



Birthdays this Week

Today	Amity Jackson
" "	Kruti Patel
Wednesday	Nathan Fredericks
Saturday	Dearne Gordon



NEXT Saturday (28th October) at Rivo Church
 GLO Thanksgiving Service 9am (including lunch)
 CrossConnect Graduation 7pm

Christmas Offering
 Sunday 12th November
 Christian Workers local and O/S

Carols in the park
 Saturday 2nd December
 (Combined Churches)

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Topic: *Tackling Sin:*
Sin's Power Overcome

Speaker: Linc Marlow

Chairman: Nathan Fredericks

Creche: Chris & Lina

Next Sunday...

The Pursuit of Knowing God

The Sunday After..

The Process of Knowing God

Sp: John Noble
Ch: Nathan Fredericks
Cr: Ralph & Jess

Sp: Oskars Stubis
Ch: Ralph Hearsey
Cr: Tamika & Emilia

The Program (D.V.)
10:00am
 Church which includes:
 Prayer and Praise
 Creche
 Kids' Church
 Worship
 Communion
 Preaching

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Prayer, Praise & News

* **Paul Volkart** – Back in hospital with very low blood pressure.

Pray – That the doctors can sort this out.

* **Faith Connell** – Painful infection in her hip.

Praise – That she has been able to return home.

* **Emmaus Prison Ministry** --

Faith Connell has been in contact with the Chaplains asking for an exemption to allow prisoners to request Emmaus Courses. Please pray that we will be granted this exemption.

* **Phillip Gummerson** – Speaking at North Ryde Christian Church.

Prayer appreciated!

You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.



God's Word is Truth.

Since time began, there has been the relentless attack on the source of absolute truth, the Word of God. Jesus said, "... *your word is truth.*" (John 17:17), but some see it differently.

Instead of evaluating their life or society by the Bible, they press the Bible into their way of thinking. What suits them is believed, the rest is ignored.

The emphasis is on being vaguely "Christian". But David clearly said, "*The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.*" (Ps. 119:160). Once the Bible becomes subjective, fads and trends start running the church.

Demographic studies and surveys become the way to operate, and the Bible becomes a slave to current trends and opinions. Paul weighed in on this when he cautioned us about being "...*tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes*" (Eph. 4:14). The underlying belief is that if we don't have a lot of people coming to church, we need to invent a new way to do things because the old way must be wrong.

This method sounds good if you have no discernment, but mature churches are built upon sound preaching and doctrine, not cultural trends. With no basis for absolute truth, the Bible becomes viewed as fables and suggestions, simply a textbook on morality.

John warns us, "*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world*" (1 John 4:1)

Extracted from an article, "Decoding the Drift" by Tom Gonderman in "The Herald of Hope"