



NEWBOLD COMMUNITY CHURCH



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Church Newsletter - Jan 2022

~ GATHER GROW GO ~

A Word from the Pastor

New year, new beginnings, new plans, right? Well, yes... and no!

I'd like to bring some attention to our four pillars, which we (elders) have already set for the church to establish:

Across the board care, Building bridges, Creating community and Discipling disciples.

These four areas are not new plans, yet we want to be sure that these priorities are being met and sometimes, therefore, we'll want to introduce new plans to be effective in reaching our goals.

In our focus area for this month, 'Discipling disciples', we have a few new developments we're hoping to soon begin to implement, see below. I'd also like to re-iterate our view that home groups are a really important element of our discipleship and these run every week on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Finally, let's remember that the beginning of the ministry of Jesus and the call of the first disciples are inseparable. In other words, discipleship is a high priority and we are to disciple others as well as being disciples ourselves.

"He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons." Mark 3:14-15

"So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him." Luke 5:10-11)

Discipling Disciples

Discipleship is one of the four pillars of Newbold Community Church. This means discipleship with Jesus plays an essential part in our Church life. We are all called to be disciples of Jesus.

A 'disciple' is a 'learner,' if I am a disciple of Jesus, it means I am learning from Jesus. The disciples of Jesus learned every day as they walked with him, they followed his example and learned from his teaching. Jesus was equipping them to be fruitful in their work for his kingdom.

We are starting two new equipping courses early in the year - one on "Membership" and one on "Baptism."

For those of you who would like to join the church - the Membership course invites you to see God's plan for his church and how you can play your part. Then for those who are eager to obey the command to be baptised - the Baptism course will help you understand what being baptised means and how you can be a faithful disciple of Jesus.

We will soon be planning dates and times - let Gordon or Andy know if you are interested or want to know more.

Preachers

2nd Jan: Andy (Family service)

9th Jan: Gordon

16th Jan: Claudio (also Spanish service in the afternoon, 1.30pm, with empanadas for lunch in-between the two services)

23rd Jan: Wayne Hudson, with outreach to Newbold estate straight following tea & coffee

30th Jan: Andy

Covid precautions

All Sunday services can also be accessed via Zoom ID 965 086 076.

Home group on Wednesday is generally in person. The Thursday Home group will begin again in January - on zoom for now, but in person when we can.