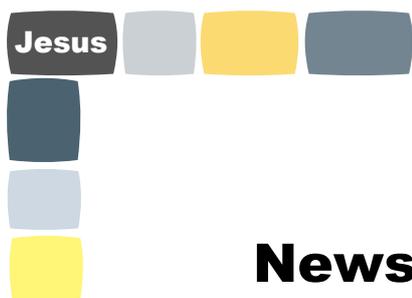


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Newsletter September 2021

Where We Draw the Line - How to Live (and Die) in Babylon

What does it look like to live as a Christian in a society that increasingly does not like what Christians believe, what we say, and how we live? Or to put it another way: What do we do when we realize that the place we are living is less and less like Jerusalem, and more and more like Babylon?

For centuries in the West, and perhaps particularly in the United States, Christians have enjoyed being in the rooms where things happen. But now the wind of society is less at our backs and more in our faces. For the first time, perhaps, we need to learn how to live well in Babylon. And we find the resources to do so in God's word. The experience of most of God's people for most of the Scriptures was that of living as a minority in a society that at best did not understand them, and at worst actively opposed them.

We have much to learn, for instance, from the first exiles of Israel — Daniel and his generation. And one lesson of Daniel for our increasingly post-Christian day is this: know God and his word, know where to draw your lines, and don't cross them.



Resolve to Draw the Line We cannot overstate the pressure Daniel and his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were under when they arrived in Babylon: their nation defeated, their temple destroyed, and now living in the most glittering and powerful city in the known world. They were enlisted in the service of the king of Babylon — and they accepted it. Their education was that of Babylon — and they accepted it. Their names were changed to be those of Babylon — and they accepted it. Their food was to be that of Babylon — and Daniel and his friends drew the line there.

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Alistair Begg is the senior pastor of Parkside Church in Cleveland, Ohio, the Bible teacher at “Truth For Life,” and the author of *Brave by Faith: God-Sized Confidence in a Post-Christian World*. He is married to Susan, and together they have three grown children and five grandchildren.

If you would like to read the full article by Alistair Begg, please let me know and I will get a copy to you.

Cornerstone Diary for September 2021

5th Sept 10-45 am Morning service, Speaker:- Paul Midgley inc Communion

12 Sept 10-45 am Morning Service Speaker :- Julian Gutteridge

19th Sept 10-45 am Morning service continuing our look at Romans 12 Speaker Stuart

26th Sept 10-45 am Morning service speaker Romans 12 Stuart

Refreshments will be served in the coffee room after the service.



Fun Club

Fun Club will re-start after the summer holidays on the 10th September

We meet at 6-30pm for one hour of games ,Bible stories refreshments craft activities.

The age range is from 5 to 11 although we do stretch to a little in both direction!

Do pray for this vital work, it's a real privilege to be able to teach youngsters about the love of God for each one of them.

Tots and Co

Tots and Co will re-start on the 10th September at 1-30 until 3-00 pm we are now back to normal with no restrictions on numbers and no need to book in before the event

We have had the back garden re-laid with new artificial grass so all we need now is some more sunny Friday afternoons !

There is no charge for this event, but there is a box for donations towards the cost of refreshments.

Coffee and Chat



We will be re-starting our coffee and chat sessions in October in a local coffee shop, this was originally a ladies get together , but the men felt left out so we will endeavour to find a coffee shop where we can both meet and encourage each other as we meet socially to build relationships in the church.

It's a great opportunity to invite friends who perhaps don't come to church yet and it's a great low key way of introducing them to other members of our church.

Listen out for more information in the notices on a Sunday

World's Biggest Coffee Morning



World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event. Each year, people in the UK and worldwide host their own Coffee Morning. The donations received go towards Macmillan services. In 2016 alone, World's Biggest Coffee Morning raised £29.5

We are combining our fund raising this year with the Men's breakfast and the Ladies Lunch, There will be opportunities to give a donation at each event and during the whole of September on a Sunday in Church, in the Macmillan collecting boxes.

Our missionary giving for Sept will be going towards the support of Caring For Life, Leeds



Caring For Life, more commonly known as CFL, is founded on Christian beliefs. They make a difference to the lives of vulnerable people, including people with learning disabilities, who face hardship or who have fallen through the net, for the long-term. They support people in many ways helping them to: find housing, gain skills, make friends and feel part of an extended "family". The charity is based at Crag House Farm, in Cookridge Leeds, where they have a range of daytime projects, a housing support team known as 'Being There' providing support to vulnerable people living independently in the community, and two houses providing supported accommodation for vulnerable adults. They provide

support for as long as people need it, and this can mean for life.

We would ask you to prayerfully consider this valuable work that we as church support, particularly around harvest time, when all our harvest gifts are sent to Caring for Life.

Praying together at Cornerstone



Our next monthly Church Prayer Meeting will be on the 4th September at 9-15 am Please try and meet with us as we seek God's face for the future both locally and worldwide with all it's uncertainties.



The prayer meeting is the worst attended meeting of any of the meetings that the church plans, there were only 3 people at last months prayer meeting! let try and buck the trend at Cornerstone and make this prayer meeting a priority in our diaries, set an alarm on your phone, don't miss the most important meeting of the month! as we seek God's face for the future.



Men's Big Breakfast 11 September 9-00am

Our next big breakfast is this month if you haven't Booked your place then please put your name on the sign up sheet in the coffee room, and more important The name of a friend that you are inviting , again this is a Great opportunity to invite men who would not normally Come to church, to an informal get together of men, with Good food and friendship.

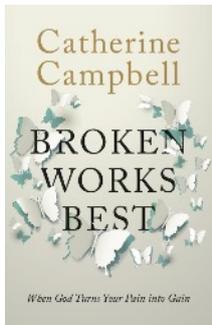


Ladies Lunch 18th September 12-00 noon

Be sure to book your place on the list in the coffee Room, and any friends who you are inviting.

This is a great event to introduce your friends to the church family in a non-threatening way with good food and good conversation.

There is no charge for this event but we are combining it with donations towards Macmillan cancer support, if you would like to help in this.



Summer book recommendation

This book is a must-read if you're suffering or supporting others, and an invaluable resource to prepare all of us for challenging times. Through suffering, God writes another story with our lives. Not the 'perfect' one we would have written for ourselves, but an infinitely more beautiful, more wonderful story that helps us to see that broken really does work best.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday morning Bible studies 10-00 am

Starting October 13th until 10th November (5 sessions)

Recordings of this years 2021 week one Morning Bible studies

Paul Mallard studies in the book of Philippians