

Battle Baptist Church

Being Transformed Together

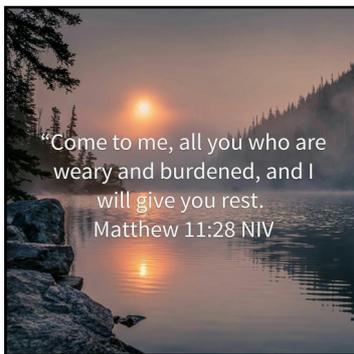


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'Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him: worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.'
1 Chronicles 16:29,30



'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me.'
Matthew 16:24



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28 NIV



What are you hungry for?

I wonder what grabbed your attention from the message last Sunday. One of the questions that rang in my ears afterwards was, "What are you hungry for?" What provokes and inspires us, stirring us into action? Maybe there are international issues like climate change or supporting those searching for an answer to cancer or COVID-19. Maybe we are passionate about our community in this area. But what are you hungry for personally in your own life? Do you have spiritual 'ambitions'? A friend of mine told me that many years ago in his youth group, the young guys would 'boast' about what they were going to become. One wanted to be an evangelist, one a prophet, but my friend wanted to be a preacher – and that's what he became! Most of us probably don't have aspirations to reach those offices in the church (although if you do, go for it!), but nevertheless it's good to have something to aim for in our spiritual lives, aspiring to the next step that God has for each of us. It may be something that seems small and insignificant, but if we don't take that next little step, then we may miss the following step that God has for us as He plans our journey forward. Each step is vital in the development plan He has for each of us.

However, when we step out and determine to experience spiritual growth, we all need help. Who will be beside you as you move forward? Who has got your back? Are you in a prayer triplet or do you have a prayer partner? Is there

someone who is praying for you regularly? And how do they pray? It's great when we pray for each other's health and the everyday issues that crop up for each of us, but what about those deeper issues of spiritual growth? Is there someone you trust enough to share with them your weak points and failings? None of us like to admit those things, but what a relief it is when someone knows and prays for you in those very areas. You are not battling alone, but as with Jonathan in the passage in 1 Samuel 14 we read on Sunday, your 'armour-bearer' is right there backing you up.

Of course, in recent months it hasn't been so easy to meet up, but at least we are blessed with other forms of communication. Maybe some of you have an online buddy with whom you can share at a deeper level or maybe you pray over the phone with someone. Some met in gardens and are now meeting in houses again, but however you get together it's so important to use the opportunities to share and help each other grow. If God spoke to you, don't ignore it, but seek help and let's move forward together. After all, our church strapline is 'Being transformed together.'

Hebrews 3 v. 13a says "Encourage one another daily."

Every blessing,

Chris Doust

PRAYER POINTERS

COVID-19

Pray for all those in leadership at national and regional levels, in politics and in public health. In these unprecedented times pray for wisdom and good judgement.

Leadership

Ed, the Elders, Deacons and Tim and Caroline meet together (virtually!) on Monday. Ask that they be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit as they seek God's will for BBC heading into 2021.

Caterpillar Pre-School

Please continue to pray for the children who are settling in to nursery. Pray for the staff team as they work to develop the children's social and emotional wellbeing as well as their learning.

NEWSLETTER

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Pray for...

Tim and Caroline's work with children, young people and families. Pray especially for next week's family service.

'A Spacious Place...'

The Lord 'brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.'
Psalm 18:19

Prayer meetings

The staff team meet to pray for the work of the church on Mondays and Thursdays at 0930. Do join us if you would like to!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Room: Please do feel free to come and use the Prayer Room - it is set up for socially distanced praying! Please phone ahead to let us know that you plan to come in so that we can keep track of numbers.

Battle Town Football Club - Prayer Pointers:

- Please pray for two of our players, Dean and Adam, who sustained bad injuries in a particularly vicious match;
- Pray that BTFC's attempts to raise an inquiry into this game are fruitful;
- And pray for three new young players, Cal, George and Max, who are close to appearing in their debut for the club.

BTFC Couch to 5k: A new 'Couch to 5k' programme will get underway in November. Email active@battletownfc.com for more information or contact Kevin or Esther directly.

Staff team: Both Ed and Jo are taking annual leave over half term, and the office will be

closed from Monday 26th - Friday 30th October. If you need pastoral support during this time, please get in touch with Rita, Charles or Shirley in the first instance.

Newsletter: Next week's newsletter will cover both the following fortnight: from 25th October to Sat 7th November.

A reminder that **BBC is COVID-19 secure:** measures are in place on site which mean that the buildings can be used safely by small groups, with the agreement of Leadership.

Accessing the premises: If you have the NHS Test and Trace app on your phone, you can use it to 'sign in' to the buildings (take a picture of the venue code that is displayed at the entrance doors). Or you can sign in on paper if you prefer!

What's happening in October...

Caterpillar Pre-School is open Monday - Friday each week
Half term is 26th - 30th October

Children in years 3-6: Join Tim for a Zoom chat after the morning broadcast on Sundays.
Meeting ID: 886 0693 4061
Passcode: 968150

Families with young children: Our next family service will be on Sunday 25th October at 4pm. Please contact Tim on 07906 199767 or via battlebaptistyouth@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Chosta: Meet in the Youth Room on Mondays from 3.45pm - 5.15pm for discussion and cheesy chips.

Walking Football: 10am at the Rec each Tuesday. COVID-19 secure activities are in place.

'A Spacious Place' - Thursday 22nd October, 2pm - 2.45pm: Join us for a time of prayer and reflection together in the presence of God. Primarily for people who are offline or who

are otherwise feeling isolated, but open to all. Numbers will be restricted so that social distancing can be maintained: please phone the office (774825) if you would be interested in attending.

Early Morning Prayers: We have started to meet again on Fridays from 7.30am in the Youth Room. Join us if you can!

Young People in years 7-13: Keep an eye on Instagram to see what's happening on Fridays.

Quiz Night - Friday 30th October: Via Zoom. Details to follow.

Meetings taking place this month

Monday 19th October, 7.30pm: Leadership meeting

Tuesday 20th October, 10.30am: Elders' business meeting