



DANDENONG
**Bible
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Centre**

Newsletter

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Already Easter has come and gone! We hope you had a relaxing time whether at home or on holiday. We all enjoy holidays from work or school. Did you get some home maintenance done? Maybe you worked in the garden or tidied the house. Some may have just curled up with a good book. Did you think about the reason for the holiday? It was at this time of year that Jesus Christ was crucified – this sinless man gave his life for the rest of the world. It was for us, because of our sin, that he suffered so much. We held a service at the Dandenong Bible Education Centre on Good Friday where we remembered all that Jesus did for us, and thought about our response. Are we willing to change our life for him?

As we come to the end of first term, we want to share with you all that's been happening with our many courses. All our arrangements for the future will take place if the Lord lets them.

New Life Class: 11.30am-12.30pm each Sunday, followed by lunch

This ongoing class has been discussing Bible foundations, God's great promises and our future during this term. Having a variety of presenters means that the style of presentation is always fresh and interesting. The Bible is always the basis for our discussion, and interaction with the audience is encouraged. Why not come and see for yourself?

The following program is planned for the next 2 months:

April	3	Jesus the son of God
	10	No class
	17	The Holy Spirit
	24	Angels and messengers of God
May	1	Does it matter what I believe?
	8	The devil and sin
	15	Demons, spirits and ghosts
	22	Satan in the Bible
	29	The Jews – who are they?

Bible Explorers: 11.30am-12.30pm each Sunday for 4-12 year old children

During Term 1 we have been learning about Jesus, finishing at around Easter time with the lessons about the death and resurrection of Jesus. The children love the stories and the activity sheets and craft work that goes with the lessons. If you've been thinking of bringing your child to Bible Explorers, now is the ideal time. Next term (starting 24th April, God willing) we are beginning at the start of the Bible with the creation of the world and Adam and Eve, the first people made, followed by Noah's ark and the big flood. These are stories that children love!

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Daytime Bible study group: 11am every second Monday

The aim of this small class was to give an overview of the Bible. They started studying Genesis and worked through the Old Testament narrative. Currently they are up to the life of Jesus.

Bible Reading for Beginners: 7.30-9.30pm each Monday

Our presenter says it's great to see people opening a Bible for the first time and seeing their eyes open to its amazing message. One of those attending the course said, "The remarkable prophecy made me feel that the process of learning the Bible is so rewarding and meaningful."

"How to raise a responsible child" video night: 21st February

Most parents want their children to end up as responsible adults. This interesting video gave some ideas of how to do that in a humorous way, and the worksheets that accompanied the video were helpful too. A friendly suppertime gave us time to discuss what we could do in our own families.

The Story of the Bible: 7.30-9.30pm each Tuesday

What a large task we've had – to learn the general idea of the whole Bible in 8 weeks! From creation, through Abraham and Moses, the judges of Israel and their kings to the time when the Israelites were in exile then the times of Jesus and his helpers, this has been a very full course with many questions and interesting discussion. We realize how full the Bible is, and so we want to go on to a new course next term, focussing on God, Jesus and our relationship with them both.

Dealing with depression and building self esteem: Four Wednesdays in Feb/March

As there was a small group of people attending these courses, the sessions were interactive and people were able to talk of specific issues affecting them. Practical strategies were discussed and those attending showed gratitude for the helpful nature of the courses.

Advanced Bible study: 8pm every second Wednesday

We started the term with 2 interesting slideshows about the Middle East, with presenters who have recently visited the area. Now we are enjoying a series of talks and with discussion about the great king of Israel, David. This class is suitable for those with a greater understanding of the Bible.

Great stories of the Bible for Women: 11.00am-12.30pm each Thursday

Learning about Jesus is always exciting, but with other ladies we have the opportunity to see his life through many eyes. We centre our discussion on a chapter of the Bible and then answer and discuss questions together before studying in smaller groups. We always enjoy some morning tea thanks to Stella. Next term we are going back to the start of the Bible.

Learn English through the Bible: 8pm each Thursday

In a relaxed and encouraging atmosphere, a group of people from different nationalities gathered together to improve their English using the Biblical book of Genesis as a basis. After reading a section of the Bible they learned about its grammar – parts of speech, tenses, meanings of difficult words and so on. Those who attended consistently showed a noticeable improvement in their spoken English. While studying English, interesting Bible questions were also discussed.

First Aid Course: 5th & 12th February

All 11 people who attended this course now have a Senior First Aid Level Two certificate. The friendly atmosphere encouraged us all while we learnt how to help those needing first aid while waiting for medical help.

Future courses

See the leaflet for the courses coming in Term 2.