

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 26th December

Sun 26th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Josh Venables)
Sun 26th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.
(Philip Venables)
Sun 26th 5.15.pm. - Evening Service
(Philip Venables)
Tues 28th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
Wed 29th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study
(Acts 15:1-21)
Thurs 30th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Fri 31st 5.00.pm to 8.30.pm - New Years
Eve Party
Sat 1st 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 2nd January

Sun 2nd 9.30.am. - Time to Study (Philip
Venables)
Sun 2nd 10.20.am. - Grace Kids
Sun 2nd 11.00.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Philip Venables)
Sun 2nd 5.15.pm. - Evening Service
(Philip Venables)
Tues 4th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Wed 5th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study
(Acts 15:22-35)
Thurs 6th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Sat 8th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 9th January (week of prayer)

Sun 9th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Andrew Heron)
Sun 9th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.
(Zach Mollallegn)
Mon 10th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace
Tots
Mon 10th 7.30.pm. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 11th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Wed 12th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study / Report (Paul Fountain)
Thurs 13th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Thurs 13th 7.30.pm. - Prayer Meeting.
Fri 14th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Fri 14th 7.30.pm. - Prayer Meeting
Sat 15th 9.00.am. - Prayer Meeting
Sat 15^h 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 16th January

Sun 16th 9.30.am. - Time to Study.
(Philip Venables)
Sun 16th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids
Sun 16th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.
(Lloyd Mushambadzi)
Sun 16th 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper (Philip
Venables)
Mon 17th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace
Tots
Mon 17th 7.45.pm to 9.15.pm.- Marriage
Forum
Tues 18th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Wed 19th 7.30.pm. - Gospel Partner
Prayer / Bible Study (Acts 15:36-16:10)
Thurs 20th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
Thurs 20th 7.30 pm. - Church Members
Meeting.
Sat 22nd 8.00.am. - Men's Breakfast
Sat 22nd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 23rd January

Sun 23rd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Philip Venables)
Sun 23rd 10.20.am. - Grace Kids
Sun 23rd 11.00.am. - Morning Worship
(Philip Venables)
Sun 23rd 5.00.pm. - Equip (Forgiveness)
Mon 24th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace
Tots
Tues 25th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Wed 26th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study.
(Acts 16:11-24)
Thurs 27th 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting
Sat 29th 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 30th January

Sun 30th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Philip Venables)
Sun 30th 10.20.am. -Grace Kids
Sun 30th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.
(Philip Venables)
Mon 31st 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace
Tots
Tues 1st (Feb) 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Wed 2nd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study
(Acts 16:25-40)
Thurs 3rd 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Sat 5th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

News

Penny Thorp and Zech Venables are due to have operations this month. Penny on her shoulder on January 6th and Zech on his teeth/mouth on January 12th.

Notes

Week of Prayer This is due to be during the week commencing on January 9th :

- As we move into the new year this gives us an opportunity to pour out our hearts in prayer to God, desiring that He might glorify Himself among us. See calendar for the details of when the prayer meetings are due to take place.
- We want to use this week to commit all the people and all the activities of the church to the Lord for 2022. We want to be bound together in the Lord, knowing Him in all the future for the church.

Church Members Meeting A meeting is arranged for church members on January 20th at 7.30.pm. Pray that we might have a good time of fellowship as we consider the life of the church together.

New Year's Eve On December 31st we are due to have a Church Family New Years Eve party together. We plan to have some games, food and a time of worship and prayer. Also we will include a concert. This is due to be between 5.00.pm and 8.30.pm.

Gifts We desire to see all church members functioning to fulfil the call of God upon their lives. Please speak to Philip about what this might be meaning for you in your situation.

Evangelism We intend to continue with evangelising in our community. Formal times for undertaking this are due to be arranged on an ad hoc basis.

Bible Reading Clusters As we move into 2022 we are planning to have groups of 3 or 4 people reading through the Bible together. Each group can decide how they approach this. If you would like to be part of a group please contact Philip

Spiritual Notes

Dignified

Will you have a dignified 2022? Do you desire a dignified 2022? As a Christian you should be desiring to have a dignified 2022; we are a people called to dignity. But what does a dignified person look like? Such a person has calmness, honesty, integrity on display. They are not cast down by bad news or elated by good news. They are not disturbed by sudden changes to life's circumstances.

The world around us is filled with turbulence and instability. As a result the lives of those around us are filled with apprehension and fear. The Christian believer is to be of a different character because he lives for different reasons. As we observe the news we are so easily perturbed and disturbed. There seems to be no end to bad news. Viruses and wars, violence and misery beset us all around. Moreover, those in government display many moral deficiencies and we wonder if we can trust them. And when we see those in authority advancing causes that are hostile to the gospel we can be disturbed. And so what are we to do?

The response to such difficult times is found in 1 Timothy 2:1-2a **First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions,** We rightly apply this scripture to the need to pray for those in authority, but we need to be aware that Paul actually enjoins us to come before God for all people as well. What we are being told here is that we need to be praying for all people all the time. Dare I say it is easy to be praying when the people and the authorities are on our side. It is a different thing to be praying for those same ones when they are hostile to us. But pray we must and with thanksgivings as well.

It is the outcome of such praying and thanksgiving that is so very pertinent to us here though. That outcome is stated in v2b **that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.** Prayer and thanksgiving stabilize our souls. And when we stabilize souls we live lives which are not full of disorder, rashness, and fear. Rather, we live lives which portray calmness and

dignity. This does not necessarily mean our prayers lead to all the people around us and all authorities over us being favourable to us. What it does mean is that regardless of the character of our surrounding circumstances we are knowing help and support from our God.

When we pray for others two things happen. Firstly, we cannot be knowing hatred towards them. When we pray we long for the best welfare of those prayed for. And secondly when we pray we come before God. And as we come before God we know His refreshing of our souls and reordering of our thinking. When this is the case we can know a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

In all this we see the life of our Lord Jesus. We see the ultimate one who had a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. And how did this come about? It was essentially because He was a praying man. **In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence** (Heb. 5:7). And we see him there on the cross saying **"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"** (Luke 23:34a). He truly was dignity personified and we should seek to emulate Him.

And we are also encouraged unto lives of dignity by our observing of people who actually are living dignified lives. **Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come** (Prov. 31:25) is what the Word says concerning the virtuous woman. And why is this the case? It is because she is a woman who fears the Lord (see Prov. 31:30b). She does not fear the future because she fears the Lord. And because she fears the Lord her life is marked with inner strength and dignity.

So will we be a dignified Christians in 2022? We should be; God calls us to such. And we can be because God can enable us to be such. It is sure that we will live with turmoil around us in 2022, but may dignity be known in our lives as we trust God and live for Him.