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baptist church

April 28th 2019

From The Pastor:

Our theme for this year is '**Fruit that will last**'. If you came to the recent Sunday night youth takeover service your heart would have been moved as we saw evidence of that. Like most if not all Western churches, New Peninsula has, over recent years, seen the size of our youth ministry drop. The percentage of youth who become active, young adult practicing Christians has also dropped. The stats say something like 75% of churched children and young adolescents walk away from the church.

Praise God, over the past three years our youth ministry has been growing again. We even now have a youth group, once per month, that meets at Rosebud. In the youth takeover service the youth lead everything, including three young teenagers who delivered the message – we call them 'sermonettes'.

They were inspiring! One in particular struck me. To hear a high school student (who attends a church school) describe how following Jesus meant that she was so out of step with her class mates. Her values were not their values. Her behaviours were different.

Yet she was prepared to stand out and be different, because she believed following Jesus was the best path in life. The only path to life. She encouraged us to be bold, just as she has to be. Afterwards I was speaking with a middle aged man who was challenged by the truth of what she said.

There is no new technique to growing fruit that lasts. Look (up) to Jesus, read his words, follow him whatever and where ever. Belong to a community that reaffirms that (in). Encourage others to do the same (out). To see and hear 30 odd teenagers living that life was heart-warming.

David Rietveld
Senior Pastor

God working @ NEW PEN:

Praise & Prayer Points:

- ◆ Praise for our Easter services, and the reminder of what Jesus has done for each of us.
- ◆ Pray for the Life Group leaders as they prepare for the coming DEEPer series
- ◆ Pray for the youth & kids ministry leaders as they recommence programs with our children and youth., and also pray that they will be especially aware of God's leading as they talk to individuals.
- ◆ Pray for the men's shed team as they continue to facilitate the building of their new shed.
- ◆ Pray for those who are struggling with their health, especial those who are struggling with emotional and spiritual issues, pray that they will know God's presence in a new and powerful way.
- ◆ Pray for Sri Lanka and all those affected by the bombings on Easter Sunday.

Not in a Life Group? Unsure if you want to commit?



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Why not sign up for the DEEPer series (5 weeks)

Come and talk to the folks at the table in the foyer / activity centre after the service for more information. Life Groups meet most days weekly or fortnightly, day and evenings, across the Peninsula.

Office news:

ROSEBUD OFFICE will be without phones whilst the NBN is being connected (calls will be diverted to Mount Martha). Please email if possible. Thanks.

In the family:

Birthday

Congratulations those celebrating a special birthday this week. May God bless you richly as you continue to walk in his ways.

Coming up:

Prime Time will recommence on May 9th with Dot Frost being the speaker.

For your diary:

Interested in becoming a Member?

(In time for the next Annual Meeting)

The next membership information session will be held next Sunday May 5th at 11am at Rosebud.

MOTHER'S DAY - May 12th

Calling men of all ages, let us celebrate and spoil all the special women in our church family! Please bring a plate to share for morning tea after the service.

(Dad's why not have a cooking morning with your kids, and spend time talking about the special women in their lives?)

A DAY TOGETHER

Don't miss our closing date coming soon!

Saturday May 18th a seminar for couples of all ages to invest in their marriage, (also suitable for engaged couples). \$80 including lunch. For more information, or to register, please contact the MM church office.

What's on this week:

Sunday (today)

Morning services 9:30am Mount Martha (MM) & Rosebud (RB).

Inklings Book Shop & New Pen Library 10:45am at MM.

Hub Café 10:45am MM.

Real Food Evening Service 5:00pm Aud 2 MM.

Monday

Walking/Cycling Group 9:30am at McCrae Yacht Club. Coffee & chat after.

Hub Café 9:30am MM.

Women's Hub 9:30am Foyer 1 MM.

Inklings Book Shop & New Pen Library 9:30am at MM.

Social Indoor Carpet Bowls 1:00pm Foyer 1 MM.

Tuesday

Men's Shed 9:00am MM.

Playgroup 10:00am MM.

Prayer Meeting 10:30am RB.

TRIPLE C (Coffee, chatter & create) 10am RB.

Wednesday

Playgroup 10:00am MM.

Rosebud Community Hub 5:30pm RB.

Thursday

Men's Shed 9:00am MM.

Hub Café 9:30am MM.

Women's Hub (Let's Create) 9:30am Kids Church Room MM.

Friday

Story Time 10:00am RB.

Youth 7pm 'Messy' MM.



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	Mount Martha	Rosebud
April 28th	Introduction	Introduction
May 5th	Love those who love you	Love accepts, love judges
May 12th	Love accepts, love judges	Love is faithful, it sticks, it trusts
May 19th	Love is faithful, it sticks, it trusts	Love those who love you
May 25th	The greatest command	Where do I find love like Jesus?
June 2nd	Where do I find love like Jesus?	The greatest command

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PRAYER CHAIN please email: prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au

New Peninsula Baptist Church Giving:

BSB 063 539

General Offerings: Account Number: 1038 8044

NPBC Donation Fund: Account Number: 1060 5168

NPBC School Building Fund: Account Number: 1060 5272

NP Community Caring Giving: Account Number: 1031 4088