

The Campbells to Wales

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Upcoming Events

Easter preparations

Sending Church

Battlefield Baptist Church
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Warrenton, VA 20187



Teaching our Fantastic Fridays! young people the gospel using the EvangeCube (the big one).



Our supported missionary works – though we are a small chapel, we can give to worldwide missions in our Jerusalem (Christian Institute), Judaea (struggling pastor), Samaria as well as to the uttermost (Kyrgyzstan and Papua New Guinea for us).

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Matthew 28:6

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Jan _____

Feb _____

Specials

Update: Holywell

Pasg hapus i chi o Gymru – Happy Easter to you from Wales. We see the reminders in the nearby pasture that spring is here in the many lambs which show up this time of year – little white dots on the fields. Easter has come early this year on the lunar calendar, and we are thankful to each and every one of you who pray for us and sacrificially give so that we might be able to share the hope in Christ, which is even more powerful this time of year.

We are planning our regular **Easter service** at the chapel but this year, we have more planned. Based on a great reception at a **local limited care home, Plas Yr Ywen** (The Yew Manor), I approached Sharon, the manager, a month ago and asked if we could hold an Easter service for the residents there. Sharon was genuinely enthusiastic for us to do so – as many of her

residents do not get out much. The only complaint we received at Christmas was that we did not sing enough carols! So, I have lined up a full set of Easter hymns, including one in Welsh (only a few of the 85 residents are Welsh speakers to our knowledge). When I presented it to our chapel, the response was great – most have committed to go and sing! This is typically a busy family time, so I appreciate their willingness to commit an hour on Easter afternoon to be a blessing to the residents. I also asked them to stay as long as they can after the service to visit with the residents, many of whom will not be seeing family on Easter. Please be in prayer that many of the reclusive residents will be compelled to come down for this service. Depending on how it is received, we will look at how we might start regular services or other



involvement there. Mary and I just visited there this week to confirm the details of our time there on Easter and we met a resident who was raised Baptist (from Canterbury, England) and was happy to hear that we were coming. Perhaps she will bring one of her friends to the service.

Work with the **RAF Air Cadets** is continuing well under new leadership. We will be looking for a service to bring in an honour guard later this year. The new commanding officer is very supportive about teaching the cadets the Christian faith.

Mary and I are starting to prepare for **summer camp** (last week of July). This year we will be working together to do the daily Tremendous Science presentation as part of AiG's VBS **The Great Jungle Journey**. Please be in prayer that we have a good turn-out and response to the gospel message!

Continuing growth at Bethel ...

Last letter I mentioned Stephen, who started attending services late last year. He has been faithful in continuing to come and in January, he presented himself for membership. It turns out that he was saved at a Baptist Church in New York while growing up (he is British, but his parents worked in the States). After hearing his salvation testimony, the congregation gladly received him

into membership. He is excited to be a part of a Bible-preaching chapel. He has completed several courses in our Bible college and is bringing ideas to the table to help move the chapel ahead. We are looking forward to meeting his wife, who is recovering from knee surgery. We held our annual general meeting (AGM) in February at which time I challenged the congregation to

commit to an area of service. From this, we have had one woman come forward to offer to help with a creche during services – including getting the necessary government background check. This will allow us to minister to mothers with babies, of which we have 2 at the moment. This is a big step forward and our first member willing to get a background check.