

Our courses at a glance

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Sundays 11.30am-12.30pm
- Bible Explorers
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- Happy Faces playgroup
Alternate Tuesdays 10.30am-12.30pm
- Bible jigsaws—fitting it all together
July 3, 17, 31, August 14, 11am-12noon
- The way of life
Tuesdays 7.30pm-9.15pm
- Bible reading group
Monday-Friday 12.45pm
- Advanced Bible Study
Alternate Wednesdays 8.00pm-9.30pm
- Great stories of the Bible for women
Thursdays 11am-12.30pm
- Learn English class
Thursdays 8pm-9.30pm
- Correspondence course
Daily

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

Free offer—Glad Tidings magazines

Glad Tidings is a monthly magazine with a variety of Bible-based articles in it. The format is attractive with pictures and text. Bring this coupon into the Dandenong Bible Education Centre to collect your free bundle of 5 magazines.

For Sale



A Bible bookstore with a little bit more...

It's good to know where you can find Bibles and Bible-based books to buy, but did you know that the Dandenong Bible Education centre also stocks other items? Attractive \$1 and \$2 greeting cards with Bible verses are very popular. Pencils, bookmarks, highlighters, Bible software, necklaces, perpetual calendars and other items are also available. If you want something in another language there are foreign Bibles and books for sale. If a Bible is not currently available in the language you want, it can usually be ordered in. That's why we say we are a Bible bookstore with a little bit more!

For Loan

Maybe you don't want to buy a book, but love to read or investigate the Bible. The Dandenong Bible Education Centre lending library has a large range of books for loan. There are many categories to choose from. For example Bibles, reference books, study guides, novels, children's Bible stories, life application books and history. There is a selection of videos, DVDs and audio tapes. There are also some foreign language books for loan. **Cost:** once-off \$5 joining fee, with no added costs after that.

Drugs, suicide, war ... what will happen to our kids?

This is the question so many parents ask. Nobody wants their children to be caught up with crime or disaster.

However parents don't always know what to do about these problems. **We can help!** Experts know that positive influences on children do affect their behaviour. The *Bible Explorers* classes aim to do this. Yes, the world can be a bad place, but an hour of *Bible Explorers* each week, along with your positive influence, really can help.

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Bible Education Centre NEWS

Term 3, 2007



Daily food—are you spiritually hungry?

We all know that we need food to eat so we can live. However people sometimes forget that we also need spiritual food. At the Dandenong Bible Education Centre it has become clear that there is a need in the community for a daytime Bible reading class to give spiritual food. For example, one person attending our night classes found a new job. Night-shift prevented him from attending many classes, so a daytime Bible readings group was ideal. In a relaxed and friendly atmosphere a variety of Bible readings are enjoyed and discussed. Come and try some spiritual food daily at 12.45pm. (You can share a drink and a biscuit with others too!)

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Monday—Friday, 12.45pm

All these plans are made subject to God's will



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Women's Bible study

A nine week study of selected passages from the book of Isaiah is the theme for the Great stories of the Bible for women class for term 3.

Whether you know a lot or only a little about Isaiah, why not join the group of women who gather each Thursday to study God's word together? The atmosphere is friendly and there is plenty of time for discussion.

Thursdays July 26–Sept. 20 11.00am-12.30pm



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Now a free “Learn English” class with trained teachers!

It’s hard to move to a new country. It’s hard to learn new customs. Above all it’s hard to learn a new language—and English is not an easy language. Fortunately we can help! Retired teachers use the Bible to teach the English skills you need to live in Australia. Learn and practise conversation skills, word meanings, English grammar and writing. If English is your second language, enrol in this course whether your first language is Mandarin, Hindi, Serbian or any other language. You will find the teachers helpful and friendly and the Bible information interesting.

Classes run on Thursdays from 8.00pm-9.30pm.

Vacancies at Happy Faces playgroup

While the babies and young children enjoy the toys and activities, the parents thoroughly enjoy the chance to chat. When we asked Kim (one of the Mums) what she likes about Happy Faces she said “It is so welcoming and open. It’s the best playgroup I’ve been to, and I’ve been to quite a few”. She added that she liked the fact that it is a structured group with time for free play, a Bible story and a Bible-based craft activity. She added with a laugh, “Tell them that there is snack time. Mothers like to know that there is food!” Kim said that she finds Happy Faces restful. Due to people shifting and changed family circumstances



“It is so welcoming and open. It’s the best playgroup I’ve been to, and I’ve been to quite a few” this playgroup now has some vacancies. Why not come to a session to try it? Please ring the Bible Centre on 9791 1699 so you are expected. **Cost:** gold coin donation to cover craft and morning tea costs. Happy Faces runs every second Tuesday from **10.30am-12.30pm.**

Term 3 dates are as follows:

July 24
August 7 & 21
September 4 & 18

Finding the balance

It is hard to find a balance in life. For those who enjoy reading the Bible it can be hard to find the balance between studying the Bible and putting it into practise. *The Way of Life* course helps. This vibrant class encourages discussion about a variety of topics. Some of these look at the teachings of the Bible, whilst other topics are very practical—how should a Christian behave in our society. If you have a topic you wish discussed, come and ask if it can be talked about one week. A book “The Way of Life” is used as a discussion starter, and if desired is available for purchase at a special price of \$10 for those attending this class.

Classes run on Tuesdays from 7.30 pm - 9.15 pm, starting on July 17.

“Walk in” correspondence course—or by mail

Now two correspondence courses are available for those who can’t attend regular classes. “*God’s Master Plan*”, an 8 lesson course, is an introduction to the good news of God’s Master Plan. It explores the faith and obedience that God requires from those wanting to share in his wonderful plan for the earth. “*Learning about your Bible*” has 14 lessons which help you understand the Bible and God’s offer of salvation to you. Exploring the Bible is an exciting adventure – these courses assist!

These correspondence courses can be done by mail, but help is also available for you from the shop staff between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday. We recommend you come in and have your answers marked on the spot so that you can discuss anything you do not understand. You can have all the advantages of a correspondence course **and** a personal tutor!

Advanced Bible Study

More challenging Bible classes are held every second Wednesday at the Dandenong Bible Education Centre starting at 8pm. Term 3 topics are:

- July 11** Workshop: Parables in the 21st century
- July 25** Community in Christ: The Lord added to their number
- Aug. 8** Community in Christ: Filled with the Spirit
- Aug. 22** Bible workshop: Titus 1
- Sept. 5** Bible workshop: Titus 2
- Sept. 19** Bible workshop: Titus 3

“Bible jigsaws - fitting it all together.” 11am - 12pm alternate Tuesdays on July 3, 17, 31 and August 14

... what will happen to our kids?

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During Bible Explorers classes your child can learn good morals taken from the Bible, socialize with other kids who are trying to learn how to behave like Jesus did, and learn some interesting Bible stories at the same time.

...but what will my children do?

- join in with other 4-12 year old children in a group for songs, prayer and sharing time
- enjoy learning in small classes
- listen to Bible stories told in an interesting way that is appropriate for their age
- complete work-sheets, solve crossword puzzles, fill in wordsearches and colour in pictures
- participate in craft work to reinforce lessons learnt in the Bible story
- learn Bible “memory verses”
- receive prizes for consistent attendance



Come and learn about the Bible like Zachary!



Attending a class like this can encourage your child to copy the good examples of godly people in the Bible. It can encourage them to find friends who also want to behave in a godly way. This is peer group pressure working the right way— give your kids hope for the future in an evil world. Bible stories and lessons for life learned from those stories help to build a foundation on which they can develop their faith in God as they grow older. While your children are learning, you can learn too. The New Life Class runs at the same time as Bible Explorers to encourage families to learn together about God.

Bible Explorers—Sundays 11.30am-12.30pm
Term 3 topic—Kings and prophets

A class that encourages New Life

Most people love to see new life—a fluffy chicken, a cute little pup or even the fresh leaves on trees in Spring. How would you like to live a new life? Learn more about the teachings of the Bible and try to put what you learn into practise in your own life and you will see some new life!

Classes run from 11.30am-12.30pm each Sunday. Term 3 topics are as follows:

- July 15** Jesus’ resurrection: The events
- July 22** Jesus’ resurrection: Who moved the stone?
- July 29** Jesus’ resurrection: Bible study —1 Corinthians 15
- Aug. 5** Jesus’ resurrection: So what?
- Aug. 12** Athletes for Christ
- Aug. 19** The Christian and work
- Aug. 26** The Christian and materialism
- Sept. 2** The Christian and gambling
- Sept. 9** Judgement: How God judges
- Sept. 16** Judgement: The day of judgement

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