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**Bible
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Two new births – washed clean



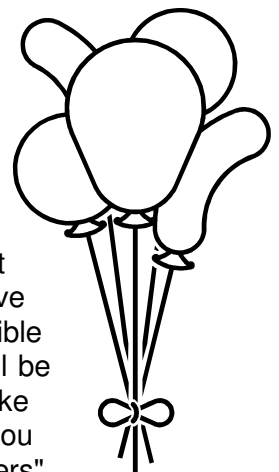
At the Dandenong Bible Education Centre there was great rejoicing on Friday 12th July. Two of our young lads, Ben and Chris, were baptised. Just as the Bible teaches, they were completely covered by water. This was not to wash the dirt off their bodies, but was an act of obedience to God, to wash away their sins. Jesus told the people in his day to repent and be baptised – saying that "He who believes and is baptised will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16). Baptism is an outward sign of a choice to become God's servant instead of sin's servant. So you can see why we were so happy that Benjamin and Christopher

have chosen to follow God's ways. Incidentally, the Bible teaches that the angels in heaven rejoice when a sinner turns to God, so there were many more rejoicing on that night than we could see!



Birthday celebrations – Open day on 8th October

Last year at the beginning of October, we opened the Dandenong Bible Education Centre. God has blessed our activities at the centre since then, and we are planning an Open Day from 10am to 3pm on Saturday the 8th October to celebrate a busy first year of operation. Come along and share a great day with us. God willing there will be interesting Bible displays, free showbags, balloons, and a sausage sizzle. For the children there will be craft activities and a colouring competition. A highlight will be the "Oldest Bible" competition. Maybe at home you have an old Bible inherited from your great Grandpa or an aged Aunt. Perhaps you collect old books, and think you may have an old Bible amongst your collection! Have a look and, if possible, bring your Bible to our centre by 12 noon on Open Day to enter the competition. The results will be announced at 2pm. Our bookshop will be open throughout the day, so you may like to browse or buy something, or you could join our popular lending library. If you wish to enrol in a course for term 4, or book your children in for "Bible Explorers", Open Day would be a great opportunity. We look forward to seeing you there.



Did you know?

When the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness in the time of Moses, their shoes and clothes did not wear out. The amazing thing was that they were wearing them for forty years! See Deuteronomy 29:5.

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

We would be glad to have you come to this class which discusses a variety of topics from the Bible. All our arrangements for the future will take place if the Lord lets them.

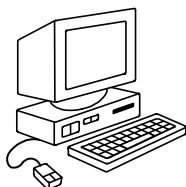
The following program is planned for the next 2 months:

September	4	<i>Bible and church – what happened to the reformation?</i>
	11	<i>Bible and church – which takes priority?</i>
	18	<i>Bible and church – one Bible, why so many churches?</i>
	25	No class
October	2	<i>Should we keep the 10 commandments today?</i>
	9	To be arranged – details on shop window in October
	16	<i>Jesus Christ – Old Testament prophecies</i>
	23	<i>Jesus Christ – Jesus in God's plan</i>
	30	<i>Jesus Christ – son of God and son of man</i>

Cards and gift vouchers for sale

We now stock Christian cards for various occasions at a reasonable price. We plan to increase our variety in the coming weeks. It's so handy to grab a card or two when you pass! Why not come and see our range? Do you wish to buy a present for a friend, but don't know what? We now sell gift vouchers for any amount between \$5 and \$100. Let your friend choose a gift!

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Do you need help with your English skills?

Our "Learn English through the Bible" class on Thursday nights is a great place to be if you want help speaking English. The class begins together with a lesson about English, followed by a light supper together and plenty of talking! After this, tutors help each individual with an activity sheet related to the lesson at the start. Join this multicultural group and learn more about English, using the Bible.



Suggested

Scripture Reading

In the last newsletter we had a code puzzle for the children to work out. The answer was "**Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen**". Hebrews 11:1 is where this verse is recorded. The New International Version of the Bible says it in this way – "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." There are many people of faith in the Bible, who were certain that God existed and worked in their lives. When you have a few minutes to spare, why not read all of **Hebrews 11**, which is an interesting chapter briefly telling the stories of some of them.