



DANDENONG
**Bible
Education
Centre**

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November Bible weekend: Conversion and Commitment

On **November 2–4**, we are planning to hold a special Bible weekend where we will have activities at the Dandenong Bible Education Centre around the theme *Conversion and Commitment*. Please come and join us for an interesting weekend of Bible discussion, activities and shared meals.

Our speaker for the weekend is Steve Schwer. Steve teaches hospitality and tourism at the Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE in Shepparton. Steve and his wife Lisa recently spent some time overseas including missionary activities in Scandinavia and Africa. They are enthusiastic supporters of the Dandenong Bible Education Centre and are looking forward to sharing the weekend with us.

Program for the weekend

Friday November 2, 6.30pm:

Join us for dinner at the home of Rob and Leanne Hyndman, followed by an introduction to the speaker and the theme. Please register with Lea if you are coming: phone 9729 9229 or email lea@dandenongbec.org.au.

Saturday November 3, 2.00pm:

An afternoon of interesting Bible discussion, activities and challenges is planned at the Dandenong Bible Education Centre. Dinner will be provided afterwards at around 6pm. You are welcome to stay after dinner for informal singing, table-tennis or just chatting.

Sunday November 4, 9.30am:

Our usual Sunday morning service will be based on the weekend's theme.

Sunday November 4, 11.30am:

The New Life Class will continue with the theme *Conversion and Commitment*. Please bring something along to share for lunch if you are able to stay.

Tuesday November 6 (Cup Day):

Details of an outing will be announced during the weekend.

About the theme

What is conversion? What is commitment? As we build relationships with our Father in heaven and his son Jesus, we have to *convert* to their teachings, **and** *commit* ourselves to living the way they want us to. Conversion is a complete change in our direction of life, and commitment is dedicating our lives to God's ways and sharing our hope with those around us.

Over the weekend we will look at:

- what conversion and commitment involve.
- the importance that truth should have in our lives.
- Bible characters who were converted and committed to God. We'll discover lessons from them.

Most importantly, through our studies we will give glory to God through our saviour Jesus, and find out how we can become closer to them.

Dandenong Christadelphians

Did you have a happy birthday?

Yes! Our third birthday celebration was a happy day. Many people shared this time with us and seemed to enjoy it. The young children performed their puppet play of *David and Goliath* to an appreciative audience. The food was delicious, and there was plenty of discussion about the Bible – the world’s best-selling book. The winner of the Oldest Bible Competition was a Bible printed in the early 1800s – that’s around two hundred years old! Sharing the birthday cake is always a highlight of a party. The picture below shows our third birthday cake which was shared by young and old. It was very tasty.



If you missed this special day, you haven’t missed your opportunity to visit us to see what we have to offer. Come in during the week to see our items for sale, to join the library, to enrol in a Bible course or to read and discuss the Bible. We are normally open Monday–Friday from 10am–2pm. Our friendly staff would love to see how they can help you!

Bible magazines in Tamil

We are now able to get a monthly Bible magazine in the Tamil language. If you would like to have a free subscription to this magazine for six months please let us know and we will arrange for it to be sent to you.



Don’t forget the Christmas course

Find out more about the meaning of Christmas – it’s not just about racing to the shops for that last minute gift that you have forgotten. Neither is it about a jolly man dressed in red with a snowy white beard. Christmas is the time that we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the saviour of the world. Learn more about him – he wants to save you too!



The Christmas course will start at 8pm on Mondays, **December 10 & 17**. Book now!

Christmas card bargains

We still have a selection of boxes of Christmas cards for sale at reduced prices. Some of them are handmade, and look very attractive. Come and have a look.

The New Life Class

Each Sunday from 11.30–12.30 we hold a class covering a variety of Bible topics. All who attend are invited to stay to share lunch with us. God willing the topics for the next two months will be:

- Nov** 4 *Conversion and commitment*
 11 *Marriage – its importance to everyone*
 18 *Death, hell, Gehenna and the grave*
 25 *How do we know when God forgives us?*
- Dec** 2 *Jesus is coming – are you ready?*
 9 *The Holy Spirit: the power of life*
 16 *Christmas and the Christian*
 23 *Bible Quiz*
 30 *New life in a new year*

Did you know?

Did you know that King David provided more than 3,450 tonnes of gold and 34,500 tonnes of silver for use in the building of Solomon’s temple in Jerusalem? (1 Chronicles 22:14)

All our plans are “God willing”