



FLAME
TREE

Family Connect

June 2019

Message from Pastor Dave

Spiritual Checklist

When do things become obsolete or non-relevant in the area of spiritual health?

We live in a post-modern thinking world, which has affected the church.

Perhaps some might think that it is old fashioned to consider what can negatively influence our spiritual life? Do we have to go with the flow and throw up our hands and say, "well everyone is doing it now, it must be okay!" Should we stop being watchman of our own lives and our homes? Are we afraid of being labeled religious or too into JESUS, a fanatic, a radical? Do we still have a responsibility to have a kind of check at the door, be able to scrutinize what comes into our lives, families, children's lives or is that just so old fashioned and are we thinking we are too busy or too tired. I urge you; we mustn't let our discernment guard down.

Devout and Godly parents raised me. In my young primary years, my mother wouldn't let me be involved in anything to do with Halloween, even taking me out of school on the day of the celebrations. I remember my parents teaching me how to pray renouncing and cutting off in JESUS' Name all involvement or generational interaction with, occult, magic, satanic, ritualistic vows, cursing, spiritualist action by the power of the Blood of JESUS. We didn't listen to secular music in our family home. I was taught to place the full armour of GOD upon myself daily and encouraged to pray alone with the LORD, as I got older.

Every item given as gifts or that we bought was inspected for any trace of an attachment that could open a door to the enemy of our soul. Now some even reading this could call this like I've mentioned over the top! I watched my mother and father see some of the most entrenched, oppressed, depressed, suicidal, sick, in pain, people SET FREE from demonic harassment and torment. They knew their authority in CHRIST! I was taught to keep my "eye gate" and "ear gate" free from evil influence. The result in my parent's lives as I look back has been a personal freedom from oppressive, chronic setbacks. Sure, there has been sickness, tough times and backlash from people and Job's encouraging friends - found them a time or two, but on the whole, our family lived a care free, victorious, power packed life! Seeing the works of the devil destroyed on so many levels in hundreds if not thousands of lives. Hallelujah!!!

1 John 3:8 says "he who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose, the Son of GOD was manifested, that HE might destroy the works of the devil".

I believe the number one weapon of the enemy is deception! It says, the devil is the father of lies in John 8:44. There are clear temptations that are evident and purposed to take us out of effective ministry to those around us, Paul speaks of this in 1 Corinthians 9:27 and learned to deny his carnal desires so he didn't jeopardize his ministry. The demonic can wear clever disguises not that we have to lose sleep over thinking too much about the enemy of our souls.

However, to be unaware of Satan's devices or schemes is also cautioned against in 2 Corinthians 2:11, "lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices". Such things could be - but not limited to; Ouija boards, horoscopes, tarot cards, palm readings, amulets, fetishes, Harry Potter, New Age, Dungeons and Dragons game, secret societies, false religious symbols in gardens and or around the house.

Sunday Services: 9am & 6pm

5441 1028 | info@flametree.org.au | 27 Coes Creek Road, Burnside QLD 4560

Message from Pastor Dave

I love how POWERFUL THE BLOOD AND THE NAME OF JESUS are against anything the enemy has done or is doing! There is wonder working power in the Blood and the Name of JESUS as the old hymn states. We can RENOUNCE our involvement in any practices for being ignorant or slack and ask for forgiveness taking on a new alerted approach in the exciting days we live in!

Ephesians 1:7 "In HIM we have redemption through HIS blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of HIS grace".

Luke 10:17 "Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "LORD, even the demons are subject to us in YOUR Name".

The devil uses fear of the demonic, lack of spiritual discernment, lack of training or awareness of spiritual warfare and rationalism – (reasoning that there really is no spiritual realm, suggesting to people that everything is practical). These notions are thwarted by the Scriptures found in Ephesians 6:12 "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places". Also, 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "For GOD has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 1 Corinthians 2:13-14 confirms, "These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the HOLY SPIRIT teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the SPIRIT of GOD, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned".

Let's be reminded in the day we find ourselves living that we are part of GOD'S unfolding plan. We need to be excellent watchman of our lives and our homes.

We are allowed to be vigilant and be free from any attempts of the enemy to deceive us into living with open doors of attack against our selves and loved ones.

To continue to thrive and flourish in this wonderful life in CHRIST we can read and declare the WORD of GOD. Pray the Scriptures and HIS promised Truth. We can pray also with the gift of Tongues. At times, HE may even lead us to fast and draw even closer to HIM. We can be people who give generously and break walls of complacency down.

Wholeheartedly we praise and worship our LORD in songs. Together we can accomplish the works GOD has established for us to do for JESUS' glory. And believe it or not we can take the time to rest!

Let's get our SPIRITUAL CHECKLIST out and make sure we are clear and clean.
Continue to grow in discernment and allow GOD to strengthen our households and us!

Much Love & Blessings,

Pastor David Fenton

Sunday Services: 9am & 6pm

5441 1028 | info@flametree.org.au | 27 Coes Creek Road, Burnside QLD 4560

Upcoming Events



BOUNDARIES

WHY CAN'T I SAY NO?

6:15-8:30PM TUESDAY NIGHTS
JUNE 4TH, 11TH, 18TH

FLAMETREE CHURCH
\$50 FOR COURSE | \$20 PER NIGHT
RSVP to info@lighthouseleadership.com

**FUN
& BOARD
GAMES**

GAMES NIGHT

SATURDAY EVENING

GET TOGETHER



JUNE 22

**7:00 PM TO
10:00PM**

**FLAMETREE
CAFE**

27 COES CREEK
ROAD, BURNSIDE

**BRING A FRIEND AND
NIBBLES TO SHARE**

Sunday Services: 9am & 6pm

5441 1028 | info@flametree.org.au | 27 Coes Creek Road, Burnside QLD 4560

Church News & Updates



Our assignments with the Australian volunteer program has enabled us to travel to Tanna island in conjunction with the National Pacific games held there this month. Andy, as a volunteer with the National youth council, helped with organising the local volunteers in this event. Aside from this role, Andy travelled to outer villages to Preach, encourage the youth and teach music workshops. We found our old donated drum kit in a church corner, which he reconstructed and did drum workshops. We loved visiting our dear friends in the Jon Frum village (a cargo cult) who believe in a strange spirit and worship it with all night singing.

Sharny , in my role with the Vanuatu society of people with disabilities, was able to travel to the remotest of villages and pray for and encourage those who have no support in their disabilities and find life very tough. I found it so rewarding to help with giving small donations to the picinini and running kids programs, not only for the disabled picicnin's but for everyone, as it was school holidays at that time. How wonderful that my assignment is a also a ministry and allows me to pray as well as use my education skills and knowledge.

On return from our 2 week trip we were contacted by family to return to Australia immediately, as mums death was imminent. She has been battling dementia and we arrived in perfect timing to be by her beside with family at the time of her passing. It was such a precious time, as the sting of death is lost when a believer returns home to Glory. But it also is a reminder of the sacrifice we have made to leave our country and family to follow the call God has placed in our hearts as missionaries of the gospel to the ends of the earth. Mum understood this!

In His service,

Andy and Sharny Chapman

"Musicianaries" to the Nations.

Sunday Services: 9am & 6pm

5441 1028 | info@flametree.org.au | 27 Coes Creek Road, Burnside QLD 4560

Upcoming Events

Creative Hub for the Crafty

STARTING | 9:30 - 11:30 AM
JUNE 6TH | @FLAMETREE
THURSDAYS | CHURCH
(FIRST DAY BYO CRAFTS)
CONTACT EVIE AT 0414345637



Creative Hub

THURSDAYS | 10-2
AND | GET A LIFE STUDIO
FRIDAYS | IN LANDERS SHOOT
\$5 DONTATION
CONTACT KAY AT 0403199831



Prophetic Art Workshop

4TH | 10-12
SATURDAY | GET A LIFE STUDIO
OF THE MONTH | IN LANDERS SHOOT
\$20 DONTATION
CONTACT KAY AT 0403199831



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

FlameTree Creative Events

Upcoming Events



NEW SMALL GROUPS

DO YOU LOVE MOVIES? FOOD? BOOKS?
ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT BIBLE STUDIES? BEACH WALKS?
BOARDGAMES?
MAYBE YOU WANT TO START 'WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?'

WE ARE INTERESTED IN YOUR IDEAS FOR SHARING LIFE TOGETHER AT
FLAMETREE.

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS, OR ANYTHING ON
YOUR HEART. WE WOULD LOVE TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT IT!



The Voice of the Martyrs



Sunday Evening
Service

16th June at 6pm



Sunday Services: 9am & 6pm

5441 1028 | info@flametree.org.au | 27 Coes Creek Road, Burnside QLD 4560

Church News & Updates

PROFILE John Maxwell Church Treasurer

John and Barbs Maxwell are new to Australia, having emigrated from South Africa in December 2014 to join their two sons and three grandchildren. They now live in Woombye, and have been members of FlameTree Church for close on two years.

As our Church Treasurer, John brings with him more than twenty-five years of experience in financial management and corporate governance. He has held the position of Chief Executive Officer of a publicly listed retailer operating in five southern African countries, and has been an executive board member of six companies and three non-profit organisations. In 2001, John was included in the book "Mentors", profiling the most influential South African Christian business leaders of the day, and in the same year, made the Honorary Life President of the South African Furniture Traders Association.

In 2002, only two days before his 50th birthday, the company which he headed up was taken over by a larger group, and John and his entire board of directors were summarily retrenched. This was for John, a Damascus Road experience, which plucked him out of his comfort zone, and dumped him on a new path that necessitated total dependency on God.

The next seven years were very difficult ones for him and his family, but unquestionably the most valuable of his lifetime. During this period, he headed up two international non-profit organisations which oversaw the distribution of UN, EU and USA funds to more than a quarter-million HIV orphans in seventeen African countries. It radically reshaped his heart attitude towards the vulnerable, and in 2007, in response to a divinely inspired vision, he established a unique charity which today continues to care for the needs of 3500 orphans on the eastern border of South Africa.

John is a passionate advocate of kingdom-minded business values, and was at this time, very actively involved in mentoring Christian start-up businesses, lecturing on biblical business principles, and a contributor to Christian Living Today magazine.

In 2007, while working for his charity in the rural community, he was bitten by an infected tick. This almost cost him his life; but it also heralded the end of his season of pruning. Shortly thereafter, while still in recovery, he linked up with a Christian brother, and started a small software business, which today provides online risk and compliance management programmes to more than 15,000 business sites across Africa. This heaven-sent enterprise has been instrumental in getting him and his family to Australia, and for providing the financial means they need to live here.

John and Barbs have embraced the FlameTree community as their new Australian family, and have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love they received on the death of their son, James, and the support being given to Claire and the children. Taking on the role of Treasurer is, in John's words, "simply one small payback for the many big blessings we have received from these wonderful people"

Sunday Services: 9am & 6pm

5441 1028 | info@flametree.org.au | 27 Coes Creek Road, Burnside QLD 4560

Church News & Updates

Stewardship of our Church Finances

John Maxwell
Church Treasurer

In modern society, a “steward” is often seen as a low-level position, as in a cabin steward on a cruise ship. But in biblical times, a steward was a very highly regarded person who had proven himself to be exceptionally trustworthy. As a result, a wealthy master would have complete confidence entrusting his significant possessions to the steward, who would then be expected to manage these as the master would himself.

A clear biblical example of practical stewardship is found in Genesis 39:1–6, in which Joseph is appointed by Potiphar to manage his entire household.

“He (Potiphar) left all that he had in Joseph’s charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything”

We, like Joseph, have a responsibility to manage our households well. However, this responsibility is much broader than simply our home. It extends to the household of faith, being our church, and to creation itself.

In whatever domain God has granted us some influence, we are called as stewards to manage that which belongs to Him, until Christ returns. And while God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything He owns, we, as His stewards, are responsible to manage His holdings well, and according to His desires and purposes.

Although biblical stewardship is not limited to finances, this plays a significant part, as God has a lot to say about money management. There are more than 2000 Bible verses dealing with money, from being generous and sharing our resources, to tithing and our treatment of the poor. When we realize that we are simply managers and not owners of these resources, and that we will all give account to the rightful owner on our management of that which has been entrusted to us, it does bring new perspective on how to approach this task.

Being mindful of this important responsibility, our Elders are currently conducting a fresh review of the church finances and accounting systems, for the purpose of addressing areas of concern, tightening up controls, and improving cashflow management.

More specifically, the following changes are currently underway:-

1. There will be more frequent feedback, to improve transparency and increase awareness;
2. Steve Groom has been appointed to oversee the financial affairs of the Church;
3. A comprehensive church budget to control expenditure is being compiled;
4. A comprehensive review of current policies, procedures and authority levels is being undertaken;
5. A new Auditor (Mark MacKenzie of Wardle Partners) has been appointed;
6. Every expense is being scrutinised and managed, to minimise wastage and reduce staff costs;
7. Hall hire fees have been increased in line with local competitor prices;
8. Caf charges will be increased from 01 July to ensure full recovery of production costs;
9. Ministry leaders are actively finding ways of reducing costs without compromising their ministries;
10. Our Mission support is being revisited to ensure the need still exists;
11. External Church activities (e.g. carols) are being reviewed to minimise the financial impact on the church
12. Potential income-generating business opportunities are to be considered, and everyone is invited to offer suggestions

While expenses can be effectively managed, the Church has little control over its income. Paramount to ensuring our financial sustainability, is a commitment by each and every member of the Church to creating and maintaining a culture of generous giving.

As a community of New Testament born-again believers, we are no longer under the Levitical obligation to tithe a fixed percentage of our income. However, the need to support our priests, widows and orphans, and to fund the Gospel outreach, yet remains. Thus, in recognition of the higher calling and standards to which we now subscribe, it should no longer be necessary to demand the tithe. Instead, we are encouraged to give joyfully and sacrificially, and to invest in FlameTree Church’s kingdom work to the degree that we are able, and as the Lord provides and blesses us (1Cor 16; 2Cor 8).

Ultimately, it is not the amount or the percentage which pleases the Lord. Rather, it is that heart attitude which joyfully expresses itself in love and sacrifice for the one who gave His life for all for us.

Sunday Services: 9am & 6pm

5441 1028 | info@flametree.org.au | 27 Coes Creek Road, Burnside QLD 4560

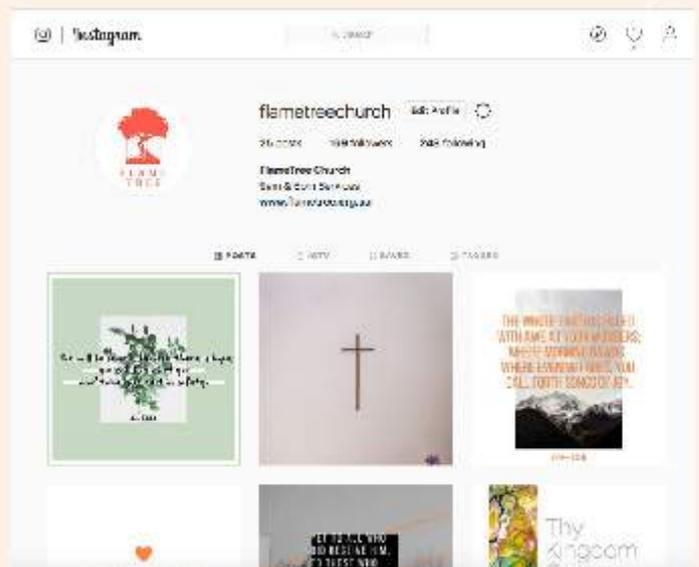
Church News & Updates

Church app is here!

- Text 'FlameTree App' to 0488 202 202
- Click on the link
- On the landing page, click the blue logo

**FLAMETREE
INSTAGRAM**

**FOLLOW
@flametreechurch
ON INSTAGRAM**



Sunday Services: 9am & 6pm

5441 1028 | info@flametree.org.au | 27 Coes Creek Road, Burnside QLD 4560

Church News & Updates



If you're on Facebook, jump on and like our page. We post weekly podcasts, scriptures, any upcoming events and different things happening in the church.

<https://www.facebook.com/FlameTreeChurch/>

Podcasts

To listen to the latest podcast sermons, log onto

www.flametree.org.au/podcasts

OR download our church app!



Paying Tithes / Donations Online

If you would like to pay your tithes online via bank deposit, here are the bank details. Please make sure to put in your reference whether it's tithes, missions, building fund, etc.

Name: FlameTree Baptist Church
BSB: 704 913 Account: 4000 39103

You can also pay your tithes on our church website, under the 'tithes' tab.

Push pay is here! If you pay by credit card, this is an awesome new way you can give from your mobile phone. Simply text 'flametree' to 0488202202, click the link, and fill in the details.



Lighthouse Leadership Psychology & Training

Chris & Gretchen Mitchell are now available at the church office for life coaching, psychological counselling, prayer counselling and marriage counselling for people from FlameTree Church and people in the community. (Medicare rebates available)

For bookings & information please contact the Mitchell's on 0408 824 261 or check out their website at www.lighthouseleadership.com.au.



Sozo Ministries

Book a Sozo through the Church office. A Sozo session is a time for the Sozo team to sit down with you and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, walk you through the process of freedom and wholeness. Sozo is not a counseling session, but a time of interacting with Father, Son and Holy Spirit for wholeness, healing and pursuing of your destiny.



Sunday Services: 9am & 6pm

5441 1028 | info@flametree.org.au | 27 Coes Creek Road, Burnside QLD 4560

Weekly Calendar

Sunday Service
9:00am

Creche
Sunday 9:20am

Kidz Church
Sunday 9:20am

Teen Church
Sunday 9:50

Young Adults
Sunday After AM Service

Ladies Group
Tuesday 9:30am

Jubilee Dancers
Thursday 4:30pm

Mums Group
Friday 9-11am

WildFire Youth
Friday 7-9pm