



**Sharing the love  
of Jesus**

# **Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 24**

## **Message from Alistair-**

Many people know a certain amount about God the Father and Jesus the Son. But there is often a great deal of confusion about the Holy Spirit.

Jesus would not let his followers begin their ministries until they knew the Holy Spirit. By this point the disciples had spent 3 years with Jesus, listening to his wonderful teaching, experiencing his amazing miracles, and seeing his exemplary life. They had seen the empty tomb, touched his resurrected body, eaten meals with him and spent 40 days listening to the risen Christ talk about the Kingdom of God. But they needed more.

Jesus said to them, 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

The Holy Spirit comes with power. Power to make good choices, to keep promises and to silence the inner voices of loneliness, fear and failure. Power to get busy about the right things in the right way. And power to be witnesses. The Kingdom of God is his rule set up in the lives of his people by the Holy Spirit. It is spread by witnesses, not by soldiers, through a gospel of peace, not a declaration of war, and by the work of the Holy Spirit, not by political decisions. And we can take it as a general rule of the Christian life that the more we are filled with the Holy Spirit, the more we shall glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Our Service- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 24-**

Our service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy. Sandra Murphy will be leading the service and Rev. Alistair Stewart will be preaching. The Bible reading is Jonah 3 and the title is, 'The Sign of Jonah.'

Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

## **Our Activities- Week beginning Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 24-**

**Monday-** Welcome Bap- 10:00am-12:00 Noon at Oasis. The meal at the Rugby Club will follow the meeting.

**Tuesday-** Tots and Co- 9:30am-11:30am at Oasis. Sue, Alison and Chris F are on the rota.

**Tuesday-** Encounter with God- 7:00pm-8:00pm at Oasis.

**Tuesday-** All-Age Planning Meeting- 8:45pm by Zoom.

**Wednesday-** Ladies Fellowship- 10:30am-12:00 Noon at Oasis. A Study called 'Portraits of Jesus.'

**Wednesday-** Wednesday Evening House Group is taking a break over the summer.

**Saturday-** Saturday Prayer Gathering- 8:30am-9:15am at Oasis.

If you would like to join any of the midweek groups, please contact Alistair and he will put you in touch with the group leader.

### **Passion for Praise- Verses from Scripture that emphasise praise to our God-**

'I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. I will praise my God to my last breath! May all my thoughts be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.' *Psalm 104:33-34*

### **Wisdom for the Week- Christian quotes to inspire and encourage- The Holy Spirit-**

'The Holy Spirit does not flow through methods but through people. He does not come on machinery but on people. He does not anoint plans, but people- people of prayer.' *E M Bounds- American preacher and writer.*

### **News for the Church Family-**

#### **From Chris Nash- Christmas Shoebox Appeal Coffee Morning on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September-**

Just a reminder about our fundraising coffee and cake morning on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00am till Noon at Oasis, to help raise money towards the transport costs.

We will have a 'bring and buy' table and would be happy to accept anything you might wish to donate either beforehand or on the day. Any offers of cakes would be really appreciated!

We are hoping to have any shoebox donations in by around the end of September/beginning October and below is a recap of the things we still need (in order of priority):

- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Gloves/Mittens
- Wash bags
- Small toys
- Soft toys
- Small Toothbrushes
- Face flannels/sponges
- Small packets of sweets (if dated, no earlier than June 2025)
- Woolly hats
- Notebooks (no bigger than A5)
- Ball point pens
- Colouring pencils / Wax crayons

Thank you all for your continued support in sharing 'Love in a Box' at Christmas.

## **From George Hill- Delamere Forest Picnic and Walk- Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>-**

As previously announced, the Delamere event has been moved back from Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting).

On that Sunday, after church we will drive to Delamere Forest Visitor Centre, which is at CW8 2HZ, Linmere, Delamere, Northwich. We will have a picnic on the tables by the car park.

The best route is via Winsford, turning right at the Fishpool Inn. The car park at Delamere Forest Visitor Centre is pay and display and is expensive (£9.50 for three hours), so we will want to share lifts!!

Please offer lifts if available. For those able to walk, footpaths may be rough/muddy in places. Binoculars may be useful. Contact: George Hill on 07843 742512.

## **From Alistair and the Leadership Team- Prayer-**

We would like to encourage you to continue to commit to praying for 3 specific things for our church this year. Please pray in your own devotions, at our prayer meetings and in our Sunday services.

1. For more families to join our church.
2. For God to raise up workers. [Jesus said, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field' Matthew 9:37-38].
3. For people to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and confess their faith in baptism.

## **And finally....**

'Last time I played Scrabble I had the letters 'D' and 'O' left at the end. I just had to make do!'

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