

Why follow Jesus?

We believe Jesus not only changes lives, but is changing the whole world, as His love and power works through those who follow His calling. If you want to be a part of that calling, talk to someone!

When's the next time?

We all get together on Sundays about 10.30am. Each Sunday of the month has a different focus. You can be involved as much or as little as you like, no pressure!

1st Sunday — G-Rated: family-friendly, creative, lots of music, fun and drama.

☞ Brian, Pat, Beth, Isaac, Ella or Theo

2nd Sunday — Sing great songs and get to know Jesus in different ways, we usually have a speaker to help us do that.

☞ Graham

3rd Sunday — Sing and pray, we spend time giving glory to God and praying in groups for our world, our community & each other, then eat lunch together.

☞ Andrew

4th Sunday — Sing and learn deeper stuff about Jesus (sometimes live, sometimes video), with plenty of discussion.

☞ Paul, Graham or Mike

5th Sunday — Varies, maybe a working bee or a picnic! ☞ Get on the mailing list

Small/Cell Groups

Call them small groups, cell groups or just hanging out, most of us get together regularly in homes or cafés on Tues, Weds or Thurs nights. The groups are diverse in people and focus, e.g. some just enjoy food and conversation, others involve deep Bible study. We highly recommend joining one.

☞ Jemima

Who to ask about...

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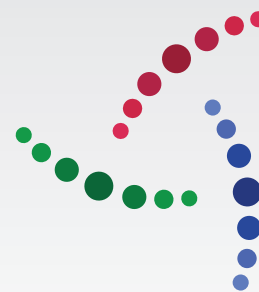
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Hawthorn West Baptist Church

Welcome, it's great to have you with us today. We hope that you experience something of God's love in our time together. We invite you to journey with us as we follow Jesus in our lives and community.

What the?

Visitors often ask "Who is in charge?" We don't have a senior pastor or minister — our leadership group and pastoral staff share those responsibilities.

Wait, there's no offering? That's right; we don't take up an offering or 'pass the plate' here (except on special occasions), so if you are a visitor, you can leave your cash in your pocket and relax!

The Bread and Juice? 'Communion' is for any who choose to follow Jesus. If that's not you, feel free to let it go by.

What's with all the singing? We like to sing spiritual songs, to honour and encounter God and encourage one another. You can join in wholeheartedly, skip the lyrics you're not comfortable with, or just listen. (You will be encouraged to join in though!)

I'd like to talk with someone about...

Check the back for people to talk to. We're happy to answer questions, pray, discuss issues of following Jesus and more.

More info on these questions inside!

What about...?

Toilets and baby change facilities are at the west end of the building.

Smokers please use the ashtray outside in the courtyard, or Hill Street.

Coffee, Tea and Cocoa are available in the lounge, help yourself any time.

The Bread? Feel free to help yourself from the big bags of bread provided free by a local bakery.

Got kids?

Kids are part of our life and we love them being involved on a Sunday! So we don't (usually) run separate kids' activities but instead try to keep it all varied enough for kids to participate and enjoy (especially on G-Rated & Prayer Sundays).

If your child struggles to concentrate, or to play quietly when adults are talking then there's books and toys in the lounge, a sandpit in the courtyard and a playspace on the Hill Street side.

What on earth is...?

Like most families we have short-hand names for things you may not know.

...Communion/Breaking Bread?

The core of why we're here is the world-and-life-changing death & resurrection of Jesus. We celebrate this most Sundays by reflecting and sharing some bread and grape juice. It's not only a symbolic act but also a profound spiritual act of "common-unity" for all who follow Jesus. If you don't feel that you can describe yourself as a Jesus follower, just let it go by, that's fine.

...Baptism?

Baptism is both a spiritual and public act of lifelong commitment to being a follower of Jesus. ☞ Graham H

...The Bible?

Haha that's a big one! We believe it's the primary way that God has revealed Himself to us over the millenia - and ultimately in Jesus - so is incredibly valuable in so many ways. If you'd like a Bible ☞ Brian or Pat H

...The 'Portable Door' List?

We keep up to date as a whole church via an email list, see the back for how to sign up.

...Uncouth Group? FIHU?

Awesome fun and challenging events for people in years 6-12, on alternating Thursday (FIHU) and Friday (BIG) nights. www.uncouthgroup.com. ☞ Mike

...CFM?

We have quarterly Church Family Meetings which are open to all who are committed to being part of us, for decision making, accountability, and working on how we are travelling as a whole church.

...Careforce/Lifekeys Courses?

We run courses which help you get the most out of life; discussing issues and gaining insight in a supportive & confidential group over 8-10 weeks. ☞ Connie

...Gifts Counselling?

We believe God gifts all of us in different ways. If you'd like help working out these gifts and how you can use them to serve Him with this church, ☞ Mark

Curious about something? Just ask!

Love God, love others?

A vital part of following Jesus is caring for other people. These are SOME of the ways we corporately care for & serve our neighbours, local & global. You may want to get involved!

Prayer

Prayer is sharing your life with God, the good and the bad! We often pray together during our gatherings, sometimes in small groups. You are welcome to ask anyone here to pray with you or help you pray.

Carrical/Servants In Hawthorn Inc

Servants is a state government registered housing provider established by HWBC over 20 years ago. It provides quality long term accommodation to low income single people by managing Carrical house in Mason Street Hawthorn. ☞ Matt M

Zamveka & Family – Malawi

We support Zamveka who is a Malawian pastor who serves people in local villages in one of the poorest countries in the world.

Christian Families – India

We support some local church leaders in Chennai (Madras), who work amongst impoverished families. ☞ Andrew K

Camps and Family Mission

A number of us are deeply involved in Scripture Union outreach, including camps and beach missions. ☞ Kiera or Connie

Time to Man Up?

We all need better fathers, sons, brothers! For local blokes there's breakfasts, pub meets and more. ☞ Mark, Matt M or Justin

Environment/Poverty in General

It's part of our Biblical 'job' to care for our neighbours and the environment. We hope to take action to reduce poverty and the impact of climate change and see the immensity of the challenges. ☞ Jemima

Play Groups

During school term we run early-childhood play groups for kids under 4 years and their parents/carers. Play groups are a lot of fun and a great way to entertain your kids and meet other local parents. ☞ Pat H or Pat C

News and Events

◆ Family Carnival Coming Up

On Sunday 21st March we will be holding our first family community carnival for 2010. These are great events, popular with local kids and families, and a great way to serve our community, and show the love of Jesus to our neighbours. It will take the place of our normal Sunday morning gathering: ☞ Mike to sign up for an activity or stall.

Who's in charge?

What's the deal with no senior pastor?

Our leadership group (aka 'elders'), pastors, and other leaders share the responsibilities of oversight and pastoral care, in submission to Jesus, and with love and respect for each other and our community. We *all* want to rely on Jesus directly for our faith, our spiritual growth and direction, and to be our 'go-between' with God, and we aim to encourage one another in this walk.

Note we are part of the Baptist Union of Victoria (BUV) and seek to abide by the BUV's Duty of Care policy. The elders are your first port of call with any concerns.

Where's the money?

Like the earliest Christians, we aim to share our resources with each other and those in greater need. But unlike many churches we don't normally do this by taking up an offering, (e.g. passing a plate or bag around).

Pooling and sharing our money (and other resources) is part of life for people who are committed to what Jesus is doing through this church, and is not expected of visitors. Of course visitors are welcome to support us if you want to!

What's the money used for? To support our paid staff; to cover costs for our property, equipment & community projects and programs; to support & invest in each other; and to provide assistance to our friends and neighbours in need, such as our overseas partners and organisations.

If you decide to become part of HWBC or just want to support us as a church, you can use direct deposit (or put it in the grey box by the south door) ☞ Dirk