

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Sunday** **K4C (Kids for Christ): 9.30am**
Morning Worship Service: 9.30am
Ph: Pastor: Rick Mumford – 0412 873 604
Arabic Baptist Fellowship: 11.30am
Ph: Pastor Albert Haddad – 9679 9442
- Monday** **Boronia Seniors - (over 55's)**
10.00-12.00 noon
(2nd Monday of each month)
Ph: Cynthia Hale – 9635 5785
Study Hub: 4.15-5.00 pm
Ph: David Stroud – 0416 208 486
- Tuesday** **Craft Group: 9.30-11.30am**
Ph: Marilyn Turner – 9631 9483
- Wednesday** **KYB - (Know your Bible)**
Ladies' Bible Study
10.00am -11.30am. (Church Foyer)
Ph: Glennis Mills – 9636 1723
Arabic Baptist Fellowship: 7.00pm
Ph: Pastor Albert Haddad – 9679 9442
Ladies' Bible Study
Ph: Jo Mumford – 0412 876 923
- Friday** **Playtime: 10.00am-12.00 NOON**
(Every Friday of school term for parents and carers of pre-school children)
Ph: Lesley Warren – 9920 6030
Friday Night Hub Group:
7.30pm-9.30pm
Ph: Pastor: Rick Mumford – 0412 873 604

Pastoral Team

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Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it — Hebrews 13:2

Wentworthville
BAPTIST
CHURCH

"Calling, Building, Challenging followers of Jesus"

Sunday 5th June 2016

91st Annual General Meeting

Welcome to Wentworthville Baptist Church.
Please feel free to join everyone in the Hall after the Service for morning tea and a fellowship lunch.



*Celebrating 91 years of service
in Wentworthville*



BORONIA SENIORS

MONDAY 20th JUNE
10.00am — 12 Noon

Speaker:

Sen. Const. KATHY BILUSIC
POLICE CRIME PREVENTION

Thank You

To all those who do things around our Church during the year, eg: church cleaning, mowing, putting the garbage bins out, those who organise rosters etc. A special thanks to Sylvia and Soloman who faithfully clean the rest rooms in the Church. A thankless task well done. — *Anonymous*

If you think that that you can help in any way please contact the secretary and he will put you in touch with the co-ordinator.

PRAYER and PRAISE POINTS

OUR 'SHUT INS'

Johanna Boland, Bill Horswell, Elaine Bowey, Peggy Palmer, Gwen Phillips & Val Williams.

Continue to pray for:

Maisie Horswell, Dot Blackman, Carmen Strudwick, Ivy Bornefeldt, Edna Norman, Lyn Davis, Marie Smith.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY — JUNE 12TH

WELCOME: WARREN FAMILY
CLEANING: —
MORNING TEA: KYLIE & DAVID STROUD
MOWING: MALCOLM ASTLE



"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." - Romans 6:19a

IRAQ | Internally Displaced People

Over the last few days, the city of Fallujah in Iraq has been fought for by Islamic State militants and Iraqi government forces. Trapped in the middle are around 50,000 civilians, being prevented from leaving by Islamic State. Fallujah is one of two major cities that were taken by Islamic State, the other being Mosul.

Because of Islamic State, and other extremist groups in previous years, there has been a huge influx of internally displaced people (IDPs) fleeing to the North and Eastern parts of Iraq. There are 3.4 million displaced people in Iraq, including an estimated 120,000 - 150,000 Christians - that's about half the Christian population.

GOD AT WORK

Millions have experienced the kind of loss that many people would never have to go through. In the midst of that pain, is hope in Jesus

A 22-year-old displaced Christian man says, *"In the end it is not the material things that are important for us, but our faith in God. I've learned through these difficult times that the most important thing is my faith in God."*

A pastor in Baghdad says, *"The recent crisis with the so-called Islamic State was a wake-up call. It urged our congregation to think about our identity as Christians."*

PRAY WITH US

- Pray for Christians living in areas under constant threat from extremists and who suffer daily persecution to know the peace of God.
- Pray for restoration for Christians who have been living as displaced people for several years.
- Praise God that though Christians in Iraq have lost much, many have had their faith strengthened.



History

We have been in the community for 91 years and have a long history from our humble beginnings on the outskirts of Sydney to the development of our current buildings and activity within the community God has indeed been faithful.

The Wentworthville Baptist Church began in 1924. The initial impetus and major encouragement to start the work came from the Petersham Baptist Mens' Society.

On the 7th of July that year the first recorded business meeting was held in 'Dawlish', Boronia Street, the home of Mrs Ley. Mr Perriton, a local builder, chaired that meeting. On Sunday the 19th April, 1925, the church was officially constituted as a member of the Baptist Union of NSW. Saturday the 2nd May, 1925, saw the opening of the first church building; 'Boronia Hall'. It was built on the spot where the Boronia Street car park entrance now is and cost £120 (\$240).

It stood until the late 1970s and a painting of it hangs in the main foyer of the present worship centre (the painting was executed and donated by Mr Eric Milgate, now deceased, a long standing member and artist of some local note). The land was initially loaned by Mrs Periton and the church subsequently purchased it from her for £146 (\$292).

In 1925/26 the surrounding countryside was just that - countryside. Where a fully developed residential kerb-and-guttered suburb now meets the eye, people who came to Sunday School and Church in those early days passed between dairy and poultry farms. The railway had been put through Wentworthville during the late 1800s but at the church's opening steam trains still ruled the rails and were to do so until the 1960s. The Great Western Highway was at that stage still a two lane carriageway, though by then there were quite a few motor cars starting to be seen. The town of Wentworthville itself was well established by the mid 1920s.

The opening ceremony in 1925 was conducted by Mr H.J. Morton, President of the Baptist Union of NSW. The occasional address was delivered by Mr George Ardill, an early church member whose name lives today in the Headquarters of 'Integricare' (formerly the Sydney Rescue Work Society then changed to 'Communicare' before the present name) - 'Ardill House' in Burwood, and also in one of its activities - the North Parramatta Long Day Care Pre-School 'Ardill Centre', for George Ardill was the founder of the Sydney Rescue Work Society; he was also an active encourager of Baptist lay-preachers and fostered a team of such men to provide pulpit supply where needed.

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Ministers during the church's life have included laymen, student pastors and ordained ministers. Initially the Petersham Baptist Mens' Society and local laymen conducted services, then, the first appointed Pastor was Mr Leonard Smith, a layman arranged by what was then known as the Baptist Union Home Mission (the modern Ministries Support Department is its direct successor). Mr Smith served from March to October 1926. Interestingly, for a short time before he died in 1991, Mr Smith was again a member of the church, having retired in the Parramatta district.

The First Church Secretary was Mr Gawthrop, the first Treasurer Mr Ley and the first Sunday School Superintendant Mrs Farmer. The following pastors took the pulpit in the order shown between 1936-41: Bert Whale (now deceased), Emmanuel Argerakis (now deceased), Jessie Godwin (now deceased) and Edward Archer. All of these were student pastors. Rev. Archer's name is still carried on the Retired List of ordained ministers of the Baptist Union of NSW. Rev. A.C. Donaldson occupied the pulpit (mid 1940s); his daughter Velma is the wife of the former General Secretary of the Union, Rev. I. Bruce Thornton, OAM. He was followed by Murray Sinfield, Bede Thomas, John O'Keefe, Alan Wheat, Bruce Hinds, Richard MacLaughlin, George Tanner and Gilbert McArthur. None of these are now shown in the Ministers List, having passed on from this life).

In more recent times we have been blessed with long serving Ministers such as Rev. Murray Davis and Rev. Phil Grebert, leading us to our current Pastor Rick Mumford.