeing in every community.

COMING UP...

15/16th September BBC commissioning weekend

SOLID 2018

What springs into your mind when someone says 'Children and Youth Ministry'?

Perhaps you simply think of the 'Sunday Clubs' at our weekly gatherings. Maybe you think of the different ways that Battle Baptist Church seeks to engage with young people through the After School Club, October Holiday Club, Sports Reach, 4:12 Youth Club, Chosta and Christian Union at Claverham, though you may not have first-hand experience.

It's unlikely that you thought of a banana boat, bunk beds and flossing unless you were one of the lucky few to accompany 43 young people to the SOLID festival last weekend! What a blessing it was to have the opportunity to further develop relationships with these young people during the weekend whilst they participated in activities such as jet skiing, high rope climbing, archery, canoeing, laser tag, UV and more face painting, bouncy obstacle courses, sumo suit wrestling and more. Alongside these physical activities, we

attended worship meetings with bible teaching and reflection activities/response times.

Highlights from the weekend included a group of our younger boys winning the football tournament, one of the children receiving a prize for dressing as a pirate and a leader (who will remain nameless) winning a flossing competition in the main arena (that's a new dance craze by the way – nothing to do with dental hygiene!) AND seeing a number of our young people step forward over the course of the weekend to either take the first step or make a re-commitment to following Christ (AMEN!).

As we look ahead to what the future holds for these areas of ministry, there will be many opportunities to serve and to 'start children off in the way they should go' (Proverbs 22:6). Please prayerfully consider how God might want to use you to further His kingdom through scattering and nurturing seeds of faith in our next generation.

Yours in Christ, Craig and Katherin Weeks



PRAYER POINTERS

SOUL SURVIVOR

Pray that the group going to Soul Survivor would have a fresh revelation of the greatness of God's love for them.

LEAVERS

Pray for those embarking on a new stage of life, such as changing/starting school/university or starting a new job.

SUMMER

Pray for those who struggle with loneliness. Ask God to give us wisdom and opportunities to respond.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP: applications have been received from Mark & Sam Birch and Trish Dickenson. If any member has any observations concerning these applications, please talk to one of the pastors.

CAKES: Thank you so much for the wonderful cakes that you provided for SOLID. At the end of August a group of hungry young people and their leaders are going to Soul Survivor. It would be great to bless them equally with cakes (homemade or shop bought). So please get baking, freezing and buying cakes ready for the August bank holiday weekend. *Thank you.*

NEXT SUNDAY: the summer programme begins! Until the 2nd September, on Sunday mornings, there will be a 10am Gathering with creche and Sunday club. At 5pm there will be a different activity each week suitable for all ages. Pick up service cards for more information.

CHURCH MEMBERS: there is a church meeting on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

MELVYN: is preaching at Braintree, Essex Sunday morning and evening.



SAVE THE DATES

BBC Teaching Weekend with Ruth Rice 5-7th Oct BBC Retreat Weekend with Roy Searl 8-10th Mar

PRAYER & PRAISE

From September our monthly Prayer and Praise gatherings will re-start on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

THE GATHERING

Tickets for next year's Gathering festival are £85 (payment in advance). If you would like more information or to book please speak to Ed.

What's on this week

in addition to Caterpillar pre-school (Monday- Thursday) and housegroups.

Sunday, July 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 and communion with
creche, Sunday club and youth group.
5pm: Holy Land Feedback evening.

Monday, July 16th

9-11.30am: Caterpillar parent & toddler.
 3.45-5.15pm: Chosta in the Youth Room.

Tuesday, July 17th

• 9.15am: **Prayer-for-Healing Group** (prayer room). At 10.45am there will be prayer for all who come.

• 2pm: **Tuesday Fellowship**. Speaker: David and Maureen Walker

Wednesday, July 18th.

● 10am-1.30pm: Games Emporium in the Manna House. £1.50. ● 7pm: Battle Baptist Runners meet at the church.

Thursday, July 19th.

● 9-11.30am: Caterpillar parent and toddler. ● 9.30-10am: prayer for Sunday gatherings in the prayer

room.

Friday, July 20th.

 7.30am: Early morning Prayers in the youth room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast. ● 10.30am:
 Coffee Club in the Youth Room.

Sunday, July 22nd.

8am: Breakfast in the Manna
 House.
 9.20am: Pre-meeting
 Prayers in the prayer room.
 10am:
 Chapel Gathering, with creche,
 Sunday club and youth group.
 Refreshments in the Manna House
 afterwards.
 5pm: Treasure Hunt.