

# Whyteleaf Free Church

## News on Sunday 3 August 2008

Welcome to our worship service. Our preacher will be Pastor Paul Riseley, who is also leading the service today.

### **Deuteronomy diary**

One God, one nation, one place of worship, one prophet.  
Be careful – not to be enticed away from keeping God's laws.

How are you doing with those giants in your life? God goes ahead of you to defeat them so press in and walk in God's victory.

### **LESSON FROM BOOMERANG by Joan Hywel-Davies**

'It is better to be patient than powerful. It is better to have self-control than to conquer a city.' Proverbs 16 32

What was my reaction to unruly, disruptive, disobedient, noisy 11 year olds? I **ought** to be able to control these children! Anger rose in me. Why wasn't I able to use the authority Jesus gives me over all the power of the enemy to silence, subdue, transform a bunch of youngsters? I prayed, I pleaded, I psyched myself up, I prepared – still the children rampaged. I shouted, I failed, I repented, and God forgave. Others prayed. Thursday came. One of the most defiant, non-cooperative boys sat on his chair, spoke softly and thoughtfully, took part well, responded positively to the request to do a job for the group, smiled winningly enough to disarm the most fearful leader! As a result of letting God be God, Thursday was a brilliant day, with the whole group at prayer time, listening quietly to one another, focussing on the subject, contributing their own knowledge and experience of the Lord.

I remember short pithy slogans so I searched for one to help me. I came up with,

**NOT OUGHT BUT BOUGHT.** Most of my life I have suffered from thinking I ought to do this or that. I was a Christian from a fine Christian home. I had been baptised in water, baptised in the Holy Spirit, been prayed for by all sorts of godly people – I OUGHT to be pretty good! I wasn't. The above verse from Proverbs came at the right moment in my Quiet Time on Thursday morning. My anger was not showing the children his compassion for them. I needed to be His channel of love and mercy, peace and self-control. I had to remember, I have been BOUGHT with the precious blood of Jesus, I am a slave, I belong to Jesus for Him to do with as He pleases. The outcome is down to Him. I only have to be obedient. Hallelujah!

# News to bring to God in prayer and praise

**‘THE LORD DELIGHTS IN THE PRAYERS OF THE RIGHT.’**

## **Proverbs 15 8**

- Have you prayed like Moses this week? Start now.
- Harry Mason is out of hospital and installed in his own sitting room and bedroom in the home of his daughter and son in law, Philip and Gillian Asselin. He asked me to say: Thank you all for being so near to the Lord. My testimony is Revelation 3 20. Praise God!
- Eric Butts was taken by Richard into hospital on Wednesday evening to have the promised treatment on his foot.
- Hilary Houston’s mum is in need of prayer for her complete healing.
- Paul Riseley surprised many of us by enlisting to help at Boomerang, the children’s holiday club in Purley. He tells me he spent a happy time making stretchers for the paralysed man with straws and fabric. I fancy he longed for the help of his dear wife’s skilful fingers! He also reported that a number of children responded when asked if they wanted God to heal them. Praise God for sound Bible teaching.
- As written above, Joan’s experience at the beginning of Boomerang was rather different! – Praise the Lord! It changed so be encouraged, those of you who prayed – God heard and answered.
- Hilary had a great time too with good opportunities to share with some of the parents of the small children. Ask her to tell you more.
- The not-so young mother of the leader of our section of Boomerang, valiantly offered to take the games sessions each day. She did and excellent job! I feel sorry for her because she is in danger of getting the job again next year now!

Fear of the Lord teaches a person to be wise;  
humility precedes honour. Proverbs 15 33

# This week's events

## Sunday 3 – 10 August 2008

### Sunday 3

10 30am	Worship	Led by Paul Riseley
11 00am	Sunday Clubs	All children and young people listen to instructions!, Paul Riseley
	Preacher	Paul Riseley
7 00pm	Praise, Prayer and Prophecy	7pm in church hall

### Monday 4

10 15am (note change of time.)	*Ladies' Cell (From 28 July and during August we will meet at 10 15am and sometimes in our individual homes.) Call May 01737 552574	Meet in the church hall with faith and friends!
7 30pm	Men's Cell go together to Detling Summer Camp	Jackie Pullinger speaking. Tea in Joan's tent, Yellow 6

### Sunday 10

10 30	Communion Worship	Preacher: Derek Edmonds
7 00pm	Praise, prayer and prophecy	

Message from Richard Butts

Wednesday 13 August Meet for a walk followed by food together in the church hall at 8pm Get the details from him.

**Take care, of one another during the holiday break** – the word tells us to be given to hospitality. How about inviting one another for a coffee and a prayer? Have you tried listening to Insight for Living with Chuck Swindoll on Premier Radio weekdays 6 30am?

LET US NOT GIVE UP MEETING TOGETHER. Hebrews 10 25

Do you know about geese? Flying in formation increases their flight range by 71%. Air waves created each time a bird flaps its wings, provide uplift for the next one, supporting it, decreasing its workload and conserving its energy. A solo goose could never complete the trip but in formation the youngest, the oldest, the weakest get there. So get into formation (fellowship) and stay there!

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Keep a tally of the number of times you mention the wonderful name of Jesus in a day.

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