

Battle Baptist Church

Being Transformed Together

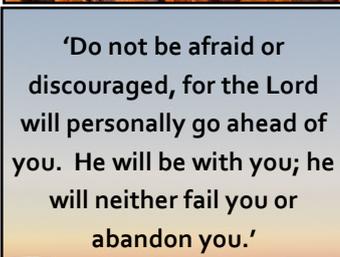


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'I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honour of your name.'

Psalm 138:2b

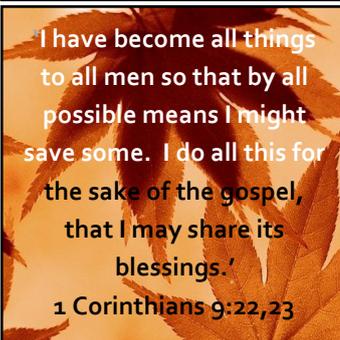


'Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you or abandon you.'

Deuteronomy 31:8



'Then Jesus asked them, "Would anyone light a lamp and then put it under a basket or under a bed? Of course not! A lamp is placed on a stand, where it will shine."' Mark 4:21



I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share its blessings.'

1 Corinthians 9:22,23

The Power of Prayer

Did you listen to Emma's sermon last week? I wonder what struck you? I thought the quiet moments when we were asked what we were yearning for were significant. I wonder if you sensed that yearning for yourself or something you feel God wants for the church or community and have shared it with anyone? Maybe it was something deeply personal that you don't feel free to share, but maybe it was something for which you would appreciate prayer. If it was for the church or community, it would be good to share it with the leaders, but if it was personal, who will pray it through with you? Maybe someone could both challenge you to persevere in following what God put in your heart, as well as encouraging you, as you see both large and small victories along the way.

I've recently been looking at some of the 'one another' verses in the New Testament. Here are a few examples:

Romans 12:10 'Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.'

Galatians 5:13 '...serve one another in love.'

Ephesians 4:32 'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'

1 Thessalonians 5:11 '...encourage one another and build each other up.'

James 5:16 '...confess your sins to each other and pray for each other.'

If we have a prayer partner or are in a prayer triplet it can be such a blessing. With moments like last Sunday, when we feel God has spoken to us, I find it easy in the fullness of everyday life to let that slip from my mind and go on to the next thing on the agenda! However, if I share it with someone and ask them to pray, I am less likely to forget it. I also know that it's possible they will ask me how I'm progressing and whether God has added to or clarified what He said. I also have the comfort of knowing they will have prayed about it, which in turn spurs me to remember to pray about it myself.

This weekend we are thinking about welcome and hospitality, probably considering reaching out to those who are not yet part of God's family. However, how important it is that our base position is acceptance and fellowship between us as God's children. It can be easy to duck the issue – to avoid the 'difficult' people; to always gravitate to those we consider our friends; to feel offended and upset by what others say and do; to fail to confront others when something is not right. What does it really mean to be devoted to one another in brotherly love? Let's press on to help one another by meeting in twos and threes, as well as in our small groups and in the church as a whole, and let's see how God will bless us.

Chris Doust

PRAYER POINTERS

Missionary Links

Please continue to pray for the Kakishes in the Holy Land, for Claire Grimble who heads back to Nepal on 22nd October; the Nekounams in Kazakhstan; and for BMS, working with some of the most marginalised people.

Renew 1066

Pray that the Lord will bless those who have dropped in to Renew. May they feel welcomed, accepted, known. Pray also for those from our fellowship who give of themselves as they get alongside our guests.

Deacons

Please be prayerfully considering who to nominate for positions on the leadership team. Perhaps pray particularly that all roles will be filled: we have been without deacons to champion seniors for over two years, for example.

NEWSLETTER

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A message from Brenda Parsons' family:
We would like to thank the members and friends of Battle Baptist Church for all the friendship, love and support given to Mum and Dad over the years and especially for the support given to Mum over recent months as her health declined. They both loved being part of the fellowship at Battle Baptist and the church family have been a large part of their lives. We are very grateful.

If any would like to donate to The Lullaby Trust in Mum's memory there is a link [here](#).

Alternatively Haine & Son Funeral Directors, 19 Market Square, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0XB will be pleased to accept donations in the post marked to The Lullaby Trust, and this will be sent on to The Lullaby Trust in a few weeks.

With our thanks,

The family of Brenda Parsons

Sunday Club: Currently we are unable to staff one Sunday Club session per month because we have too few volunteers. Please be prayerfully considering whether this is an area of ministry in which you could play a part. Thank you!

Members' Directory: A revised version of the directory will be made available soon. Jo has a couple of draft copies to hand if you would like to double-check your data.

WORLD VIEW

Azar Ajaj from Nazareth Evangelical College writes:

We are living in challenging times where Christian leaders, men and women, are very much needed in order to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people in Israel: news of salvation, peace and reconciliation. Therefore, we invite you to be our partners in this journey and to celebrate with us as we fulfil our mission.

Digging Deeper?

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

Deacon nominations

All the paperwork you need is in the foyer. Please submit your nominations by 20th October.

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 17th October

- 10am **Worship Gathering** at the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Manna House
- 12.30pm **Bring your own picnic** in the Manna House

Monday 18th October

- 9.30am **Prayer Meeting**
- 9 - 11am **Caterpillar Toddlers**
- 3.30 - 5pm **Chosta** for years 7 –13. Come along for games, chat, discussion and cheesy chips!

Tuesday 19th October

- 10 - 11am **Walking Football** at the Rec
- 2pm **Tuesday Fellowship**

Wednesday 20th October

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

Thursday 21st October

- 9.30am **Prayer Meeting**
- 3.15 - 5pm **After School Club** for KS2 children

Friday 22nd October

- 7.30 - 8.15am **Early Morning Prayers** in the Youth Room followed by do-it-yourself breakfast.
- 10.30am - 12 noon **Coffee Club** in the Youth Room
- 7 - 9pm **BBC Youth** in Battle Great Woods tbc

Sunday 24th October

- 10am **Worship Gathering** at the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Manna House