

DANDENONG Bible Centre NEWS

Answers to the most puzzling questions — including yours?

The courses at the Dandenong Bible Education Centre over the last two years have demonstrated that a serious study of God's Holy Bible is time well spent. By comparing different Bible passages, confusing issues usually become clear.

This year, a special series of classes will look at Bible-based answers to specific questions. These classes will be on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, starting on February 13. A panel of experienced Bible teachers will consider the questions. A number of questions have already been posed, but you are invited to add yours to this list.

Among the questions already posed are:

- Do dead people really go to heaven?
- How can a loving God allow people to burn in hell?
- How can Jesus be God when he spent so much time in prayer to God?
- Why is there so much evil in the world? Does this mean God is not all powerful?

We invite you to ring us on 9791 1699 or email courses@dandenongbec.org.au to submit your own question. We will also post or email you a full list of the questions on request.

The evenings commence on Tuesday, February 13. The panel to respond to your questions will include Dr Rob Hyndman and Mr David Caudery who have more than 70 years teaching and preaching experience between them. So keep your Tuesday evenings free as these should be highly interesting sessions!

Join our lending library

For just \$5 you can join our lending library. Borrow from a large range of Bible-related books and videos to help improve your knowledge and understanding of the Bible. We are also developing a range of DVDs and audio CDs.



AVAILABLE FREE!

A very interesting range of small publications on Bible subjects and related issues—many of which have been puzzling Christians over many years—so make sure you drop into the Bible Centre at 46 Walker Street Dandenong soon!



Discussion group in action

Advanced Bible students note!

Advanced classes are held at the Bible Education Centre on alternate Wednesdays commencing at 8 pm. These classes are intended for people who have been reading the Bible regularly for several years, but everyone is welcome.

Upcoming classes will be on:

- Feb 7 Moses: God's Man for a Crisis part 1
- Feb 21 Moses: God's Man for a Crisis part 2
- Mar 7 Moses: God's Man for a Crisis part 3
- Mar 21 Violence in the Bible
- Apr 4 Isaiah and his Message part 1
- Apr 18 Isaiah and his Message part 2

EXCITING SPECIAL OFFER

The future of the Arab-Jew conflict is a key subject of Bible prophecy.



You can obtain a fascinating 2 hour DVD about this at the Bible Education Centre:

"The Middle East and Your Future"

Filmed in Israel, the DVD explores the history of this conflict in the light of what the Bible says. But understanding history is only the start. The Bible prophets have proved incredibly accurate; they reveal the future not only of the Jews and Arabs, but also of the whole world.

THE FIRST 20 PEOPLE TO CALL IN AT THE BIBLE EDUCATION CENTRE **with this advert.** can buy a copy of this DVD for just \$5 (save \$6). (limit one per person)

Don't delay – call and see us today.
Note our open times – see front page

"I can really believe that, it makes sense"

This comment was the result of earnest discussion and debate about the future!

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Term 1, 2007

Every week, six or more classes are held at the Dandenong Bible Education Centre, which is located at 46 Walker Street in the heart of Dandenong.

One of the most popular classes before Christmas was on the topic of the prophecies of the Bible, and whether there was real evidence that we are now living in what the Bible calls "the last days."

Most of the other groups were popular too, such as the women-only course on Thursday mornings which explored some of the great stories and themes of the Bible.

The most popular classes are continuing this year, and you can find details of all these (as well as some interesting new programs) set out in this paper. *Classes to be held during the year include:*

- Your questions answered
- Sunday New Life Class
- Teenage Bible Explorers
- Young Bible Explorers
- Happy Faces playgroup
- Learn English through reading the Bible
- Beginners' Bible studies
- Advanced Bible studies
- Archæology and the Bible
- Great Bible stories for women

All these plans are made subject to God's will



The Bible Centre is normally open Mondays to Fridays 10 am to 2 pm and Sundays 9.30am to 2pm

Located at 46 Walker St, which is one shop from the corner of Thomas St in the heart of Dandenong, the Centre is easy to find, with many buses stopping right at our door. Those coming by train need only walk up Mason St and then turn right into Walker Street.

The station is serviced by the following bus routes: 665, 800, 802, 804, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 827, 828, 830, 831, 843, 844, 845, 848, 849, 857, 861, 862 and 893. Some of these stop right outside the Centre.

Come inside and chat with our friendly staff, look at the books, cards and gifts for sale, and check out our lending library and displays.

Does your life need a new direction?

You are invited to join the "New Life" group, which meets at the Centre at 46 Walker St every Sunday at 11.30am. Interactive presentations will give you the opportunity to ask questions and comment on issues such as the nature of life after death, the best way to overcome our weaknesses, why God allows suffering and evil, etc.

The themes to be presented in the coming weeks are:

- Feb 11 The kingdom of God: the Olivet prophecy
- Feb 18 The kingdom of God: citizenship
- Feb 25 Is the God of the Old Testament different from the God of the New Testament?
- Mar 4 Where did the devil come from?
- Mar 18 The Nature of Man: Good or Bad?
- Mar 25 How is Jesus the Creator?
- Apr 1 Worship and Praise Morning



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Learn the GOOD news in a world full of BAD news

How to make a start in understanding the Bible

Carefully planned course for beginners. Find real meaning for your life!

So many people are living for the moment: "eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die" is their motto! Is that your motto? Or are you looking for a better aim in life?

Maybe your question is, "Why should I read the Bible?" Well, why do you think the Bible has been the most read book in the world for hundreds of years? From the 15th century onwards, it transformed the English-speaking world. Those of other languages also benefited when it became available to them.

The world today has so many self-centred people rather than God-centred people. So many church communities have lost their direction, losing touch with their God-centred foundation. Jesus condemned the religious leaders of his day as "hypocrites" — would he say the same today?

We appeal to you to consider the value of learning how to read the Bible with real understanding.

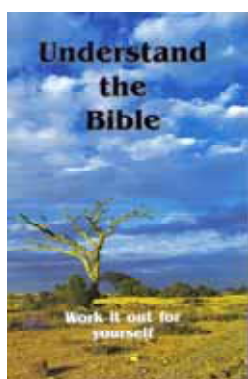
Join our special 8-week course for beginners which commences on Monday February 19, at 7.30 pm at the Bible Education Centre. Experienced teachers are conducting this beginner's course entirely free of charge.



You can just come along on the night. However, it would help us if you could ring 9791 1699 and advise us of your interest so that we can have a set of course notes ready for you when you come.

This is for those who want to live a worthwhile life, a life with meaning and purpose. If that includes you, ring us now, or email courses@dandenongbec.org.au

Special Offer



Can't attend a course, but really want to make the effort to understand the Bible?

Then here is a solution!

The above newly-published 470 page book could become your most prized possession after your Bible. 30 chapters are carefully set out to guide you through the Bible and reveal its meaning. You will see how its message is so important in the 21st century.

Our special offer reduces the price of this valuable book to only \$5 for those who bring a copy of this notice to the shop.

(Limit of one copy per customer)

Note our open hours on front page

Evidence that the Bible is true

The Bible was written up to 4,000 years ago, so how can we be sure it is an accurate record of ancient history and revelation? In fact, there are many lines of evidence which together provide an overwhelming confirmation that the Bible is true.

One line of evidence is archaeology. It is less than 200 years since archaeology became a serious science. When the 19th century began, there were many assertions that the Bible records contained historical errors; for instance, that writing had not been invented at the time of the Ten Commandments, and that Babylon was only a mythical city. By the end of the century, the critics had been silenced by the archaeologists.

If you are interested in this line of evidence, make sure you enrol for the free *Bible and Archaeology* course to be run at the Dandenong Bible Education Centre at 11am on alternate Tuesdays, commencing February 13.

The course is being run by Peter and Meryl Morgan, who are both retired teachers (Peter was also a University lecturer) with a

lifetime interest in this subject. They will demonstrate that "the Bible is God's word and totally reliable." They will reveal some of "the wonders of biblical archaeology and the way it increases faith in the Bible." They say, "You will be amazed at the light thrown on so much of the Bible by modern work in archaeology. Examples will be taken from Israel, Babylon and other Middle Eastern places of interest."

Each session will last for one hour and will be held at 11am on the following Tuesdays: 13 & 27 February, 13 & 27 March, and 10 April.

Ring 9791 1699 today to record your interest in attending.

Need a Bible in your own language?

Let us know your language.

If we do not have a Bible in stock,

we will order for you.

How will your children grow up in this ungodly world?

What chance will they have of developing a good character?

Everyone realises how vital it is to resist the temptation to take drugs, become alcoholic, and be led into other bad habits.

If you fail in your efforts to train your children to be good citizens, there are no medicines you can give them, no injections to cure them.

However, there is a way that has a good chance of working! It is to get them to think seriously about, and believe in, an all-seeing God; a God who loves children, as was shown by the way his son Jesus called little children to come to him.



But how can you do this?

Well this is the reason why *Bible Explorers for Kids* is held at 11.30am every Sunday. Designed for primary school aged children, it gives them a great foundation on which they can build their faith in God as they grow older.

Parents and teenagers can join in the *New Life class* (see front page) which is held at the same time. These activities all take place at the Bible Education Centre. Your involvement is warmly invited. A great place to develop new friends.

Happy Faces

A parent and toddler playgroup that's great fun

This group is open for all preschool children from babies to those of kinder age, along with their Mums, Dads and grandparents.

Your children will share in simple craft activities, short Bible stories, and singing times together. There will also be time for free play where Mums (and others) can sit back and enjoy new friendships over a cuppa. Drink, fruit, cheese and biscuits will be provided for the children at morning tea time.

Come and try it out for a session; all we ask is a gold coin donation to help us buy additional equipment.

"Happy Faces" is held on alternate Tuesdays from 10.30am till noon. Dates in the coming term are February 6 and 20, March 6 and 20. Drop in for a happy time!

Retired teachers can help you learn English

A group of retired teachers have found an unusual way of helping newcomers to Australia to develop their English language skills. They meet at the Bible Education Centre to teach language skills including writing, spelling, conversation, word meanings and English grammar, using the Bible text as a basis. Worksheets are created for each week. Last term the participants worked through the life of Joseph. The one-on-one teaching creates a friendly atmosphere as the participants get to know each other. It is real multiculturalism in action.

Everyone whose first language is not English is welcome to enrol. Last year, we had Sudanese, Chinese, Koreans and others participating. The classes start at 8 pm every Thursday, starting on February 15.