

# **Eastwood Baptist Church**

# Weekly News Update 9th August 2020



We are grateful to our Minister in Training: Jo Hellenbrand who is leading our Service today on You Tube.

She is preaching on Peace and Advocacy for the Poor.

The Bible reading is Luke chapter v4 verses 14-21

"The Spirit of the Lord is on He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoner and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Luke 4:18-19 also Isaiah 61:1-2



# Social Media

Follow us on <u>Facebook</u> to keep up to date with what is going on.

Eastwood Baptist Church (look for the logo)

YouTube: Sunday Morning – a Link will be sent out on Sunday mornings.

## **Zoom Gatherings**

We have been having a great time spiritually and socially on Zoom! It has been wonderful to see you all and we have been impressed that so many of you have given it a go. Meeting together is one of those things that define us as Baptists!

If you are logging onto our Zoom meetings with your computer, please use the links that Val is emailing out.

If you want to call in, which some of you are doing, please call 0330 088 5830 which is charged at a local rate.

Wednesday Prayers at 19.00 for 19.30 Meeting ID 874 3252 0589 followed by passcode 398166 Sunday After Service Coffee Meeting ID: 899 3408 2687 followed by the passcode 465701

#### **LET'S PRAY!**

- Continue to pray for George who is awaiting hospital admission for more treatment . Please pray this will be successful and also for Joan at this time.
- Please continue to pray for Gareth who has had appointments with his oncologist and urologist, the results from these meetings offer a revised treatment plan . Please pray that Gareth will have the peace that only comes from God. Bless him and Christine as she cares for him.
- Mike and Liz Reeves' sister's son in law, diagnosed with cancer of the colon and a secondary cancer of the liver has been offered chemotherapy. Please pray for the family who are very anxious.
- Doris and Trevor's niece's thankfully managed to get to her daughter's wedding. She is now very poorly. Remember her whole family at this time
- For wisdom within our leadership team as they discuss the way forward and are very busy at this time
- For those who are starting to go out, that they will be able to socialise more without risking their health.
- For Val Kinsler whose hip replacement operation has had to be postponed. Pray that she will not have to wait too long before she is given another date.
- For Moira's mother who continues to stay in hospital until a suitable Care Home can be found for her Please pray for the whole family during this period of making arrangements.
- Pray for those who are anxious or sad at this time, that they may know the still small voice of God's presence.

At my core-the very centre of who I am- do I love and choose Jesus? Do I want to battle the other stuff in my life that competes against my relationship with Him?

We all have bad days, we are not always on the mountaintop enjoying every one of the blessings of a relationship with God. That is why it is so important to remember that Jesus alone is the basis, foundation and security of our salvation.

Despite the bad times we should be able to look back and see we are progressing upward, towards Jesus and not away from Him. Who is setting the course for our lives? Is Jesus in charge? Is His word our guide?

None of us is perfect but we should be seeing a difference in the way that we live and evidence of God's work in our lives.

"Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil His good purpose."

Philippians 2:13

Adapted from ourdailybread.org/lookingdeeper

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#### Talking Jesus

Matthew 28 v18-20: " and Jesus came and said to them 'all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

We plan to run this 6 week course: 'Talking Jesus' starting in September- via Zoom initially- which looks at sharing our faith with people we meet every day. It's made up of short films. practical suggestions, testimonies and real life examples from people who are 'talking Jesus'.

If you are interested please contact Jo on jo@eastwoodbaptist.org.uk so she can see when is a good time and day of the week to hold these.

#### **Original Hand Made Cards by Carole Collier**

If anyone is interested in buying original lovely hand-made cards Carole Collier -who normally leaves them in the church for anyone to buy -is offering to sell them from her home until we are able to meet again. Social distancing measures are in place and it remains your responsibility to abide by these rules.

Carole can be contacted on 01702 511895 who will arrange with you to visit her house or alternatively will take them to any of our EBC family. There is an answering service if Carole is not in. We thank Carole for providing this service, especially for those who are not able to go out to the shops themselves.



## Val's Jokes of the week!

While living on Earth might be a little expensive at least you get a free trip around the Sun every year.

What do you think of the new restaurant on the moon?

The food's great but it has no atmosphere!

### **Bible Studies**

If you would like to receive a weekly Bible study via e mail or receive a hard copy please do ask for it by emailing Val:

secretary@eastwoodbaptist.org.uk

or telephoning Rosie 01702 528880