

# Introduction:

As we start the New Year we are going to look at the most important subject we could ever study.

## WORSHIP

We along with many Christian churches can express our reason for being in three clear ways.

- We are here to worship God
- We are here to make disciples
- We are here to share the gospel with the world

The second two reasons for our being are subordinate to the first. Seeking to make disciples, (helping each other to grow to be like Jesus) has an important aspect of care within it but the reason for care and discipleship is that we may bring glory to God, worship. We engage in sharing the gospel so that other people may become Christians and become worshippers. That God's grace be exalted in seeing many finding forgiveness and new life.

So we come to a study of worship on Sunday mornings. We have also felt God call us to a monthly midweek worship time. We are asking our home groups once a month to meet centrally and inviting those not in groups to join. There is nothing more important than to come together and worship our God from the heart.

It is our prayer that during our Sunday morning studies you will discover from the word of God how important worship is. That in our home groups we will be able to encourage each other and that on our monthly meeting we will go to a new level in worship.

# Leadership Team

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# Worship



JANUARY 2010 PROGRAMME

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The logo for Belvedere Baptist Church. It features the name 'Belvedere' in a large, serif font, with 'BAPTIST CHURCH' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the text is a stylized cross symbol, and a red swoosh or wave-like shape curves around the bottom and right side of the text and cross.

# Sunday Teaching

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Morning: 10:30

Worship in Spirit and truth

The essence of worship

Evening: 6:30

1<sup>st</sup> in the series on healing: (communion)

What needs healing?

A look at our person

**10<sup>th</sup>**

Morning: 10:30

You shall love the Lord your God

Worship an issue of obedience

Evening: 6:30

Should I worry about climate change?

**17<sup>th</sup>**

Morning: 10:30

Falling in love with Jesus

Finding the words to say from the heart

Evening: 6:30

Christians Against Poverty

**24<sup>th</sup>**

Morning: 10:30

Worship as life style

Learning how everything is worship

Evening: 6:30

Andrew Turner begins a series on the Beatitudes

**31<sup>st</sup>**

Morning: 10:30

Worshipping God with our money

Finding the joy and release of giving

Evening: 6:30

An evening of prayer

# Home group notes

This month we have home groups three times on weeks commencing 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

## WEEK ONE:

We are encouraging each group to share in communion together and pray for each other at the beginning of a new year.

We often make New Year resolutions. Take some time sharing personal spiritual goals, and hopes and dreams for us as a fellowship.

Encourage group members to make notes on Sunday and bring questions.

## WEEK TWO:

Look at the story of Jesus with the woman at the well. John 4:1-26.

- What does it mean to worship in spirit and truth?
- What do we learn about places of worship and attitude in worship?
- Do you think there is a link between worship and living water?
- Read Psalm 42 Discuss together what this has to teach us about our attitude to worship.
- Ask group members to come next week ready to lead in a short act of worship. Discuss how you might do this.

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## WEEK THREE

Encourage members to lead in prepared acts of worship.

Spend some time discussing the three morning talks so far on worship. Please feed back to Frank and Andrew any questions.

Look at Matt 15:1-20

- What do you feel this passage can teach us about our worship today?
- How do you feel we could better facilitate worship from the heart in our meetings?

Look at Romans 12:1&2

- Worship as lifestyle. How do you feel we can worship on Monday?
- What practical steps can we take to help the renewing of our minds?

Check out the web site:

[www.belvederebaptist.org](http://www.belvederebaptist.org)

for more home groups helps.

## WED 27<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP EVENING

During 2010 we are calling our church to unite in worship. The last Wednesday of every month will be a time for us to join together in worship. Home groups will meet centrally that week and we encourage those who are not linked into home groups to come along as well.

The focus is worship – to exalt our God for an hour.

Come NOW IS THE TIME FOR WORSHIP