

Ministry Insight

CB:Youth

Our youth fellowship is for young people at Secondary School age and then some. We meet weekly to learn, worship, play games and eat. Every other week is a Study Night where, after a few games and praise, we spend time studying God's word. We finish the night eating and hanging out. The weeks between studies are filled with social nights, cribs nights and breakfast mornings where we can spend more time getting to know each other better. April will be our annual trip to Ballyholme for our weekend away: a time of intensive learning and fun. In term 1, we have been using Mark to understand the importance of Christ's coming and what that means for us. When you pray for our young people please pray that as God's word is opened, their eyes would be opened to their need for a close personal relationship with our Christ and Saviour. Pray that they will learn wisdom, from an unchanging God, to deal with the many challenges they face in a fast-changing world.



Please pray for our leaders that they will continue to develop close relationships with our young people, to understand their needs and point them to Christ.

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January 2019



Happy New Year

A new year is often a time for fresh starts. It's a good time to reflect on the past year and think about aspects of our lives that need changed. Perhaps your resolution is to eat less and exercise more. Maybe it's to spend less time on your phone and more time with your family. It is also a good time to examine your spiritual life. As we start 2019, can I encourage us all to meditate on Philippians 3:8: 'I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.'

The most important thing for Paul was knowing Christ. This is much more than just head knowledge. It refers to a deep, meaningful, intimate relationship with his Saviour. I wonder if this is our spiritual desire at the start of 2019? Will we count everything else in our lives as loss in comparison to knowing Christ in a deeper way?

How will we come to know Christ in a greater way? By making him our priority. By spending regular time with Him. By devoting time to reading Scripture and prayer. By making church a priority and by viewing it as a God given means of helping us grow in our knowledge of Christ.

At the end of 2019, it won't really matter how much weight you lost or how fit you became. What will really matter is whether we have grown in our love and knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. This year, may we count everything else as loss compared to knowing Christ.

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Church Diary:

Sunday Prayer Meetings 10:30am & 6:30pm (meets upstairs in Room 2)
Church Services 11am & 7pm

Tuesday Parent & Toddlers 10:15am

Wednesday Prayer Meeting 8pm
Prayer and Study Groups 8pm (1st & 3rd weeks)
Missions Prayer Meeting 8pm (last week in month)

Thursday CB:Women 8pm (1st week of month)

Friday CB:Friends 2pm (2nd week of the month)

Children & Youth

Crèche Available for babies and toddlers during the Sunday morning service in the upstairs Fellowship Hall. We would encourage families with young children to use this provision.

CB:Kids Sunday Children leave the morning service around 11:15am.
Age 3-P.1 in Minor Hall. P.2-P.7 in Sports Hall

CB:Kids Monday Meet in the Sports Hall each Monday between 6:45pm-8pm

Youth Fellowship Usually meet on Sunday Evenings. Contact Paul Savage for more details.

Special Events:

New Year, New You: Remember every Sunday morning in January is an evangelistic service. Who could you invite? The Lord's Table will be observed in the evenings.

Preaching Group: Do you harbour a desire to preach and teach the Word? We are starting a group to explore and develop gifts in this area of ministry. It is open to anybody with such a desire and will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5:30pm. For more details, please speak to Peter.

Baby Massage: The next Baby Massage Course starts on the 10th January and runs on a Thursday morning at 11:00am for 7 weeks. Please remember this ministry in prayer. The programme is for babies from 0 -1 year. Do you know someone who might be interested? If so please contact Sandra Silversen on 077 0442 8570. Visit our website for further information.

Tim Wilson

As promised, here's a bit of an update on how things have been going out here since we came back in September.

This season was always going to be a bit different for us. The security situation in the North and East of the country has been deteriorating steadily – the past couple of months saw a period with almost daily attacks on police stations resulting in many deaths and injuries – so our plan to drill wells for SIM in the east of the country couldn't happen. However, the people in that region are still suffering from lack of clean water, so to enable that work to progress we have started working with drilling contractors to carry out the actual drilling of the wells. We manage the work, putting a trusted person on the ground to travel around with the contractors to resolve any issues and keep us updated on a daily basis. We then use our own guys to test the wells, build the concrete base, and install the pumps – in this way we can coordinate with the local churches if they want to hold outreach events or celebration services at the new wells. To date, 8 wells have been completed for SIM in this way. We've also used the contractors to drill wells for us when our workload has prevented us going to an area. Just this week we carried out a 4-day survey trip to the south-west and south of Burkina to look at 12 new sites, and already 3 of those villages now have new wells thanks to the contractors.

We've been doing some drilling ourselves in the Ouaga area. To date, we've drilled 7 new wells and hopefully will get another 1 or 2 before Christmas. Drilling in the city brings its own challenges – access being one of them! Manoeuvring our trucks down narrow streets and into tiny courtyards can be interesting at times.

January will see the first team of the season coming out from the States, followed by teams in Feb, March & April. We plan to drill in the west of the country, but are very aware that that could change at any time depending on the security situation.

PRAISE POINTS:

7 new wells drilled by ourselves. 11 wells drilled by contractors on our behalf.
The system of using contractors is working well.
God's Hand in the timing of events – wells being drilled at just the right time.

PRAYER POINTS:

For the proclamation of the Gospel in Burkina.
For peace in the country and for the security forces.
For wisdom in scheduling the programme of drilling and in expanding the work.
For our families, as we continue to work in a country that is not 'safe'.
For continued good health.

Thanks again for all your prayers.

Tim - 28th November 2018

