

Sunday 10 July 2022

Speaking: Sandra Graham

Leading: Sarah Wright

My Voice

Thank you to Tim Page for sharing his song with us last week:

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? ...That there is hope despite the state of the world. Do you not know? Have you not heard? ...That the ways things are is not the last word."

His lyrics were inspired by Isaiah 40.

God's word is alive and powerful. How much easier it is to memorise Bible verses (or any words, for that matter) when we pair them with music. I think of all the songs I can sing by heart, because I listened to them so often in my younger days - lyrics that are usually focused on things I don't believe in, and against what God wants. I can't erase those words from my memory, but I can override them with God's words.

Imagine if more and more songs were composed straight from God's word. As well as bringing praise to God, I believe that our singing God's words together can connect us to the Spirit of God, break down walls, and proclaim His healing and salvation.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

A favourite song of mine that has both direct and indirect links to scripture is Revelation Song by Kari Jobe ("Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."). If you don't know this song I encourage you to check it out online.

Do you have something to share (perhaps a favourite worship song)?

- Please email any contributions to Jennifer (rivervalleybaptist@gmail.com) and reference as "My voice".

The pastors and elders are available to pray with you this morning after the service or at any other convenient time.

This week 11 - 17 July	
Monday 11	Deacons' Meeting: 7pm
Wednesday 13	Godsown Room booked: 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Thursday 14	Young Adults: 7 pm
Sunday 17	Prayer Meeting: 9.30 am in the creche

Coming Events

9 – 24 July: School Holidays

Sunday 17 July 2022 Speaking: Nic Birt

Rosters for Next Sunday (17 July)

You will need to wear a mask the whole time you are at church except when eating and drinking. This is a government requirement for all volunteers. Masks are available if you forget to bring one.

Leading: John Osborne
Door: Ross Hunt
Computer: Richard Bateman
Morning Tea: Mark & Pauline

All Welcome:

Please join us for Nelly's Baptism today!

➤ 3pm at the church

We'd love it if you can make it and share this special time with her. She will also be sharing some of her testimony as well. We will conclude the celebration with afternoon tea.

If you are able, please bring a plate to contribute 😊

The Hot Seat

Over the next few weeks Sharon is looking for some volunteers to come into Power Zone for a 5 minute slot called the 'Hot Seat'.

This is a chance for people to get to know the kids a bit more, and for the kids to find out about others in our church family. It will be a set of 5-6 questions, some serious and some fun. Please see Sharon to put your name down. Thanks

Missionary News – Petry and Kyle Groza in Romania



An update on our Ukrainian friends. We still have several Ukrainian families living at the Horizon of Hope Center in Săvăstreni, including the Puzanov family, who have been with us since the very beginning of the war. Last month they were able to get away for a much-needed two week vacation to spend some time together with just their family. After their return, they were able to move into the apartment in the front of the center since the Martin family, who

had been living there, recently took job in another city and moved out. Slavik and Alyona were grateful to finally have their own space!

The Romanian government has offered temporary protection to the Ukrainian refugees. We made appointments for all our guests at the center and got them a Romanian temporary paper which grants them free access to the healthcare system as well as the right to work in Romania. In addition to the changes being made for the Ukrainian summer camps, the residents at the center have also been making significant improvements to the upkeep and maintenance of the place. This month they really went the extra mile and planted flowers in all the gardens and flower boxes. The center never looked so good!

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