

Word Puzzle
Habakkuk 2:1-3

R E V E L A T I O N E C
W A I T L P V S Y K L T
T H E N E P P L A I N H
S T A T I O N M R S V O
L R E P L I E D A P L U
O Y S T A N D E M E I G
R P P T A T T L P A N H
D P R O V E K A A K G R
H E R A L D A Y R S E F
C O M P L A I N T W R A
O O T A B L E T S I T L
E P M L O O K N P K M S
G I V E A W A I T S A E

I will **stand** at my watch and **station** myself on the **ramparts**; I will **look** to see what he will say to me, and what **answer** I am to **give** to this **complaint**. **Then** the **LORD replied**: "Write down the **revelation** and **make** it **plain** on **tablets** so that a **herald** may run with it. For the **revelation awaits** an **appointed time**; it **speaks** of the end and will not **prove false**. **Though** it **linger**, **wait** for it; it will **certainly come** and will not **delay**.

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NTCOG NEWS

January 2011

Please read this newsletter carefully, make a note of the regular meetings, the special dates on the enclosed diary and make every effort to attend.

Weekly Meetings

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Popley Fields Community Centre

Carpenters Down

Popley

RG24 9AE

Monday Prayer Meeting

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday Bible Study

8:00 p.m.

Thursday – Open Door

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Our Mission

To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the local community in a powerful, practical and relevant way.

To encourage every member of the Church to develop their God given ministry and to fulfil their potential.

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Welcome To 2011

As we begin a New Year we have an opportunity to celebrate the things that went well during the previous year and consider what we can do to make the coming year even better. 2010 was a good year for the Church in Basingstoke but we cannot afford to become complacent if 2011 is to be even better!

During 2010 we experienced spiritual and numerical growth and now we need to make sure that we continue moving in this direction. To do this we must make more effort during 2011 in the following areas:

1. **Prayer** – every one of us needs to ensure that we have an active personal prayer life. We also need to make a stronger commitment to the weekly corporate prayer meeting. Prayer is a vital ministry in any Church and if we are committed to growth we must be more committed to prayer. Paul encourages us to “pray without ceasing” 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NASB).
2. **Bible Study** – it is not enough to simply read the Bible we need to study it as individuals and as a Church. The Bible is God's Word to us and if we truly want to understand God we must take time to understand His Word.
Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 (NASB)
To help us all to better understand the Bible will be restarting our Weekly Bible Studies on Tuesday 11th January following the Teaching Meeting with Kevin Shaw on Saturday 8th January.
3. **Evangelism** – during 2011 we need to find more ways to share our faith with others as individuals and as a Church. Individually we need to pray that God will give

us opportunities to tell our friends, neighbours, co-workers and others we meet about Jesus and what He has done for us. As a Church we need to consider ways that we can reach out to our community to tell them about Jesus' love for them.

And He (Jesus) said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” Mark 16:15 (NASB)

All of this will require each of us to be more committed in 2011 to God, ourselves, the Church and each other. We need to be more committed to God, especially to the plan that He has for our lives. ‘For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.’ Jeremiah 29:11 (NASB)

We need to be more committed to ourselves, especially to our personal spiritual growth. We cannot expect to grow as Christians if we do not have the self discipline to keep away from the things that are bad for us and to spend more time doing the things that are good for us.

We need to be more committed to the Church because God has put us together to help and encourage each other. As individuals we need a healthy Church and as a Church we need spiritually strong individuals it is simply impossible to have one without the other.

Finally, we need to be more committed to each other, we have been called to be together and as Paul says:

...if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. 1 Corinthians 12:26 (NASB)

Pastor Graham

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