

Dear Prayer Partners,

20/6/02

Thank you all for your prayers over the city, there is a hum of excitement in the air.

Thanks Elizabeth for sending the last newsletter out, it was wonderful and

much has been happening since April.

The battle is hotting up and we do need to hang in there and keep up the

prayer.

Rev John Steele has just returned from the Transformed Communities Conference in Toowoomba with a glowing report. There is an excitement all

across the nation about what is happening in Bendigo. We may not see it

ourselves but we are the talking point as a city being transformed.

As we continue in desperation and commitment to see the hand of God move

through prayer and unity, we will see "Revival".

The half night of prayer on Friday 26th April held at the Eaglehawk Baptist

Church, was very well attended.

Remember, the next half night of prayer will be held on 28th June 2002. (See

below for details).

We have now built relationships with our civic leaders, and unity with many

church leaders, it was exciting to see a strong representation of ministries

from various denominations, coming together last week for a prayer day at

Big Hill. We are also seeing unity as ones come together to pray in the

regional areas eg. Heathcote.

On 4th July we will be resurrecting the weekly 7- 8am prayer time for all

those who desire to pray for our city.

The first of these will be held in the old Fire Station in View Street (next

door to the Capital Theatre). Can we believe that very soon we will need to

book the QEO or the West Bendigo Stadium for a city wide prayer time as is

happening currently in Fiji where they are experiencing a National revival.

Our catch cry to God is "Why not Bendigo"?

Hopefully we don't have to experience the same trauma as Fiji, to become

desperate in prayer.

The next Transformations video is currently being produced which details the

Fijian transformation.

Points for Praise:

1. Bendigo has continued to experience population growth, and a building

boom

2. The vision is spreading throughout the church community.

3. More names will be added to the Pray Bendigo Covenant at the next half night of prayer.

4. Answered prayer for the Mayor, Willi Carney at the Rotoract Park in Bright Street.

Did you know, that Bendigo in Spanish means: "I bless" and in Hebrew "Whom God helps".

Also, even more exciting, "Bendigo" Thompson (William Abednego Thompson of England) whom Bendigo was named after, became a revivalist preacher.

A prophetic statement was shared at a pray Bendigo meeting recently, that Bendigo is an "APOSTOLIC CENTRE WHERE THE BLESSING OF GOD WILL GO OUT FROM".

Prayer Points:

- pray for the Apostolic and prophetic vision for this city to birth in every heart and the word of God to be preached boldly.
- pray for the next phase of the transformed community, revival to break out like spot fires all over the city.
- pray against the spirit behind the tragic loss of lives in this city over the past weeks (10 deaths) and lift up all those who are grieving, that the Lord will comfort them.
- pray that the influence of false religions would be exposed and God's truth would set free those who are held captive in them.
- pray that God's "unstoppable blessings" would be poured out over our city and that we would be an "irresistible influence" in our community.
- pray for the provision of more jobs in our city and growth in the business sector.
- Continue to pray for the following list of Councilors, that they find joy in serving the community and make wise decisions. :

- Mayor, Willi Carney (EAGLEHAWK),
- Rod Fyffe (FORTUNA),
- Greg Williams (EPPALOCK),
- Alan Besley (DIAMOND HILL)
- Daryl McClure (SANDHURST),
- Bruce Phillips (GRASSY FLAT),
- Kevin Gibbons (WHIPSTICK).

- For all the pastors and leaders in this city.
- For the next half night of prayer on 28th June 7:30-12mn at Bendigo Christian Fellowship Eaglehawk Rd. LongGully
- Pray for each other as we continue to intercede.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE/JULY/AUGUST.

Friday 28th June - half night of prayer 7.30pm - Midnight at Bendigo Christian Fellowship, Eaglehawk Rd, Long Gully.

Thursday 4th July - Commencement of City Wide Prayer time for all interested in praying for our city. 7am - 8am at old Fire Station in View Street.

Sunday 14th July 10am at View Hill (Aboriginal and Islander week) with guest speaker, Rev Peter Walker

Monday to Wednesday 5th - 7th August. Speaker - Gill Cann. "How to be the Church of the 21st century in your City." This will be a mini conference available to all, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 7pm - 10pm. (leadership only, 10am - 12 daily).

Yours in Christ's service,  
Lois Barker - Prayer coordinator.