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# Newsletter



## News

- The **Deep2** series continues this week as Pastor Paul completes the teaching phase of the series. We've had some wonderful teaching from different speakers, all of whom have brought a unique aspect of the theme to life. Are you still content to skim across the surface, or are you desiring to go deeper with God to experience all that he has for your life? This series will culminate on week 5 with an encounter meeting where we will spend the morning in God's presence. Expect something great to happen!
- **Lorraine Barfoot** returns from Western Australia tomorrow evening and has had a wonderful stay with family over the last week.
- **Wednesday evening meetings** alternate between two venues in Alexandra Hills and Birkdale. Please see Pastors Tony or Desley Ingram for more details.
- The fortnightly **Tuesday evening meeting** at Doug and Margaret Anderson's home in Thornlands continues from 7pm, the next meeting will be this Tuesday the 25th and all are welcome.
- **Sunday 13th June** we will be having a special presentation on the school chaplaincy program during the morning meeting. This will involve a slide show and discussion on how we can support the program with our prayers! The School Chaplaincy "road show" will be visiting many churches in the Redlands to celebrate 20 years of chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy team are looking forward to meeting all of the wonderful Christian men and women of the Redlands who have supported them in prayer, financially or by volunteering and want to present the vision to the churches to inspire people with stories of God's work in our local schools.

### ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

### MEETING TIMES:

Sunday Morning:

Worship & Meeting: 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Mighty Kid's Church: Sunday morning 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Mid-week Bible Study / Fellowship Meetings:

Thornlands - fortnightly Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Alexandra Hills & Birkdale - weekly Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm

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## A Good Place to Be

The scriptures in Mark chapter 9 and Matthew chapters 16 & 17 are some of the most amazing passages in the Bible for me. Jesus gives His disciples a snapshot of the soon-coming kingdom. It's important to understand what is happening and the effect it had on those who were witnesses to what happened.



Jesus had just told His men that He was on the way to the cross to die for their sins (Matt 16:21). Peter doesn't get it, but Jesus goes on to tell the disciples that not only will He die on the cross, but He will return to this earth in glory someday (27). Then Jesus makes a very strange statement. In Matthew 16:28 Jesus tells the disciples that some of them will not die before they "see the Son of man coming in His kingdom" which is similar to Mark 9:1.

The scriptures in both accounts note that "after six days" Jesus takes Peter, James and John up to a high mountain. There, Jesus was "transfigured" in their presence. Those three men were allowed to witness a little bit of what we will see a whole lot of when Jesus returns. They were given an honour that none of them ever forgot for as long as they lived.

In Matthew 17:1 the very first word is "and." This ties the events of chapter 17 back to those of chapter 16. What we see here then, is a small picture of the glory Jesus will have when He comes in power to reign over the earth. For a moment the true nature of Jesus was on display in awesome and radiant brilliance.

I love the natural response of Peter in Matthew 17:4 where he says "Lord, it is good for us to be here!" When Peter saw all that was happening around him, he didn't understand all that was happening (a truly mind-blowing experience if ever there was one!) but he knew enough to know that he was in a good place!

As we travel through this life, we can find ourselves in all kinds of places. Some are okay and some are definitely not good. In our current series we are concentrating on how to know God and experience His presence to a greater degree in our lives, no matter where we find ourselves. I want everyone in our church and community to see a little of what it is we want to experience on our journey towards the glory of His presence. I want a moment in the presence of Jesus that keeps on keeping on!

My desire for our church is to help everyone recognise a good place when you see it. Can you imagine how much your life will be impacted when you have a mountain top experience with Jesus in all His majesty and glory? The Bible records that later in life the impact of that moment remained with those who witnessed it. A moment in the presence of Jesus will change your life! *JESUS CHRIST: Coming soon to this church in a way we've never seen before!*

- Pastor Paul

## A Few Thoughts on What We Do in Church

### Why do we spend so much time in worship?

"Oh come, and let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." (Psalm 95:6) "Bless the Lord, I say to myself; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!" (Psalm 103:1) Worship is the natural response of those who are thankful for all they've received. God is kind, loving and good!

### How should I worship God?

"The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the father is seeking such to worship Him. God is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24) We are spiritual people, so we worship God in a spiritual way — spontaneously!

### Why do we raise our hands?

"This is how I will bless you while I live: I will lift up my hands in your name." (Psalm 63:4) "So I desire that believers pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, free from doubt and anger." (1 Timothy 2:8) The raising of both hands is also a universally accepted sign of surrender.

### Why do we clap our hands?

"Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! (Psalm 47:1)

### Why do we lay hands on the sick?

Jesus said, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and the sick shall recover." (Mark 16:18) "Is any sick among you? Let that person call for the elders of the church, and let them pray, anointing the person with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord will raise him up." (James 5:14-15) There's more than empathy in a Christian's touch: there's healing from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus is worth getting excited about!

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DEEP CALLS TO DEEP

**Not satisfied with a surface relationship?**  
**Not sure what it means to know God deeply and intimately?**  
**Are you desperate to know God in a way that you never have before?**  
**This series is for you!**

**2ND MAY- PETER SUTCLIFFE / 9TH MAY- TONY INGRAM**  
**16TH MAY - PETER BARFOOT / 23RD MAY- PAUL BARFOOT**  
**30TH MAY - DEEP IMPACT MEETING!**