

Sunday morning  
True love

John 3:7-17

You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven - the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

→ Share God's world-awareness

→ Respond to His divine love

(Questions for further study are on the church website)

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Your response

If you are a visitor and would like to know more please fill in, tick as appropriate, tear off & place in the offering bags or take to the Welcome Desk.

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Jan 15<sup>th</sup> '12

## Welcome to Testwood Baptist Church

Welcome to church today as we worship God together. This morning – Gordon Tuck will be introducing a new teaching series, "True love" based on John 3: 16. We'll be taking communion together in the 9:30 a.m. service, and in the 11:15 a.m. service Mark & Naomi Munts will be dedicating their son, Micah. Crèches will be available for 0-2 year olds, children's groups for 3-10s, and Encounter (for 11-14s) meets in the youth coffee bar. You are welcome to join us for coffee/tea after the service. There will also be opportunity to receive prayer should you wish.

Please ask at the Welcome Desk or check the church website for any further information you require.

This evening – At Refuel at 7:00 p.m. we look forward to an "Ignite" event – led by the 14-18s group "Headway". All are welcome.

Next Sunday – Leigh Barnard will be preaching in the morning services. At Refuel in the evening at 7:00 p.m. there will be three options following a time of worship together:-

- watching a teaching DVD in the auditorium
- session 4 of the Commitment Course in the Sports Hall
- the last session of "Teaching your child about God" in rm 6

Leaders – Following the church members meeting on Tuesday, Hugh Francis has started a new term of service as an Elder, and Megan Murray & Peter Pike as Deacons. They, along with the rest of the Leadership Team, would value your on-going prayer support.

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Bible reading plan – If you're looking for a Bible reading plan to start this New Year, look on the church website under "Resources" to find an introductory 121 day plan on the "Who's who" of the Bible.

The Hub - TBC's coffee shop. Open for coffees & light refreshments from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
An ideal place to meet up with friends.

Discipleship Course – This course, which aims to lay the foundations for living the Christian life, starts this Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 p.m. for an 8 p.m. start. It will be held in The Hub on Tuesday evenings and will run until March 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have committed your life to being a follower of Jesus and would be interested in doing this course please see Gordon or Janice, or add your name to the list at the Welcome Desk.

New Year, new start – Belonging to one of the church's small groups is a great way of growing in your faith and of giving & receiving support. We have a great variety of groups to choose from! If you're not already part of a small group, this would be a good time to join one. Please speak to either Leigh or Megan, or fill in your details on the small group clipboard at the Welcome Desk.

Prazin' Hands Puppet concert on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> - This is a FREE event – but tickets will be needed as space is limited. Pick up your tickets in advance from the Welcome Desk for the 5:00p.m. and 6:30p.m. productions.

Worn Again – Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a great re-cycling event that we run twice a year to benefit those in our church family and in our local community. If you have surplus clothes, toys, household textiles or small household goods, please start putting them aside. They can be brought to the church for sorting from 10:00 a.m. on February 11<sup>th</sup>, and the doors will be open for the public at 1:00p.m. (please note this is an hour earlier than on previous times.) There's a sign up sheet at the Welcome Desk for volunteers. We need you & we value you!

Opportunity for service – Crèche helpers needed!  
"In order to provide an adequate number of people to run the Crèche each week, there is an urgent need for more helpers. The commitment is for 1 service each month; to go out when the children leave the service and oversee the babies & toddlers (within a group of 3 helpers) during the service; then to help tidy away. The Crèche is really appreciated by the parents and the Church leadership. If you feel able to join the rota, please contact me as soon as possible. The starting age for helpers is school year 10; there is no upper age limit; males and females welcome!! (CRB checks are standard throughout the children's and youth department). The next Rota is due to start at the beginning of February and so please can I have any new volunteers' names a.s.a.p."  
Many thanks. Anne Friend (tel: 0238865669 e-mail; [geandan@care4free.net](mailto:geandan@care4free.net))

Blood Donors – From Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, monthly blood donor sessions will be held at the church between, mid-morning and early evening. Watch this space for more details.

Thank You - YFM would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Christmas Hampers. We gave out over 25 hampers, and all the families were very appreciative. One lady emailed to say how excited her children were to see the hamper when they came home from school. She says 'Thank you so much for remembering us. Please pass on my gratitude to all involved.' Thank you for your continuing support for Basics Bank, which continues to be widely used by families in need. Thanks again, Kelly and the YFM team.

YFM Staffing Update – YFM ARE very excited to announce that Kirsty Bassham will be joining the YFM team as a Youth Worker, to work alongside Brigitte in school and on Streetwise, as well as setting up some new opportunities for the local young people. Kirsty starts on 1<sup>st</sup> February and we look forward to welcoming her.

At the same time, we are sad to be saying Goodbye to Jacqueline, who is leaving YFM to work full-time at Dentaid. Jacqueline has been a real asset to the team. We will miss her, but wish her well in her new role at Dentaid. We will be advertising for a new fundraiser in the next few weeks.

Mark Drama – Exciting Opportunity – There will be an information evening - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm at Testwood Baptist. For all those interested in finding out more about how the Mark Drama works and what it means to be involved. No commitment or dramatic experience is necessary - just come along and find out more about this fascinating and unique event.

First "The Passion" now "The Nativity" - Between December 13-15<sup>th</sup> this year the Passion team will be staging a run of four performances of this brand new, original musical re-telling of the Nativity story – another 'world premiere' for Southampton! The songs are written, the script is written and now we need the teams of people to make the vision a reality and bring the story to life. That's where you come in!

We are looking for people who can offer their time and talents to make the Nativity a success and put Jesus back at the heart of Christmas. If you would like to know more about how you can be involved then please visit our website or consider coming along to our information evening on 18<sup>th</sup> January at St Denys Church.

We are also launching our 'Search for Mary' competition where we will be looking to find the right person to play our leading lady and take on the role of Mary in our production. Auditions will take place mid March and then the grand final will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March where we will choose our Mary! So, if you are aged between 16-25 and female then please visit our website and register to enter.

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