

# SBC News

## Mark Series 2: Responding to Jesus

We will be continuing the second part of our series on the gospel of Mark throughout February & March in the lead up to Easter. As Jesus turns towards the cross, He reveals more of Himself & His priorities, & further challenges us about our response.

We will need to ask ourselves, do we know the real Jesus or are we clinging on to a "pretend Jesus" that reflects more of our personal preferences or our imagination. The real Jesus from the Bible makes big calls on our lives & our practical response will reflect what we really believe about the Saviour.

## Baptism Service / Church Lunch 19th Feb

We plan to hold the worship service in the lower hall on the 19th of Feb so we can celebrate the work of God amongst us through the symbol of baptism.

We will also have a church lunch that day, so please invite friends & family to join with us on this special occasion.



## Connect Group Studies

We will be finishing our series on 1John focusing on True Love (1John4) and True Confidence (1John5) in the first half of the month. Then we plan to continue our evangelism series from "The Reason for God" where we try to answer common questions such as why does God allow suffering, why is there evil in the world, & are all religions & spirituality just the same? Please feel free to join either group, get to know the Bible & each other better!

7.30 pm Tuesday / Mike & Nic's (0412 522 342)

7.30 pm Thursday / David & Bridget's (0434 121 822)

# February 2012

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	31 Connect 1John study #6	1 Playtime	2 Connect 1John study #6	3	4	5 SS, PM, 11 am, 5 pm
6	7 Connect 1John study #7	8 Playtime	9 Connect 1John study #7	10 PiYouth	11	12 SS, PM, 11 am
13	14 Connect Reason for God #3	15 Playtime	16 Connect Reason for God #3	17 PiYouth	18	19 SS, PM, 11 am, Baptism & Lunch
20	21 Men	22 Playtime	23 Women	24 PiYouth	25 Epicurious	26 SS, PM, 11 am
27	28 Connect Reason for God #4	29 Playtime	1 Connect Reason for God #4	2 PiYouth	3	4 SS, PM, 11 am, 5 pm

## SBC Ministries

**Church Prayer:** is on at 9.30 am every Sunday during term time and provides an opportunity to pray for God to work amongst us & through the community for His glory. None of our other activities will succeed in our own strength or ability, so please prioritize church prayer in your diary to call upon the grace & help of God.

**Sunday School:** remember our children who will be taught by Elissa, Hannah & Pete, and pray that the Lord would bring each one of them into the Kingdom of God.

**Youth:** Andrew & Hillary are preparing to study Jeremiah for 1st term and also planning for the annual KYCK weekend in the mountains. Please pray for relationships between youth, the leaders & a desire for all to be more like the Servant-King Jesus.

**Playtime:** is on 10-12 Wed during term time & a great opportunity for parents of young children to support one another & to serve those in the community.

**Men:** will be starting a study series on being a biblical man this year covering topics such as temptation, singleness, family, work leisure & church life. We also have meals & other activities planned. The first meeting is 7.30 Tues 21 Feb in the hall.

**Women:** will commence on 23 Feb & meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The women will go through various topics relevant to women & also have social outings throughout the year.

**Epicurious:** young adults meet for fellowship on the last Saturday of each month.

**Lord's Supper:** will be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. **Twilight** will be 5pm on the first Sunday of the month & **Church Lunch** will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

### DATES FOR 2012

*Put these in your diaries today*

**Men's:** **Tuesday 21 Feb**, 20 Mar, 15 May, 19 Jun, 17 Jul, 21 Aug, 18 Sep, 16 Oct, 20 Nov

**Women's:** **Thursday 23 Feb**, 22 Mar, 17 May, 21 Jun, 19 Jul, 23 Aug, 20 Sep, 18 Oct, 22 Nov

**Epicurious:** Last Saturday of the month, **25 Feb**, 31 Mar, 28 Apr, 26 May, 30 Jun, 28 Jul, 25 Aug, 29 Sep, 27 Oct, 24 Nov

**Youth**—every Friday night during school term

**Workdays:** Saturday 3 Mar, 19 May, 18 Aug, 17 Nov

## SBC Prayer Points

Pray for the **focus of our church** to be on Jesus, and that our priority would be to see His kingdom extended & His glory revealed in our city in 2012.

As a fellowship, may we **increase in unity, love and peace**, and may we invite more of the community to experience the grace of God amongst us.

May we be disciplined in the **reading, study & application of God's word** in our lives. Pray that we are transformed by the Spirit by His Word day by day.

**Pray for our city**, that Sydney would be frustrated by the futility of busyness & feel the emptiness of her superficial beauty. May many turn to God for mercy & grace, & find forgiveness & new life in the Savior.

Pray for those who are **unwell** & also those **looking for work** in the church. May the Lord provide patience, perseverance & hope for those who need help.

Give thanks & remember all **those who serve** in the church, from crèche to preaching, from cleaning to leading in music, & everything in between!

## Prayer for other churches

### Samford Baptist Church, QLD

It was great to be able to catch up with Andrew & Anne Elliott during the holidays & see the Samford church growing since our last visit.

Please give thanks for the new families (especially with young children), that they may settle & be committed to the work of the church in Samford.

Please pray for a spirit of unity & a desire to reach the semi rural community around the church.

Please pray for leaders to be raised up in the church, and for everyone in the church to use their gifts & talents for God's glory.

Remember Andrew & Anne in prayer, for protection, provision & perseverance.

## February Daily Reading

Feb 1: [Ex 27-28; Matt 21:1-22](#)  
Feb 2: [Ex 29-30; Matt 21:23-46](#)  
Feb 3: [Ex 31-33; Matt 22: 1-22](#)  
Feb 4: [Ex 34-35; Matt 22:23-46](#)  
Feb 5: [Ex 36-38; Matt 23:1-22](#)  
Feb 6: [Ex 39-40; Matt 23:23-39](#)  
Feb 7: [Lev 1-3; Matt 24:1-28](#)  
Feb 8: [Lev 4-5; Matt 24:29-51](#)  
Feb 9: [Lev 6-7; Matt 25:1-30](#)  
Feb 10: [Lev 8-10; Matt 25:31-46](#)  
Feb 11: [Lev 11-12; Matt 26:1-25](#)  
Feb 12: [Lev 13; Matt 26:26-50](#)  
Feb 13: [Lev 14; Matt 26:51-75](#)  
Feb 14: [Lev 15-16; Matt 27:1-26](#)  
Feb 15: [Lev 17-18; Matt 27:27-50](#)  
Feb 16: [Lev 19-20; Matt 27:51-66](#)  
Feb 17: [Lev 21-22; Matt 28](#)  
Feb 18: [Lev 23-24; Mark 1:1-22](#)  
Feb 19: [Lev 25; Mark 1:23-45](#)  
Feb 20: [Lev 26-27; Mark 2](#)  
Feb 21: [Num 1-2; Mark 3:1-19](#)  
Feb 22: [Num 3-4; Mark 3:20-35](#)  
Feb 23: [Num 5-6; Mark 4:1-20](#)  
Feb 24: [Num 7-8; Mark 4:21-41](#)  
Feb 25: [Num 9-11; Mark 5:1-20](#)  
Feb 26: [Num 12-14; Mark 5:21-43](#)  
Feb 27: [Num 15-16; Mark 6:1-29](#)  
Feb 28: [Num 17-19; Mark 6:30-56](#)