

# BPPC NEWSLETTER



4 March 2012



## The glory of Christ in His Church - 1 Peter

### 1 Peter 1:1-2.

**v1** - Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

**v2** - Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. (KJV).

Imagine receiving a letter that addresses you as a pilgrim? A sojourner? A person without local identity? You would say to yourself, "But I have a home. Every one knows me in this neighbourhood. This is where I have grown up!" Not so for the Christians of the Diaspora. They had been scattered by the winds of persecution. Forgotten by man perhaps, but not forgotten by God. The Apostle Peter called them "elect" according to the foreknowledge of God the Father.

This great doctrine of election is the

most misunderstood teaching of scripture, yet it is the foundation of our confidence in salvation, sanctification, evangelism, in fact everything. That we are known by God, supersedes the claim that we know Him. We cannot know Him like He knows us. We have a Father who really knows us. Paul found great confidence to evangelise, teach and pastor people, in the knowledge that he as an apostle was known by God. That was his trade mark – **"Known by God"**. But God didn't just know us for salvation, but as the text elaborates further, it reveals that God also knew us as we would be now, in that glorious work of the Holy Spirit – sanctified for obedience. We are not only saved, but we are also being "sculptured" to live in obedience to God, whereas previously disobedience characterised our life, now we take joy in pleasing the Lord. We may be pilgrims without a permanent home here, this side of the new heaven and new earth, but our permanent dwelling is in the heart of God Himself. - Cont. over...

*If you are visiting with us today...*

**please stay for morning tea over in the Hall as we would love to meet you.**

*Cry Room for young children & their parents*

**The cry room, with sound and video of the service, is adjacent to the office in the foyer.**

*Prayer Requests*

**Please refer all prayer requests to any Elder or your Home Group Leader**

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

**Morning Service** 9.30am

**Prayer Group** 5.00pm

**Evening Service** 6.00pm (starts with a time of fellowship & a cuppa)

### MINISTER

Rev. Dan Mihailovic

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**Our aim is to know Jesus Christ and to serve one another.**

## BPPC groups

### Home Groups

<b>Oak Tree</b>	<b>Mon 3.00pm fortnightly</b>	<b>Garry Whitechurch</b>	<b>0432 982 518</b>
<b>Hillcrest</b>	<b>Mon 7.30pm</b>	<b>Dan Mihailovic</b>	<b>0437 826 105</b>
<b>Browns Plains</b>	<b>Tues 9.30am</b>	<b>Barry Field</b>	<b>3200 7871</b>
<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Wed 1.15pm</b>	<b>Wendy Bouyer</b>	<b>0430 448 180</b>
<b>Forestlake</b>	<b>Wed 7:30pm</b>	<b>Honi Otukolo</b>	<b>3818 2027</b>
<b>Park Ridge</b>	<b>Wed 7:00pm</b>	<b>Joe Papajcsik</b>	<b>3800 5022</b>
<b>Loganlea</b>	<b>Thur 7.15pm</b>	<b>Ken Crase</b>	<b>3299 6169</b>

**Music Practice** Sun 11:30am **Debbie Whitting** **3800 1734**

**Young in Heart** 2nd Fri/mth 9:30am **Jim Hopkin** **3803 6919**

**Young Adults** **Nathan Stewart** **0422 853 800**

**Future Youth** Fri 6:30pm **Scott Textor** **0408 839 867**

**Kids' Club** Fri 6:30pm **Liza'I Textor** **3287 9814**

**Sunday School** Sun 8:45am **Wendy Bouyer** **0430 448 180**

**Card Making** 1st Wed/mth 9am to 12pm **Alexis Whitechurch** **0432 982 518**

**Nursing Home Visitation** **Chadwick & Rosemary Palmer** **3349 4501**

**Religious Education** **Jan Chapman Ros Field Rosemary**

**Child Mentoring** **Joe Papajcsik** **3800 5022**

news in the sure knowledge that God will open the ears of His lost sheep. God will raise the souls of those whom He calls to salvation. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd, and I know my sheep, and am known by my own....."

The scriptures urge us to make our election and calling sure. i.e. Are you a pilgrim moving towards heaven or a resident of "vanity fair" as John Bunyan put it? These pilgrims in Peter's day were thrust out of the "City of Destruction" (Bunyan again) by those who hated them. How good is God to do that for them, otherwise they would have been destroyed with those who had little interest in Christ. Gear yourselves up for the same treatment in Australia. It has all the right conditions for judgment. If you stand for Christ you will be seen as a Pilgrim, dispensable and unimportant to the aims and goals of this land. But God has known you before the foundation of the world. His sight is clearer and sharper than light itself. He hasn't missed anything concerning you; even what lies ahead; those things we cannot see are in His perfect vision. (To be cont.)

Dan Mihailovic

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It's to this end that Christ's blood was shed on the cross. The end and last result of election is eternal life and salvation; but, before this can be accomplished, every elect person must be sanctified by the Spirit, and justified by the blood of Jesus. God's decree for man's salvation always operates through sanctification of the Spirit and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus. Peter started with this theme because of what he raised later in his letter; namely the problem of suffering for Christ and how to endure it with joy. God's foreknowledge encompasses all of this and even more, even the future which we cannot yet see. Just as Jesus was obedient, and made possible the atonement for our sin (sprinkling of His blood), as the Lamb of God, we too are called to obey Christ. We are to make disciples. (Mat 28).

The church of Jesus Christ is not a hospital for sick souls, as many have postulated over the years. Indeed this is an insult to Christ. The church is His Body resurrected to a new life. Nothing sick about it at all. It is powerfully gifted to preach the good news to a dead world. The world perhaps is the hospital of sick souls who need to hear about God's glory in raising His Son Jesus from death. The certainty of election should make us so confident that we would risk our lives to tell the good

## Be Trained 2012

**Date:** Saturday 24 March - 9am to 1pm  
**Location:** Creek Road Presbyterian Church  
**Cost:** \$15 - Morning Tea included  
 (no child-minding available)

### WOMEN'S MINISTRIES Presbyterian Church of Qld

Are you keen to help other women serve Jesus **Week In Week Out?** Come and think about Everyday Ministry from Ephesians 4

#### Select 3 seminars from the following 4.

- Meeting for Church Together - Toni Walker
- Praying Together - Keiyeng Nation
- Showing Hospitality Together - Kylie Brown
- Reading the Gospel Together (small group ministry) - Katharine Yock

**For more info & to register go to**

<https://www.qtc.edu.au/eventregistration.php>

# From the Pulpit

Overall theme for 2012:

## Growth is Intentional

The topic for the first semester **Morning Services** is *The Demands of God's Love*. For the **Evening Services**, the emphasis is on *Bible teaching*.

- Mar 4** Morning Service - Dan Mihailovic  
"Enduring Love - faith not sight" (2 Corinthians 5)  
Evening Service - Dan Mihailovic
- Mar 11** Morning Service - Dan Mihailovic  
"Obedient Love - the problem of the cross" (1 Corinthians 2)  
Evening Service - Dan Mihailovic
- Mar 18** Morning Service - Dan Mihailovic  
"Brotherly Love - the test of true sonship" (1 John 2)  
Evening Service - Dan Mihailovic

# WHAT'S ON

- Mar 5 - Monday**  
7.30pm Annual General Meeting
- Mar 6 - Tuesday**  
7.30pm Presbytery
- Mar 9 - Friday**  
7.30pm Young at Heart - Picnic at Riverdale Park
- Mar 10 - Saturday**  
6pm Missions Bring-and-Share Tea
- Mar 13 - Tuesday**  
7.30pm Session
- Apr 1 - Sunday**  
11am BBQ lunch following Communion

## Rosters

### Greeters



#### March

Leon Lewis  
Samia Ghobrial  
Pam Frazer

### Morning Tea



#### Mar 4

Lyn Bouchard  
Ileen Devadason  
Gay Otukolo  
Tanya Webber

#### Mar 11

Marian Schwarz  
Eileen Searle  
Wendy Bouyer  
Tomoko Stewart

## Missions Bring-and-Share Tea

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm



Rev. Dr. Thang Bwee

Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Thang Bwee**  
from Myanmar

One of the missionaries we support, Martin Eagle, preaches in the Evangelical Reformed Church/ERC in Yandon, Myanmar, where Rev. Dr. Thang Bwee is the pastor.

Come along and hear how the Lord is working through his servants in Myanmar. A love offering will be taken up for Thang Bwee and Martin.

**Please see Lyn, Bev or Kerry, about what to bring for the dinner.**



Martin Eagle

## Letter from Lucinda Windeatt

Hi all - I will be returning to East Timor next week, arriving into Dili on 01 March. God is directing me very clearly to return to Weberek to continue to disciple the new believers and to continue the work of educating the birth attendants.

Laurence and Cher, a couple from Melbourne and I plan to head to Weberek in March once we have applied for our two month visa extension and arranged transport to and from Weberek. Doris Field from Parkes will join us for this first three month visa period and will be teaching English in Weberek. We will be supporting the Peak Hill and Parkes NSW works project.

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## Annual General Meeting

Monday night  
5th March  
7.30pm

## Letter from Lucinda Windeatt - Continued

Volunteers from Peak Hill and Parkes have been involved in the mission work in Weberek with YWAM since it began in 2002. A roofing project has been recently commenced. All the houses in Weberek currently have asbestos roofs and during this project the plan is for every house to be reroofed with roofing iron. If you would like to support this project or join teams going to Weberek, please contact Geoff Steventon from Peak Hill who is responsible for facilitating this project. [geof-frey4@ipstarmail.com.au](mailto:geof-frey4@ipstarmail.com.au)

Please be in prayer for Laurence, Cher and I for the provision of a 4wd vehicle to share in East Timor. Weberek is approximately a 7hr drive from Dili. Ideally we would prefer to have our own vehicle in Timor rather than depend on public transport and in case of emergency it is wise not to be in Weberek without a vehicle.

When we are in Dili we will be staying with Olimpia, a Timorese friend who worked for several years as a YWAM missionary. Olimpia has a ministry with the local Mother's and children. As she has provision, Olimpia feeds and cares for in various ways, some of the local poorer children. Olimpia runs play groups and discipleship groups each week in her house. I would very much appreciate your prayer for Olimpia for the Lord's continue blessing and provision for her as she ministers the Gospel of love to the local Mother's and children in practical ways.



July 2011, the team of us from Brisbane in Olimpia's house, Dili East Timor.

Olimpia is the one wearing all black.

Lauren Crase will be joining me in East Timor in August. Please be in contact with Lauren if you would like to support the work or know more specifically how to pray for the work that the Lord is calling some of his children to do in East Timor.

Love and friendship - Lucinda

*If anyone would like to contribute funds towards a vehicle, for the Weberek mission or any other purpose, Lucinda's Credit Union details are:*

Lucinda T Windeatt  
Credit Union Australia  
AC #: 30694394  
BSB #: 814282



## Pray for China

### The Resurrection of the Church

*The Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes. (Mark 12:11)*

As recently as 1979 all churches in China were closed – some turned into factories or storerooms, others left derelict. Madame Mao had vowed to destroy Christianity so thoroughly that it would survive only in museums. In 1949 the Protestant community numbered less than one million. The persecutions of the 1950s and the catastrophe of the Cultural Revolution (1966-76) had apparently eroded the church still further. But in those dark years God did a beautiful work. His faithful servants cried to him in prayer in the midst of their suffering.

Then, as the Maoist dream of an atheistic utopia turned into a nightmare enveloping the entire country, more and more people were deeply moved by the love

of the despised Christians and turned in their despair to the living Christ.

One pastor said, "We thought things could only get worse. But in 1976 Mao died and a month later Madame Mao and the infamous 'Gang of Four' were arrested. God intervened! Now the churches are open again and are full to overflowing. It's a miracle!"

**PRAISE God** for his sovereign power made manifest in the recent history of China and the Chinese church.

**PRAISE God** for the faithful, costly witness of faithful Chinese believers. Some were martyred; other survived to witness a new spring for the church in China and to get involved in evangelism, pasturing and rebuilding.

**MEDITATE** on the depths of the riches of the grace of God toward the Chinese people.

## Deadlines

### NEWSLETTER

Advise Glenese  
by 4pm Wednesday  
[gmparish2@bigpond.com](mailto:gmparish2@bigpond.com)  
Ph. 3848 2386

### AUDIO ROOM REQUESTS

Advise Ben Ram  
by 6pm Friday  
[ben6483@gmail.com](mailto:ben6483@gmail.com)  
Mob. 0427 003 732

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advise Walter  
by 8pm Saturday  
[walterkite@iprimus.com.au](mailto:walterkite@iprimus.com.au)  
Ph. 3800 4075

## Sermons on CD

Fill in CD Order Form and place in marked box in church foyer.

CDs will be available for pickup from the church notice board.

Current orders may take up to 3 weeks to complete, and historical orders will take longer.

You will be invoiced at the end of the month by means of distributed payment envelopes. Please place envelope in marked box in church foyer, with payment (\$3/CD).