



POGFEWINE

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. 1 Cor 16:13

No, that heading's not a typo, it's an acronym and it has a lot to do with being courageous.

The other day I was reminded of a time when, as a youth leader, we were encouraging our young people to spend time in God's Word and in prayer. It's a struggle often faced in youth ministry, finding the balance between hyped up crazy games and focused moments for teaching and prayer.

Back in the early 2000's youth groups would have catchy names for their activities to give them the "cool" factor and we were struggling for a bible study name cool enough to grab their attention. Then one week one of the young people suggested POGFEWINE (POG-FE-WINE) which stood for Putting Our God First Even When It's Not Easy. Their reasoning was that spending time with God isn't always easy, we have so many other things we could be doing, but we need to spend

regular time with God because that's where life is found. Profound wisdom from a teenager and a word of wisdom for us today.

We often associate a courageous act with the glory that follows and sometimes that's true, but more often than not being courageous is putting in the hard yards, especially when it's not easy.

Being courageous is standing firm in our faith, on the truth of God's Word and doing what we know is right, even if we're the only one doing it. It's reordering our priorities in life to put God first, even when the world tells us we're crazy. It's choosing God's ways, God's calling and God's purposes above our own.

As we journey together through our theme this month, our challenge is to learn from those who have gone before; to put God first, even when it's not easy.

Ps Andrew

A Special Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to you today as you worship with Woden Valley Alliance Church. It is our desire that Jesus Christ be the centre of our time together. If you are visiting for the first time, please join us for tea or coffee after the service.

In Touch Newsletter

Don't miss out!

Keep up with what is going on in the life of the church through our weekly *"In Touch"* emails. If you are not receiving them and would like to, please see Antoinette after the service or sign up online on our webpage

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Missions

Josh & Jaclyn Blanchard: Cambodia

Josh and Jaclyn are working among children and young people caught up in sex trafficking through prevention, rescue, restoration and regeneration. Please pray for them as they partner with Agape International Missions

Persecuted Church

Egypt: Egyptian Christian girls and young women are frequently kidnapped by Muslims, raped, and often forced to convert to Islam. Many of the victims vanish and are never seen again. Some manage to escape or are rescued, but their lives are permanently blighted in a society that highly values virginity. Some kidnappings are carefully planned, on the orders of Islamist consortiums who are reported to pay the kidnappers as much as £2,300 per girl. Pray to “the God who sees” (Genesis 16:13) for the protection of our sisters in Egypt.

Pray for the following people and ministries of WVAC

- Valley Youth—pray for Hannah and her team as they reach out to the young people of our community
- Small Groups—pray for each of our home groups as they meet together for fellowship and learning from the Word of God.
- For those that are a part of our church family that have ongoing health needs; Norma Walsh, Scott Coleman, Robyn Learmonth

Prayer Groups

Wednesday Morning Prayer Missions Centre

7:15am

Andrew Muir Ph. 6231 8111

Saturday Prayer Meeting Church Hall

7:30pm

(last Saturday of the Month)

Suanu Ikoro 0405 114 891

Sunday Morning Prayer Creche/Prayer Room

9am—9:20am

(before the service)

Small Groups

Our Small Groups are an opportunity to grow your faith. If you are not part of a small group, why don't you join one? There are groups running nearly every day of the week. Talk to a small group leader today or contact Alberto Memme 6242 4281



WEEKLY EVENTS



VALLEY YOUTH

Friday 7pm—9pm
Hannah Hunter
0406 407 711

youth@alliancechurch.com.au



KREATIVE KIDS PLAYGROUP

Tuesday 9:30am—11:30am
Barb Dietrich 0468 714 500
Julie Steller 0405 034 335

playgroup@alliancechurch.com.au



ALLIANCE KIDS

meets during our
morning service
Nathan 0405 170 977

families@alliancechurch.com.au



BREAKFAST CLUB

Stromlo High School
Wednesday 8am



ONE VOICE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Monday 7—9pm
Cost \$4

Fiona Robertson 0424 375 970
Heather Purcell 6231 9752



ART FOR COMMUNITIES

Thursdays
10am—4pm
5pm—7pm
Vera 0418 160 787

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1 Ladies Breakfast
- June 2 Bike4Coffee
- June 8 Hearts & Hands
- June 14-16 Deeper Life Seminar
- June 22 Ladies Dinner
- June 29 Family Bushwalk