

Noticeboard

OASIS meeting this coming Friday 2nd February is **Club Night**. See Duncan or Amy for more info

Date for your Diary

We are holding a church prayer meeting here at Emmanuel on Tuesday 27th February at 7.30pm. House Groups will not be meeting so that all may come.

House Groups are important to the Church Life. Small groups are an ideal way to get to know one another on a deeper level. If you are interested in joining a group see Doreen Fraser or Hanna Oakes

JOB VACANCIES We are seeking to appoint two positions to specifically focus on Youth and Families within the Church family at EBC link with the wider community. Ask the office for more details

Foodbank needs:

- TINNED POTATOES
- LONG-LIFE WHOLE MILK
- TINNED HAM
- CAT FOOD
- SHAMPOO
- SHAVING FOAM
- TOILET ROLLS

Food for Thought

This Thurs 1st February Guest Speaker is Ruth Bowen. Starts at 2.30pm

Prayer & Praise Evenings

Starting on Sunday 11th February 7-8pm. here at Emmanuel.

Sunday 4th February

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

Main Door Hazel Evans

Inner Door Dot Jones & Michael Miners

Easy Worship Sue Wilson

Coffees Before Service & After Service Nigel & Kate Bird

Sunday 28th January 2018

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**
A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself. If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

11am **Children and youth groups leave**
Nippers: 2-4 years
Buzz: Reception - Year Five
Salt: Year Six - Year 13

Prayer Ministry

Members of the Prayer Ministry Team wear ministry badges. Please speak to one of them if you would like prayer for any reason.

The Church office

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Sermon outline notes: Learning to Pray from Paul Part 3
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Introduction

Paul had planted this church in Thessalonica and how he did it is recorded in Acts 17:1-9. But he had to move on quickly as he met severe opposition.

In various verses in this letter Paul expresses a deep passion and concern for Christians in Thessalonica, see 3:1; 2:17-20. That passion and concerns shapes the prayers that he speaks on their behalf.

Paul's prayer is a product of his passion for people. His fervency in prayer is but the overflow of his love for fellow Christians. If we are to improve our praying we must strengthen our loving.

The Prayer 3: 9–13

- 1) Paul prays with deep thankfulness for the people of God 1: 2–3; 3: 6–9. But note that although the thanksgiving is not addressed to the Thessalonians, the thanksgiving is expressed in such a way to encourage the Thessalonians. Would it transform our church if each of us made it a practice to thank God for others in the church and then to tell others what it is about them that we thank God for?
- 2) Paul's thanks to God for the Thessalonian Christians is in some measure Paul's thanks to God for his greatest source of joy, see 3: 9.
- 3) Paul prays that he may strengthen the Thessalonians believers 3: 10-11.
 - Night and day—regular prayer
 - The burden of his prayer is that he may supply what is lacking in their faith.
 - 2: 18 Hindrances far from discouraging Paul and his prayer actually make him more fervent in his prayers.
- 4) Paul prays that there may be an overflow of love amongst the Thessalonian believers.

- 5) in biblical thought the heart is not the 'seat of our emotions' - it is rather the centre of our personality, the seat of will and understanding.
- 6) Note that Paul prays for various things in 'light of the end' ; when 'Jesus comes with all his holy ones'. When we pray with eternity's values in view we are driven to pray for people who must give an account to God on the last day. From that perspective there is no prayer more fundamental than what we read in verse 13.

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