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New range of greeting cards

Come and see our large range of Christian greeting cards. Topics include birthday, get well, baptism, new baby, sympathy, wedding, thank-you and other categories. A new card rack makes it easy to select the card you want. There is also a new range of cards exclusive to the Dandenong Bible Education Centre. These cards have beautifully drawn pictures and a verse from the Bible to match. They make the ideal card for many different occasions. We also stock a variety of other attractive cards with a Bible verse on. Our prices are very reasonable, so why not come in and see our selection and stock up! If you can't find the exact card you want there are also cards which are blank inside so you can add your own message.



These cards are exclusive to the Bible Education Centre.

Bible Explorers' concert - October

All are welcome to attend the Bible Explorers' concert to be held (God willing) on Friday 27th October at 7.30pm. Mark this date in your diary and watch for more information in the October newsletter.

Internet seminar - 8pm October 24

God willing this seminar about the internet will be held at the Bible Education Centre. The topics are "Internet safety: protecting our families" and "Scams, spam and identity theft".

The New Life class

Each Sunday from 11.30-12.30 we hold a class covering a variety of Bible topics. God willing, the topics for the next two months are:

- Sept**
- 3 *Family building – Godly marriage*
 - 10 *Family building – bringing up children*
 - 17 *The power of God shown in creation*
 - 24 *Christians speak out – Jesus fulfilled the scriptures (Acts 2)*
- Oct**
- 1 *Christians speak out – the good news of the kingdom (Acts 8)*
 - 8 *Christians speak out – the forgiveness of sins (Acts 13)*
 - 15 *Israel in the news*
 - 22 *What the Bible says about the Holy Spirit*
 - 29 *Leisure in a Christian's life*

All who attend are invited to stay to share lunch with us.

Family, friendship and fellowship

We are planning a family, friendship and fellowship weekend for 10th-12th November. We would love it if you could join us then. Read the full details in the October newsletter.

Did you know?

The first "mass-produced" New Testament in English was printed by William Tyndale in 1525-26. After Tyndale's death, Myles Coverdale and John Rogers continued his work, and finished their translation of the Old Testament. The first complete Bible in English was printed in 1535 and is known as the Coverdale Bible.

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Puzzle – “How many times?”

There are lots of numbers recorded in the Bible. Some of these seem to have a special significance, whilst others don't. If you have read the Bible often, you have probably noticed that some numbers are repeated more often than others – numbers such as seven, twelve and forty. Here is a number puzzle for you to try. See if you can work out how many times Naaman dipped in the river and then check 2 Kings 5 to see if you were right.

Write down the number of Jesus' apostles (Matthew 10:1)

Add the number of the tribes of Israel (Exodus 28:21)

Subtract the number of times Peter thought he should forgive those who had wronged him (Matthew 18:21)

Subtract the number of times Peter denied Jesus (Matthew 26:75)

Add the number of sheep the shepherd had before he lost one (Matthew 18:12)

Subtract the number of books in the Bible

Divide by the number of times Jesus was tempted in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11)

Add together the two digits in your answer

AND...

You'll have the number of times a rich man named Naaman dipped in the Jordan River! (2 Kings 5)

Answers to last month's quiz

1. Joseph's cup was found in Benjamin's sack.
2. God will reward anyone who gives a cup of water to one of his followers.
3. Psalm 23 includes the phrase "my cup runs over".
4. When Jesus said that James and John would drink the cup that he was to drink he meant that they too would suffer terrible things because of being Christians.
5. Nehemiah was a cupbearer to Artaxerxes.
6. The cup which Jesus shared with his disciples at the Last Supper represented his blood which was shed for his followers.
7. Jesus said that the inside of the "cup" of the teachers of the law was full of greed and self-indulgence.
8. The "cup" which Jesus wanted God to take away from him was death by crucifixion.
9. The gold goblets which Belshazzar ordered to be used at his party were originally from God's temple in Jerusalem.
10. God's anger is sometimes called the cup of his wrath (anger).

Just a joke!

Here are some jokes to keep your day happy.

Q: Who is the fastest runner in the world?

A: Adam, because he was first in the human race.

Q: Where was Solomon's temple located?

A: On the side of his head.

Q: Who was the straightest man in the Bible?

A: Joseph. Pharaoh made a ruler out of him.

Q: What vegetable did Noah not want on the Ark?

A: Leeks.

Q: What was the most common fruit Adam took into the ark?

A: Pears (pairs!).

The Beatitudes – what are they?

Our Bible Explorers (Primary School aged Sunday School children) have been busy learning the "beatitudes" over the past few weeks. The beatitudes are some of Jesus' teachings in Matthew chapter 5 which tell us how to be happy. Each saying begins with "blessed are..." and gives a reason for the blessing. "Blessed" means "happy". To help these children to learn this section of the Bible, a group of the older students designed a power point presentation with pictures that remind them of the next blessing. For example, there is a picture of a heart to remind them that:



"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Matthew 5:8

The beatitudes are a helpful section of the Bible because they give practical ways to live now, and promise great things for the future. For example, Jesus said:

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth"

Matthew 5:5



That is the great hope of the Bible – life for ever on the earth made new and beautiful again. Do you want to know more about God's great kingdom which is coming on the earth when Jesus returns? Just ask us for more information.

Those with children of Primary School age are welcome to bring them to the Bible Education Centre from 11.30am-12.30pm each Sunday for Bible Explorers. We are currently doing a variety of lessons from the life of Jesus.