

## Sunday morning

### Bible reading

Galatians 1:1-7; 3:21-25

This letter is from Paul, an apostle. I was not appointed by any group of people or any human authority, but by Jesus Christ himself and by God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. <sup>2</sup> All the brothers and sisters here join me in sending this letter to the churches of Galatia.

<sup>3</sup> May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. <sup>4</sup> Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. <sup>5</sup> All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

<sup>6</sup> I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News <sup>7</sup> but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ.

3:21-25

<sup>21</sup> Is there a conflict, then, between God's law and God's promises? Absolutely not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it. <sup>22</sup> But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ. <sup>23</sup> Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed.

<sup>24</sup> Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. <sup>25</sup> And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

Notes for further study can be found on the church website ([www.testwoodbaptist.org](http://www.testwoodbaptist.org)) under "Downloads".

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14<sup>th</sup> Jan '18

### Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

We want to reach people for Jesus,  
and help His followers grow to be like Him.

Welcome to church today! May God bless you as you come here to meet with Him. Please ask at the Welcome Desk, or check the church website, for any information you may require. There are groups for children up to Year 9. Please ask if you are not sure which group your child is in. Tea & coffee will be served after the service. There will also be an opportunity to ask for prayer at the end of the service.

**This morning** – Gordon Tuck will be talking on "No turning back" in the 9:30am & 11:15am services.

**This evening** – We're showing the newly released film "The Case for Christ" at 7:00pm. This excellent film tells the story of Lee Strobel – an investigative journalist and self-proclaimed atheist who set out to disprove the existence of God after his wife became a Christian. Teas & coffees will be served from 6:30pm.

**Next Sunday morning** – Matt Huckle will be talking on "Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20-21) in the 9:30am & 11:15am services. We'll be taking communion together.

**Next Sunday evening 21st** – 7pm. "Changing lives – what God is doing in our local communities" led by Chris & Annette Davis. Come and find out about the exciting things that God is doing in our local area. We will also share a light meal together. Please sign up at the Welcome desk to help give an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

**Sunday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>** – Gordon Tuck will be talking on "Freedom" (Galatians 5:1-26) in the 9:30am & 11:15am services.

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**Discipleship Course** – If you've recently become a Christian you're invited to join this group, starting here on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. This course looks at how to live the Christian life. It will run on Tuesday evenings until 27<sup>th</sup> March. 7:45pm for coffee for a 8:00pm start, finishing by 9:30pm. Please add your name to the list at the Welcome Desk if you'd like to join this group, or see Gordon or Janice for any further info.

**10-years-in-the-building party** – Our first service in the new auditorium was at the beginning of February 2008. We're going to celebrate what we're now able to do in being church & serving our community because we have this space. We're also celebrating that the mortgage has been paid off! There are sign-up sheets at the Welcome Desk for a party on Sat Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:30pm – 7:30pm. You can also sign up on Church Suite. (£2 per person to pay on the evening – under 5s free.) If you would like to be part of the team that will make the party happen, please let Janice Tuck know!

**Auction of promises** – During the party on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> will be an Auction of Promises with proceeds going to the Fun Day in June. There's a clipboard at the Welcome Desk for you to jot down things you can offer. You can also donate any Christmas gifts that you would like to find a new home for.

**Worn Again** – Sat Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. This popular event has become part of our annual cycle of events to serve our community. Clothes, household textiles, toys and children's equipment are donated by people from the church & community. They're sorted, displayed and then made available for people to take what they need at only 50p per carrier bag full. People are asked to bring along items they want to contribute on the morning of the event. (Labelling bags with their contents really helps!) Then the doors are opened from 1-3pm, with coffees & teas served throughout that time. If you can help, please add your name to the sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk. And please start sorting out what you can bring!

**Church Members Meeting** – If you are a church member, please come to the Church Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. Deacons' elections are due to be held. Having served for two terms of office, Phil Rhodes has decided not to stand again. We thank him for his valuable contribution to the leadership team. Alex Stewart has agreed for his name to go forward as deacon. Megan Murray and Peter Pike have also come to the end of their terms, and both have indicated that they are willing to stand again.

**Concert for Lara and Maddie:** we're delighted the Hampshire Police Concert Band are supporting fundraising for Lara and Maddie by staging a concert band here at church. Taking place 3pm-5pm Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January, tickets are £8/adult (under 16s free) and are available to buy at reception or via the band (call Cheryl on 07885 469079). The 40-piece wind band concert will comprise family-friendly music and will be a fitting way to celebrate the goodwill that has been shared for the Hyland family throughout the campaign.

**Please pray for** Dave Parry & the team as they take a service at Woodlands Ridge nursing home on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Dave Parry is also leading the service at Southampton General Hospital this morning.

**Thank you** to the car parking guys who turn out to organise the parking in all weathers! Just a reminder to those who attend TBC regularly to leave as many spaces as possible for visitors and for those who are disabled or have difficulty walking. If this isn't you, please park on Calmore Industrial Estate where there's loads of room!

**Christmas Day Offering** - Thank you all so much for your generosity. On behalf of our NEWLY REGISTERED (January 8<sup>th</sup>) charity, I want to say how encouraged I was to receive your gift of £1050. Your kindness is such a blessing and so much appreciated. Ray

**Pastoral Support** - If anyone has any pastoral needs then please speak to your Small Group leader in the first instance or telephone 023 8086 0320 or 07555 984530 to speak to one of the Pastoral Team.

**Items for Newsletter and Welcome PowerPoint** - Can be emailed to notices@testwoodbaptist.org or katrina@testwoodbaptist.org by midday on Thursday. Please put the word 'newsletter' in the subject line.

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