



Thursday 6th August 2020

In his second epistle, the apostle Peter warned New Testament believers that “scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, ‘Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.’” (2 Peter 3:3-4, ESV) Today, we are seeing a fulfilment of this prophecy.

Secularists have enthusiastically embraced as an “axiomatic” presupposition the notion that everything happening in the physical world now is merely a continuation of the same things since time long before any record of history. This concept of uniformitarianism looks at current rates of sediment build-up, erosion, and relatively localized floods and earthquakes and extrapolates in reverse to calculate the age of the Earth. Proponents of the view arbitrarily reject the possibility of a world that was created fully mature and complex, or that could have been dramatically altered by a global, catastrophic flood.

We understand why atheists and agnostics do this. The framers of the belief system admitted to their anti-God, anti-Bible motivations in their own writings. But, why do many Christians who claim to accept the Bible as the special revelation of God accept the assumptions of secularists regarding origins, rather than accept the straight-forward account of Creation in Genesis? Our study in the book of Exodus brings us to this issue this Sunday. Please tune in.

In His service,

Pastor Brian

Newsletter

Devotional By David Jeremiah

Words of Comfort

*And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place,
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.*

2 Peter 1:19

Scholars have identified 1,845 biblical references to the Second Coming. And over three hundred of these are found in the New Testament.

It would be futile to argue that prophecy is not a significant part of the Bible. Not to study—learn from, be comforted by—the prophetic Scriptures is to ignore a large part of the Word of God. The apostle Paul taught the Ephesian church “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27). Many Jews in Berea studied the Scriptures daily to see if Paul’s words about Jesus the Messiah were true (Acts 17:11). Words of prophecy are given by God to strengthen, encourage, and comfort His people (1 Corinthians 14:3).

When you don’t know what the future holds, remember Who holds the future. God’s fulfilled prophetic Word gives assurance from the past, peace in the present, and hope for the future.

An interest in prophecy which is merely speculative and sensational comes perilously close to being sinful.

William Graham Scroggie

Children's Church Workers

Rachel and Cornelia (Combined Class) / **Creche Workers: *Mary and Janeena***

Church Cleaners

August - Daniel Goh

This week please pray for

A church family - Brenda Crowther

A church ministry - Epic Youth Group

A church leader - Ladies Ministry

Announcements

- Growing Kids Gods Way Parenting Course: Sunday 4:30pm at Church

Upcoming Events

- **Basecamp Livestream: 8th August at the church.** [Breakfast served at 8:30am - Livestream starting 9am].

Register individually at: <https://basecampmen.com/registration/> and RSVP with Pastor Mike on attendance.

- **OneLove Women Livestream and FBC Women's Breakfast: 22nd August at the church. 9AM - 1PM.**

Register individually at: <https://onelovewomen.com/register> and RSVP with April on attendance.

Breakfast will be provided. *Register before 1st August to receive a free OneLove gift pack.*

Ministry Opportunities at FBC

Looking to serve at church?

We have opportunities in the following ministries.

Scripture Reading

Glen Truman (glen8truman@gmail.com)

Music Item for Sunday Service

Pastor Brian (bkeggert@outlook.com)

Holiday Bible Club - 2021

Ann Millis (themillisfamily2001@gmail.com)

Children's Church and Creche Workers

April Kwok (apriljoy18th@gmail.com)

Church Cleaning

Glen Truman (glen8truman@gmail.com)

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The Tyrrell Telegraph

Faith Like Potatoes We'd been praying for Joseph for a while, and wanted to engage him with Bible stories at his home. Gothil our translator was running late (observing 'Local Standard Time'), so as we were looking for potatoes, Joseph took us to Leno, a neighbour beyond the creek. On the way we met up with Gothil who had two other men with him, and the outcome was that at under a tree at Leno's we shared our composite Gospel story, *Two Kingdoms*, with six adults representing five different homes. They appeared enthusiastic to listen and dialogue and decided that we meet each Sunday afternoon for more Bible stories at Leno's. Plus we got fresh potatoes!

PS: Maybe you guessed it - the following Sunday's session was washed out by rain and tomorrow looks like doing the same.

Pray for Joseph, Leno and Elli, Dominic, Simon and Gothil.

40th Wedding Anniversary

July 26th 1980 was the day we got married at Nana Glen. Some of you were there with us and even hosted the unique pot-luck reception on the Cundy's lawn afterwards. Forty years later we have three brilliant children and (almost) five gorgeous grandchildren, and we're still in love! We had expected to celebrate elsewhere, but the invisible menace has us penned in at Nagishot. Our plan is to don some smart clothes, enjoy a candle lit dinner at home and reminisce our life together and God's faithfulness towards us. Pray 24:7 for our children and grandchildren.

New Starts

"Constant new beginnings, that's ministry in South Sudan," we're told. It's proven accurate for us even regarding our efforts to do evangelism, when seekers appear

keen for a while, then without a word they become 'unavailable'. People tend to be a little more willing to meet on Sundays, taking a break from their field work. Our small team goes out in pairs: Chris and Fiona, Elly and Margaret. When welcomed, we share a personal testimony and if possible *Two Kingdoms*, then return the following weeks to begin a story set or series of a dozen short Bible stories with the aim of leading seekers to our Lord Jesus. As yet we've not completed the set anywhere, but at Charles' home we're halfway. A small number have so far responded to initial invitations to repent and trust in Jesus, and we're believing for more. Rains, field work, hunger, and alcohol are cause for frequent interruptions to any transformation process. Pray for Charles and his family, and Rose, Margareta and Agnes.

FOR GOD, WHO
SAID, LET LIGHT
SHINE OUT OF
DARKNESS,
HAS SHONE IN
OUR HEARTS TO
GIVE THE LIGHT
OF THE
KNOWLEDGE OF
THE GLORY OF
GOD IN THE FACE
OF JESUS
CHRIST.

(2 CORINTHIANS 4:6)



- ⇒ Watch a short video from the Didinga Hills: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsJ8aquwY8>
- ⇒ The premature twin girls above are gaining weight, by the grace of God and the extra care provided by a team member. One infant is named Viola or Fiona, depending on the pron.
- ⇒ Fiona has been kindly making washable face masks for the local and outlying clinics. Requests keep coming in, draining her material supplies. But she loves an excuse to use her sewing machine!

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Above: Face masks testing station.

Right: Bible storying, discovering and discussing truth.



Gone Shopping As a precaution to minimise the risk of being blamed for introducing the virus, in March we decided to ask for our supply run planes to not land at Nagishot. We'd make do with what we had in the pantry or veggie patch and *go local* where possible. It's worked well so far, and a huge bonus was that on June 5th a plane brought us some supplies to Chukudum, a town at the foot of the Didinga Hills. Chris drove down the mountain that day to receive them, but literally blew-out the top tank of the Landcruiser's radiator on the way back up. Someone went shopping in Nairobi for a replacement and coolants which we're anticipating being shipped up to South Sudan in August then hopefully to Chukudum, from where it'll all progress onwards and upwards on donkeys (4-legged).

⇒ Pray for wisdom, logistics, and in appreciation of God's people involved in shopping and shipping.

Cabin Fever, anyone? February was the last time we were off site and as scenic as the Didinga Hills are, the isolation and loneliness takes its toll. As a team we're praying for a possible chance of a short escape to Nairobi in October. In the current climate it's a long shot. Borders would need to be open both ways, we'd probably require negative virus tests plus our host community sympathetic to our situation and not fearful of us bringing the virus back in with us.

⇒ Pray for our patient endurance in this race set before us and for our Father's will to be done.

Neither hot nor cold Living around us are some people who a long time ago attended a little fellowship. These days they don't profess faith in Christ, and somehow keep us at a safe distance. Occasionally there is a show of vulnerability enough for us to have hope that one day the lost sheep will be found again.

⇒ Pray for these lost or backslidden sheep to be brought home for ever by the Good Shepherd.

⇒ We offer our thanks for you who pray on our behalf and for this ministry.