



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 27th October 24

Message from Alistair-

Many of you will know that the story of the Fall is associated with the story of Adam and Eve disobeying God in Genesis 3. Why are things so different from the way God created them to be? Why do they lack that harmony that has always been God's intention for them? Because human beings misused the freedom God gave them and chose to go their own way. By their disobedience, they shut themselves off from God, cut themselves off from each other, came to be at threat from the natural world and a threat to the natural world, and brought about division amongst themselves. Theologically, sociologically, ecologically, and psychologically, they became disordered, sinful and discordant. They fell from the relationship with God in which and for which they were created. That is usually what is meant by the Fall.

After Adam and Eve sinned, God set in motion a plan of redemption that includes promises, prophets and miracles. He made a covenant with Abraham. He raised up Joseph in Egypt. He gave the Law through Moses at Mt. Sinai. He raised up leaders like Joshua, kings like David, prophets like Isaiah. But still the people sinned. It would take a perfect man and a perfect sacrifice to overcome it.

Enter Jesus Christ! Like Adam, Jesus had no earthly father. Like Adam, Jesus was given authority over creation. Like Adam, Jesus was tempted. But unlike Adam, Jesus never sinned. We can thank the apostle Paul for this concise summary found in Romans 5:18: 'Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.' Romans 5:18-19.

Our Service- Sunday 27th October 24-

Our service on Sunday 27th October will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy. Brendan Bowles will be leading the service and Rev. Alistair Stewart will be preaching. The Bible reading is Jonah 4:1-11 and the title is, 'The Enigma.'

Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

Our Activities- Week beginning Sunday 27th October 24-

Monday- Welcome Bap- 10:00am-12:00 Noon at Oasis.

Tuesday- Tots and Co is closed for half-term.

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

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

Wednesday- Wednesday Evening House Group- 7:30pm at Oasis. Studies in the Gospel of John.

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-

The Lord is king! Let the nations tremble! He sits on his throne between the cherubim. Let the whole earth quake! The Lord sits in majesty in Jerusalem, exalted above all the nations. *Psalm 99:1-2*

Wisdom for the Week- Christian quotes to inspire and encourage- The Fall-

'The fallen world in which we live rests on the foundations of a creation that was good. Yet, it had scarcely been created before sin crept into it. The origin of sin is a mystery; it is not from God, and at the same time it is not excluded from his counsel. God decided to take humanity on the perilous path of covenantal freedom rather than elevating it by a single act of power over the possibility of sin and death.'
Herman Bavinck- Dutch theologian

News for the Church Family-

From Alistair and the Leadership Team- SBC Retreat- Saturday 26th October-

We are very much looking forward to our church retreat. It will be at Olive Grove Conference Centre, Regents Park, London Rd, Nantwich CW5 6LW from 10:00am-3:00pm on Saturday 26th October. As last time, it will be led by Rev. Linda Hopkins. Linda has arranged sessions as follows:

10:00am- Gather, Introduction, First Session
11:15am- Coffee Break
12.15pm- Session Two
1:00pm – 2:00pm Lunch Break
2:00pm Session Three
2:45pm – 3:00pm- Closing Communion

The heading for the day is: 'The Beauty of Thy Peace'. The 3 sessions will explore-

- The Beauty of God around us (God of creation)
- The Beauty of God in the everyday (God with us in the ordinary)
- The Beauty of Christ within us (the invitation to life in Christ)

Lunch will include-

Jacket potatoes, rice, turkey chilli (mild), vegetarian curry (mild)
Salads, tuna, cheese, crusty breads, butter
Cake

From George Hill- Urban Saints weekend

Please pray for our Urban Saints weekend at Cae Canol! Thanks.

From Lifeline- Celebration of the work of Lifeline Debt Advice- 3rd November 24-

There is an invitation to the celebration of the work of Lifeline Debt Advice [Sandbach] which is closing after having served the community for 15 years. It will be at 4:00pm in the Wesley Centre, Unity Methodist Church, Wesley Avenue, Sandbach, CW11 1DG on Sunday 3rd November 24.

RSVP to Ian Parsons

Tea and cakes will be served afterwards.

And finally....

I created a brand new flavour of crisps. If it's successful, I'll make a packet!

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