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Happy
New Year



"So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:10-11)

04
January

9AM Greg Blunden

"Jesus, Creator, Lord and Saviour"
Philippians 2:1-11

Thought for the Week

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF WILLIAM CAREY

In a letter dated June 12, 1806, William Carey describes a typical day at his Serampore mission community.

I rose this day at a quarter to six, read a chapter in the Hebrew Bible, and spent the time till seven in private addresses to God and then attended family prayer with the servants in Bengalee. While tea was pouring out, I read a little in Persian with a Moonshi [a native assistant or secretary] who was waiting, when I left my bed room. Read also before breakfast a portion of the Scriptures in Hindoosthanee.

"The moment breakfast was over sat down to the translation of the Ramayuna [a classical Indian epic] from Sangskrit, with a Pundit . . . continued this translation till ten o'clock, at which time I went to [Fort William] College, and attended duties there [teaching Bengali, Sanskrit, and Marathi] till between one and two o'clock — When I returned home I examined a proof sheet of the Bengalee translation of Jeremiah, which took till dinner time. . . .

"After dinner translated with the assistance of the chief Pundit of the College, greatest part of the 8th Chap. of Matthew, into Sangskrit—this employed me until six o'clock, after six sat down with a Tilingua Pundit . . . to learn that Language. Mr. Thomas [an acquaintance] called in the evening; I began to collect a few previous thoughts into the form of a Sermon, at Seven o'clock, and preached in English at half past seven . . . the Congregation was gone by nine o'clock. I then sat down to write to you, after this I conclude the Evening by reading a Chapter in the Greek testament, and commanding myself to God. I have never more time in a day than this, though the exercises vary." (Source: Christian History Institute)

Whilst we perhaps, cannot think of ever doing as much as William Carey did in a day. As we look at the year 2026, and what God has in store, may we meditate upon Romans 12:1-2, and by the grace of God, live the short life that God has given us, to the glory of God. "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom 12:1-2)

What's on? Prayer Points

MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell including: Trish F, Ruch Sinclair, Lesley G, Annette Harper, John Curtis, and Elaine Rose's Grandson Matt.

- Pray that as we look ahead in 2026 that we will fix our eyes on Christ and doing all things to the glory of God

PASTOR'S HOLIDAYS OVER THE SUMMER

Bill, Kathy, and family will be taking holidays from December 25 - January 10. Harrison, Jess, and family will be taking holidays from January 13-20.

FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL

The first sermon series for the year will be kicking off January 25th (Home group studies to come). This will be a topical series on the church called, 'Faithful and Fruitful'.

ALPPHA COURSE - TERM 1 2026

We will be starting our next Alpha Course on Thursday February 12 at the church, over coffee and dessert. Please start thinking and praying for people you would like to invite. The Alpha course is a great combination of a friendly and welcoming environment, a clear presentation of the gospel, and an opportunity for people to discuss and ask questions. A good approach is to ask someone if they would like to attend the course with you. Please chat to Bill for more information, advice, prayer, and encouragement as you think about people you would love to see come along.

MINISTRIES ON A BREAK

All of our kid's ministries are on a break over the school holidays. These will be kicking off again on February the 1st.

Birthdays

7th Faye Powell,

9th Greg Miller,

10th Keith Robinson

& Judy Hampton

