

Newsletter

4th September

2022



Leading: **Anne Bartley**

Preaching: **Daniel Choi**

Theme: **Your relationships are your church's mission**

(1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:12)

The next **Deacons' Meeting** is on the 20th of September 2022, at 7:30pm.

Linwood Baptist Church

Help Linwood Baptist Church upskill their frontline mental health workers in mental health first aid. Collect an envelope and place your donation in the offering bag any time during the month of September.

Harvest Festival

Fill a shoebox, basket, or cookie tin with fruit, veg, snacks, baking, honey – anything yummy – and bring it with you on Sunday the 11th of September!

Members' Meeting

The next Member's Meeting is on Wednesday, the 28th of September.

Prayers

Pre-service prayer @ 9:00am on Sundays in Daniel's office.

Upper House prayer @ 7:30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at the church.

Prayer walk from 8:30am to 10:00am on Wednesdays, meeting in front of the church building.

Bible Studies

Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm, meeting at Olwyn's place in Hillsborough Heights this week.

ESOL Bible study, running from **11:30am-1pm on Wednesday** in the church lounge.

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This Week's Message

There are some big words coming up and as Olwyn suggested, I should explain these.

Redemptive – describes the God-glorifying, God-honouring quality of our relationships and how they point others towards Jesus, and even leads other Christians closer to Jesus.

Reconciliation – restoring a broken relationship, making amends. The beautiful thing about Christian reconciliation is that God initiates it and brings it about. It's profoundly restorative at soul level rather than just relationally. Accepting this one way of restorative justice is mind blowingly life changing.

Nurturing speaks of our mindfulness in relationships and our motivation to love and care.

I'm so pleased as Christians we do not do this on our own steam, because as Spirit filled believers, Christ's love overflows towards others through us.

We actually don't lead people to Christ either. God does the calling of people back to himself, but he needs a physical person to love them out of their socks of complacency. Jesus calls us to be genuinely our authentic selves using the little gifts he has given us to love love and love people. In real life and as imperfect as we are, limited by our gifting and understanding of just how big and awesome our God is, mission will take detours, that's why we need each other to reach our missional goals.

I'll pass on lots of love from you all to Jeff and Margaret OK.

Pastor Jacqui

This week's **reflective questions**

- 1) What is your view and understanding of the church's mission? Both locally and overseas?
- 2) If you could be a local 'missionary', what would you do?
- 3) What can we as a church do to encourage doing mission this way?

September 2022 Sunday morning rosters

Flowers: Donglan Zhang

Morning tea: Ian & Dawn de Stigter

Communion preparation: Ian & Dawn de Stigter

Door and Offering: Olwyn Halder & Donglan Zhang

Scripture reading & Communion: Ida Balaljisingh

Offering counting: Helen Evans & Alan Lau