

Upcoming Services

8.30am & 10.30am

Habakkuk: Are we there yet?

David Bassett

Upcoming Events

CMS Summer Encounter 2016

14-16 Jan, Edwardstown Baptist Church.

Equip Youth Multiply Conference

29-30th January at Bible College SA, register at www.equipfac.org.

Partner Churches

Grace Kensington

146 Kensington Rd, Marryatville

Grace Norwood

77 Beulah Rd Norwood

Grace Trinity Gardens

Trinity Gardens Bowling Club
Canterbury Ave Trinity Gardens

Grace Network Office

146 Kensington Rd Marryatville

Office Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 9am – 12pm

Giving Electronically to Grace

Kensington

BSB: 105 073

Account No: 286 016 340

If you require a reference we recommend using your surname.

Grace City 5pm (formally SAS) starts at our Norwood site this afternoon!

Another year; another 52 sermons....if you come to church that is....

10th January 2016

“Do you know how to listen to a sermon?” You may think that’s a stupid question. After all, it would be pointless to ask “do you know how to watch TV.” I mean listening to a sermon is easier than watching TV, right. For starters you don’t have to deal with the remote control! Listening to a sermon is a passive activity, something preached to me, not something I actively do. Ah, but it’s not. It’s a life-and-death business, listening to sermons. Here are my top-five pointers to listening and living...

1. **Expect God to speak.** “If anyone speaks,” Peter writes about Bible teaching in church, “he should do it as one speaking the very words of God” (1 Pet. 4:11). If you listen to a faithful sermon, you should do so as if hearing the very words of God. What a sensational reality! God speaking to us.
2. **Admit that God knows better than you do.** Ouch! We need to sit under the Word in humility, not over it in judgment. God is God and we are not. Be ready to adjust your opinions, beliefs, heart and life! God’s word should always surprise you.
3. **Hear the sermon in church.** Listening to sermons is not a “me and God” thing; it’s a “God shaping us together” thing. We listen together. Be in church and...
4. **Be there week by week.** Make church an immovable item in your 2016 diary. We breathe the cultural air of anti-commitment. Yet, God shapes and molds our minds, hearts, and character over time by the steady drip, drip of his Word.
5. **Do what the Bible says today— live and rejoice.** “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” so says Psalm 95 and Hebrews 3.15. *Today.* There is an urgency to our hearing. Don’t put it off till tomorrow, for tomorrow may never come. You see, listening to sermons isn’t passive at all. Come alive in Christ during 2016 as you sit under His awesome word!

See you at church ready to listen and as always keep trusting Jesus, Simon (Pastor, Grace Norwood)



We understand there have been a few teething problems with our online directory/roster program Elvanto which we are hoping to help iron out as soon as we can. We would also like to offer our apologies for the trouble people experienced when trying to view the combined service last week, we are working on a solution.

It has also been brought to our attention that not everyone was able to attend the workshop that we ran a few months ago to help people become familiar with the system and would love to help you learn how to use the system.

If you would be interested in attending a workshop to learn how to navigate this system please submit your interest and availability to the office (it is a fantastic system when it is used).

We are also asking those who have been able to access their profile to ensure that their contact details are current and to upload a profile picture (please no group photos), alternatively we will run a photo booth in the coming months to assist people.

Prayer Points

Special Needs: Roger Wheaton, Joy Blanch & Daniel, Judy & Ian Black, Felicity Gatley

Give thanks to God for:

- The faithful gospel ministry at Norwood since 1856 and for the many people who have come to know Jesus
- The diverse, multi-ethnic community living in and around Norwood, Inner East and the East End of Adelaide

Pray

- Asking that through the ongoing gospel-centred ministry of Grace Norwood many more people would come alive in Christ
 - Asking that Grace Norwood would see people's from all tribes, languages and ethnic groups praising God together
 - That the body of Christ at Grace Norwood would be famous in this city for it's deep love of Jesus and one-another
-

Community Notices

Transition time at the GAN

As 2016, the network has already started to undergo a few changes, with staff moving to different positions and there are more changes in line with our agreed vision that will be rolled out over the next few months including new staff (a children's worker and music coordinator at our Kensington site). As always, there may be some teething issues during this time and we thank you for your grace and cooperation.

Grace Kensington Children's coordinator

We are excited to announce that Thomas Bassett has been appointed as the Children's coordinator at our Kensington site. Both Andrew (10.30am Music Coordinator) and Thomas will start on the 11th Jan.

Calling all graphic designers!

The network is looking for one or two people who have experience or have been trained in graphic designing to volunteer their skills for a few tasks. Please contact the office for more details or to express your interest.

Magdalene Centre donations

We encourage people to regularly contribute nonperishable food items throughout the year. Donations can be left at the GAN office

Equip Youth Multiply Conference

29th – 30th January at the Bible college of SA, for students Year 10 and older and Youth Leaders. Speaker is Pete Tong. To register visit www.equipfac.org.

CMS Summer Encounter

Focusing on 'Looking forward, looking now'

14-16 Jan at Edwardstown Baptist Church, to register visit www.summerencounter.org.au.

Friday night at Summer Encounter

Music by Men in Boats, Speaker is Greg Anderson. Free admission (Fri night only) starting at 7pm at Edwardstown Baptist Church.