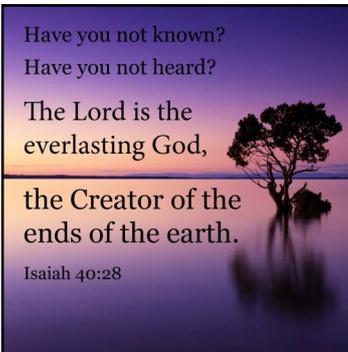


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Being Transformed Together



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A visit to the 'awful' dentist...

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, And do not resent his rebuke, Because the Lord disciplines those he loves, As a father the son he delights in. (Proverbs 3:11-12)

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. (Hebrews 12:11)



I am sitting down to write this article having returned from a visit this morning to the Orthodontist, or, as we call it, the 'awful' dentist. My youngest was admirably stoical whilst the friendly lady poked and prodded around inside her mouth for nearly an hour. Braces have now been fitted along with instructions for maintenance and an explanation of how long the whole period of dental correction is likely to take.

Apparently the dull sensation of aching in the mouth starts after about three to four hours and can last up to a week! As your teeth and jaw realise that 'the game has changed' and that they are no longer being allowed to move and grow as they would like, they quite understandably start protesting. They protest in vain, though, and the process of alignment moves remorselessly forward.

Depending on progress the braces are scheduled to be removed within one to two years. Such relief! However, even then the patient needs to start wearing moulded retainers every night in case the refractory teeth decide once more to rebel. This

tendency to deviate, where allowed, from the straight and narrow remains (sound familiar?).

Clearly I am looking to make a somewhat tenuous connection here, for which I apologise. I should also own the fact that I am not overly fond of talking about God's discipline. It is my failure to properly understand the fact that He loves me that makes me fear that talking about His discipline risks reminding Him that I am due some!

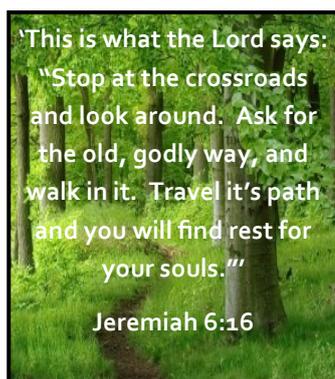
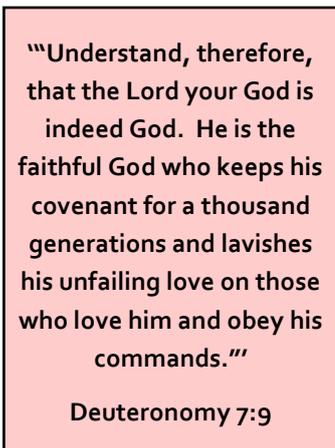
I find it hard to trust at that deep level that it is for my own good. Paradoxically as a father myself I am quite happy telling my children that it is precisely because I do love them that I am saying 'No'.

Returning to the 'awful' dentist... When I was young I was given a 'Frankel' device to wear in order to correct my overbite and errant teeth. Try looking it up to see how thrilled I must have been. This was at about the same time the James Bond baddie 'Jaws' made his first appearance in a movie. My life at school became tougher... In the end I 'accidentally' sat on the wretched thing and squashed it out of shape so they had to fit proper modern braces instead.

Thank the Lord He does not give up on us when we rail against His discipline, but perseveres out of His great love for us.

Yours in Christ

Charles



PRAYER POINTERS

Our troubled world

As we continue to intercede for the Afghani situation, please also remember Yemen, where bitter civil war persists and has led to the creation of the world's worst humanitarian crisis. That international efforts to attain ceasefire may succeed.

Caterpillar Pre-School

Two new members of staff join the Caterpillar team this term: please pray for the whole team and the children in their care. Pray also for the 'Caterpillar Crew' after school club which will restart after an 18 month hiatus.

BBC ministries

This month we plan to relaunch several of our ministries, including Caterpillar Toddlers, Chosta, After School Club and Friday Coffee Club. We long to serve our community with love: please pray that the Lord will be at the heart of all we do.

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership: We will be welcoming three new members into our fellowship during next Sunday's gathering.

BBC's **AGM** and an **Ordinary Members' meeting** will take place on Monday 27th September at 7.30pm at the Chapel.

Harvest Festival will be celebrated here on Sunday 3rd October at 10am.

Church Weekend: This will be held from Friday 15th October to Sunday 17th October at the church premises. The likely structure of the event will be:

Fri 15/10 (evening): Film Night
Sat 16/10 (9am - 1pm): Study time
Sat 16/10 (evening): Quiz Night
Sun 17/10 (from 10am) Worship followed by lunch at the chapel (BBQ if possible)

Community: Residents of Battle Parish have been invited to vote in a referendum on the [Battle Neighbourhood Plan](#) on Thursday 16th September. The Manna House will be used as a polling station on that day from 7am until 10pm.

WORLD VIEW

Burundi: 'Harvest Initiatives' is a Christian non-profit organisation whose vision is to see Burundi transformed through the impact of a revived church. A story from their recent campaign:

'Nobody messed with Butoyi, a practitioner of witchcraft in Musinga. Claver and his teammate had been warned not to approach her. "Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world," he said.

"Even though we were intimidated, we went for it. She was surprisingly open, and as we were about to leave, she brought out all her paraphernalia, which we burnt publicly. She wanted to cut her ties and the deals she'd made with the devil. Her neighbours were astonished as they watched this take place!"

Source: Simon Guillebaud
www.greatlakesoutreach.org

Digging Deeper?

Find materials for further study under the 'For Further Fought...' tab on the church [website](#).

Emma Jones' Induction

...will be held here at the Chapel on Sunday 3rd October at 3pm.

Catching up?

Go to the BBC [YouTube Channel](#) to find sermons, broadcasts, testimonies and more.

What's on this week...

Caterpillar Pre-School is open Monday – Friday this week.

Sunday 5th September

- **4pm Worship Gathering** at the Chapel (in person only)
- 5.30 - 6.30pm **Sunday Breakout** online for teens

Monday 6th September

- 3.45 - 5.15pm **Chosta** for years 7 –13. Come along for games, chat, discussion and cheesy chips!

Tuesday 7th September

- 10 - 11am **Walking Football** at the Rec

Wednesday 8th September

- 10 - 12 noon **Renew 1066** in the Manna House
- 6.30pm **BTFC Runners** meet at the chapel

Friday 10th September

- 7.30am Start of 50 hours of prayer
- 7.30 - 8.15am **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room
- Noon - 1pm **Lunchtime Prayers** led by Emma (prayer rm)

- 7 - 8pm **Evening Prayers** led by Emma (prayer room)
- 7 - 8pm **BBC Youth** social event at the Chapel
- 8 - 9pm **BBC Youth** prayer event at the Chapel
- 9pm - 12 midnight **Late night prayers & praise** led by Jenny D and Ed in the Chapel

Saturday 11th September

- 10 - 11am **Prayer Walk:** Meet Chris D in the chapel
- Noon - 1pm **Lunchtime Prayers** led by Emma (prayer rm)
- 3 - 4pm **Prayer Writing** led by Chris D (prayer room)
- 7 - 8pm **Evening Prayers** led by Emma (prayer room)

Sunday 12th September

- **10am Worship Gathering** at the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Manna House
- 12 noon **Family picnic** at the Rec
- 5.30 - 6.30pm **Sunday Breakout** online for teens