

## Next Week's Bible Talks

### 8:30am Bexley

Jason Veitch on "Christ centred marriage"  
(Ephesians 5:22-33)

### 9:00am Carlton

Phil Colgan on "Christ centred marriage"  
(Ephesians 5:22-33)

### 10:30am Carlton

Phil Colgan on "Christ centred marriage"  
(Ephesians 5:22-33)

### 10:30am Bexley North

Jason Veitch on "Christ centred marriage"  
(Ephesians 5:22-33)

### 4.30pm Bexley North

Jason Veitch on "The prodigal son"  
(Luke 15:11-32)

### 6.30pm Church

Phil Colgan on "Christ centred marriage"  
(Ephesians 5:22-33)

## Events

### Prayer Meetings

First Saturday of every month, 8am  
Email [office@snac.org.au](mailto:office@snac.org.au) for location.

### English for Life

Every Friday during school terms,  
9:30-11:30am at St James

### FIT Camp - for years 7-12

Thursday 5 - Sunday 8 October  
Register at [www.snac.org.au/fit](http://www.snac.org.au/fit)

### SNAC Women

Saturday 21st October, 9am-4pm  
Register at [www.snac.org.au/snacwomen](http://www.snac.org.au/snacwomen)

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## Sunday Locations

### 8:30am Bexley (Contact Jason)

Corner of Albyn St & Dunmore St, Bexley

### 9:00am Carlton (Contact Kevin)

St James' Carlton, entry via Henry St

### 10:30am Carlton (Contact Phil)

Carlton Public School, entry via Cameron St

### 10:30am Bexley North (Contact Jason)

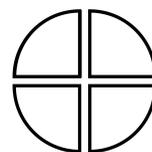
Holy Trinity, entry via Carrisbrook Ave

### 4:30pm Bexley North (Contact Jason)

Holy Trinity, entry via Carrisbrook Ave

### 6.30pm Church (Contact Troy)

St James' Carlton, entry via Henry St



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## Immersing ourselves in God's word

'So ... how's your Bible reading going?'

I wonder if anyone from church has recently asked you that question. More to the point, I wonder if you've recently asked anyone that question? It's a pretty simple question but I've found it a really helpful way to kick off the kind of gospel-shaped conversations that are encouraged in Ephesians. If the answer comes back positive, the conversation can easily turn to sharing what you've read recently in the word of God – the perfect opportunity to speak the truth of God's word and build each other up in Christ (see Eph 4:15-16)! If the answer is an uneasy string of 'umms' – well surely this too is a perfect opportunity for you to encourage your brother or sister in Christ to grow in the knowledge of God's Son (see Eph 4:13)!

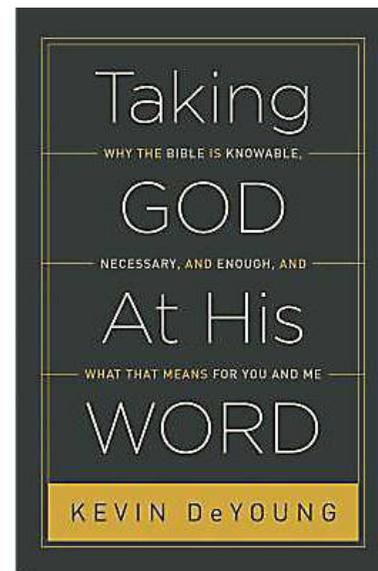
As we start asking questions about Bible reading, the reality is that there are many people in our church who are struggling. In fact, if you're ever tempted to think you're the only one – you need to think again! However, while it may be true that many of us struggle to be consistent in reading the Bible, this doesn't mean we should just accept it. Instead, we need to keep growing in this important means of grace.

So what can we do to improve our practise of Bible reading? The most obvious answer is also the simplest – just do it! The reality is that sometimes our previous good habits can fade away and we just need a reason to get back on the horse. In fact, it could be that reading this article is the very kick-start you need – or perhaps it will be that conversation after church when someone comes up to you and asks ... 'So ... how's your Bible reading going?' In whatever way the encouragement comes, this coming week is a great time to get back into a habit of your own personal reading of the Bible!

Another way to improve your Bible reading is to get your hands on the book 'Taking God at His Word' by Kevin DeYoung. The book explains in clear and simple language what exactly God has given us in the Bible and why we should love reading it. The main focus of the book is unpacking these four truths about God's word:

- 'God's Word is enough' – In the Bible, there is everything required for us to know God and to understand how we should live as his people.
- 'God's Word is clear' – God has communicated Himself to us through the pages of Scripture and so we can be confident in understanding what he is saying to us.

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- 'God's Word is final' – The final authority in matters of life and doctrine is the Bible.
- 'God's Word is necessary' – 'We cannot truly know God, his will, or the way of salvation apart from the Bible.' (pg 87)

Another of my favourite chapters in the book raises the simple question – 'What did Jesus believe about the Bible?' (pg 95) As we come to appreciate the way our Lord trusted in the Scriptures, well surely we should have the same attitude!

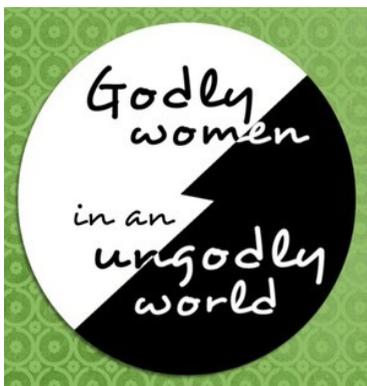
While it's a good and helpful thing for us to understand the nature of God's word, these truths are also incredibly practical in shaping our attitude to the Bible. As we grow in our appreciation of why the Bible is so special, this will encourage us to really make an effort to read it. In fact, the first chapter of the book is a wonderful reflection on Ps 119 encouraging us to delight in the Scriptures in the same way as the Psalmist.

My challenge for you today is to ask someone in your congregation about their Bible reading. Depending on how the conversation goes, you might even suggest that you both get a copy of this book, read it, then chat about it in the next couple of weeks. It might just be the encouragement you both need!

I have limited copies of the book available for sale at the very good price of \$15. Please contact me on 0421 286 835 or kevin@snac.org.au if you would like to get a copy.

Kevin Stepniewski

## SNAC Women 2017



It's that time of year again – time to sign up for **SNAC Women 2017!** The day is an opportunity for women from the different SNAC congregations to get together and encourage each other as disciples of Christ.

The theme for the day is '**Godly Women in an Ungodly World**'. Throughout the day we will be exploring different aspects from God's word about how we are to live in a godly way in this present age. In the afternoon there will also be one-hour workshops on various topics - you will be able to choose which of the 4 workshops you would like to attend when you register. Of course there will be time to chat, pray, read and eat delicious food as well. So sign up online at [www.snac.org.au/snacwomen](http://www.snac.org.au/snacwomen) today!

**Date:** Saturday 21 October  
**Venue:** Mortdale Anglican Church

**Time:** 9am-4pm  
**Cost:** \$35

For more information see one of your congregational representatives:

- 8.30am.....Mel Walker
- 9am.....Winnie Ling
- 10.30am Carlton.....Cath Grant or Victoria Colgan
- 10.30am Bexley North....Bri Haines
- 4.30pm.....Heather Veitch
- 6.30pm.....Avril Lonsdale, Jess Ko or Emily Brown

## 4:30pm Arvo Church launches today!

Over the past month our 4:30pm Bexley North team has been meeting for church, praying and planning for our launch day today. Our advertising has been distributed and plans have been set for making our new church known in the community.



Many have asked how they can support us as we begin our new church – thank you! Whilst we would love to invite all of SNAC to our opening service that would not be helpful to newcomers, but please join with us in prayer.

Please pray that today and in coming weeks we make new friends who join with us around God's Word and seek to follow Jesus with us. Pray we would be welcoming and friendly and that God would be at work through us. Please also thank God for his work so far and the wonderful group of people he has already brought together at 4:30pm Bexley North (Arvo) Anglican Church.

Thanks for your partnership in the gospel!

## FIT Camp 2017

### FIT CAMP October 5-8

Earlybird rego is now closed.

Standard rego open until September 22.

Register online at [www.snac.org.au/fit](http://www.snac.org.au/fit)

You can download copies of the 'what to bring' information at [www.snac.org.au](http://www.snac.org.au)



## Church Finances - Giving to July

Praise God for the wonderful response to the building appeal. We have so far raised about \$110,000! Of course, while we are raising money for our one-off building appeal, it is also important that we meet our ongoing ministry needs, which makes the giving for July such a wonderful result. Our work can only happen through the generous support of our church members. Please prayerfully consider your giving so that we are able to do the things under God we have planned to do.

Giving for July	\$72,070	Offertories YTD	\$464,695
Budgeted	<u>\$69,892</u>	Budgeted YTD	<u>\$489,248</u>
Surplus	\$ 2,178	Shortfall YTD	\$ 24,553

For those wishing to give electronically the church bank account details are:

Bank: Westpac      Account Name: Parish of St George North General A/C  
BSB: 032 158      Account No.: 268126