

Matters for Prayer

- Kate Appleby • Australian Christian Lobby • Herald of Hope
- Christian Blind Mission • The Crow family, Goroka, PNG
- Jacob Damkani, Trumpet of Salvation, Israel
- Island Outreach Ministries, Bohol, Philippines
- Maranatha Christian School, Talibon, Philippines
- Samaritan's Purse & Operation Christmas Child
- Pascal and Rebekah Somandin, MAF
- Lael and Laura Luxford, South Sudan
- Sri Lankan Fellowship • Korean Fellowship
- Those sick amongst the fellowship • 2018 Conference
- That the Gospel will continue to be proclaimed through Capital Bible Church

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Proclaiming Christ, Teaching and Living in the Word of God

Newsletter – December 2017



Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith
Hebrews 12:2

Please join us on Sunday for the service
and for morning tea and fellowship

Thoughts on the Scriptures

How Many Wise Men? *By PJ Stringfellow*

Matthew 2:1-2 *Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."*

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we travel afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.*

As we sing in this Carol there were three wise men that came to visit the baby Jesus on that day of His birth... right?... Well wrong.

Matthew 2 tells us that there were wise men (plural not singular) and in verse 9 we read how 'they' left King Herod after seeking to know where the king was born. We know there was more than one wise man but was there three? Scripture never gives a number. There could have been two, three, four or four hundred. Probably not that many but we don't know. They brought three gifts; Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh, and it is because of this fact that some assume three men.

What we do know is that wise men from the East, most likely Babylon. During the Babylonian exile, many Jews became prominent in society, men like Daniel were held in esteem. The wise men who came could have been descendants from such men who had stayed behind in Babylon or they could have been men who had learned from the Jewish scriptures passage that spoke of the coming messiah. Passages like Numbers 24:17.

These men came out of their way and at great cost to themselves to give honour and praise to the Messiah, the new born King. Let's remember, this Christmas, to give all honour and praise to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

December at Capital Bible Church

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 3 rd	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10 am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Ian Daley Morning Tea: TBA
Tuesday 5 th	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Sunday 10 th	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving
	11.30 am	Fellowship Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 12 th	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Sunday 17 th	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: PJ Stringfellow Morning Tea: TBA
Tuesday 19 th	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Sunday 24 th	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Morning Tea: TBA
Sunday 31 st	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Morning Tea: TBA

How then shall we live? 2018 Conference

Join us on the 16th-18th February 2018 as, Pastor Anton Bosch from LA, USA, speaks on how we should live in light of the imminent return of Christ.

Details can be found at: <http://errandboyforjesus.org/conference>

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