



8TH OCTOBER 2017

Dear Friends,

Last week we witnessed (literally) the murder of around 60 people and the wounding of upwards of 500 others.

Every time something like this happens people ask 'how could it happen?' What can possess someone to do such a thing? More to the point, how can a country like the US tolerate such lax laws that enable deranged people to get hold of such fire power? It is incredible that every year around 35,000 people die from gunshot wounds in that country. Doesn't anybody in power ask what evil exists in that country that makes such carnage an acceptable price to pay?

Well, we might ask those questions but even if there are answers to them, it still wouldn't prevent evil people from doing evil deeds.

Remember 9/11. Remember the truck that killed scores of people in Nice, and so on.

At the bottom of all these evils is the deep seated rebellion against the creator that has debased human nature. Humanity is not able to make this world better than it presently is. In fact, it is in a downward spiral into more and more disaster. Only the grace of God through the gospel of Christ can change the human heart and even then not completely until the final day.

St Paul said to the wise men of Athens that God has appointed a day when he will judge this world by the man he has appointed. That man is Christ Jesus. The hope of this world is Christ, and if it will not have him, it will never be free from the kinds of things we saw last week. Our work is to pray that God will limit the evil in the world and in his time make a new heaven and a new earth where peace, love and righteousness will reign, then to show that love how best we can.

Your friend,

Bruce Ballantine-Jones

Calendar at a glance:



9 Oct	How to Tell Your Friends About Jesus 7pm @ Salt Church Wollongong
19 Oct	Connect Prayer Night—7pm @ BAC
21 Oct	Community Connect
27-29 Oct	Square One Kid's Camp
30 Oct	Prayer & Healing Night—7pm @ BAC
17 Nov	Family Gingerbread House Night
3 Dec	Carols & Markets

PRAYER POINTS

- Please pray each day for the church family members listed on that day of the prayer directory.
- Pray for the sick and injured among us. Bring peace to them and their loved ones.
- Pray for the health, strength and energy of our expectant mothers. Give thanks to God for this amazing new life and the gorgeous babies arriving.
- Keep our children, youth and leaders in your prayers, pray that seeds planted scripture, youth group, kids church and kids club lead them to knowing Jesus.
- Keep our link missionaries in your prayers: Grahame & Patty, Liz & Terry, FEBC, Vana, Angela and the Miracle Ministries, EE. Oceania and the Warths in WA. Pray for their faith, godliness, strength and good health.
- Pray for comfort and strength for those who mourn.

THIS WEEK

Revolutionaries:
Grace Alone
Bruce Ballantine-Jones
Luke 15:11-24;
Ephesians 2:1-10

NEXT WEEK:

Revolutionaries:
Faith Alone
Jim French
John 6:25-40;
Galatians 2:1-21

How to Tell Your Friends About Jesus

On October 9, Salt Church in Wollongong will be hosting a ministry training night with guest speaker Sam Chan. Sam is a gifted evangelist and trainer in evangelism, and he'll be spending the evening helping you think through some of the key steps to telling your friends about Jesus.

Chesalon Church

BAC serves the community by conducting a communion service at Chesalon Aged Care Facility @ Woonona. We are in need of assistance for this service held on 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Any age, male or female welcome. Please contact Wendy Cram or Liz Hatton

Gingerbread House Night

Join us on the 17th of November for our second family ginger bread night, bring the whole family to make a kit or two! Come and enjoy community together as we hear a short message on the amazing event of Christmas and build the houses together! Sign up on the BAC website

Kid's Club & Youth Group

These will be starting up again this Friday! Kid's Club for Kindy-Year 6 kids runs from 4:30-6pm. Then our Youth Group for high schoolers goes from 6:30-8:30pm

Congratulations to James & Sarah Cockrem on the safe arrival of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth.

SMS Prayer Hotline

0481 373 021

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

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Regular Activities During term time

Monday—ENGLISH FOR LIFE - 10am-12 noon

Wednesday—HAPPY HANDS Playgroup - 9.30-11.30am in term time

Wednesday—OPEN HOUSE - 1.00-3.00pm in the Ministry Centre

Thursday—CRAFT GROUP 10am - 12 noon in the Parish Centre

Friday—KIDS CLUB Kindy-Year 6 from 4.30-6.00pm during term time. (hang out from 4pm)

Friday—GROUNDSWELL - YOUTH GROUP Year 7-10 from 6.30pm-8.30pm

Thank you for joining us today, we hope that you enjoyed sharing our time of worship.

Please take advantage of our Kids Church: Kindy to year 6 meet in the hall and the crèche for pre-school walkers is in the Ministry Centre during both our 10am and 5pm gatherings.

Today we'll be hearing God's word, learning from it and praising His glorious name, then chilling out and enjoying fellowship with great food, drink and lively conversation afterwards, so....

...please stick around after the service.

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