# SWOT REPORT



#### What is SWOT?

The South West Outreach Team (SWOT) are a team of Christians who travel by car to our south-west agricultural towns once or twice a week to encourage and pray with local believers. SWOT began some six years ago when Pastor Brian Whitehurst retired from pastoring churches and was "nudged" by God to ministry in the Great Southern. SWOT's vision is to light a small fire in each of the south west towns and then to call upon the Holy Spirit to fan these flames into one large flame, engulfing the south west in the fire of revival. The vision is reflected in the Team's logo.

Ps Brian Whitehurst SWOT Founder



# Message from Geoff Pittuck

Greetings Dear Praying Supporters, We thank you for your continued prayers. It is becoming evident that drugs such as ICE are being pushed in the schools and in every dark corner. Youth unemployment and a sense of worthlessness is in epidemic proportions. The only solution is Jesus and for all of us to be praying without ceasing.

Please join us in prayer us as we reach out into the South-West of Western Australia to help those on the front line bring Jesus to the lost and make the life changing difference. May our Lord and Saviour bless you as you remember us in prayer.

### WILLIAMS, Thursday, 23 March, 2017

Pastor Joe O'Donovan and his wife, Glennis, joined us for our monthly fellowship and prayer meeting in Williams. We made good time from Perth and arrived a little early. Vern Sattler was waiting expectantly for us with the kettle on and coffee mugs ready.

Vern had previously put out a church notice advising the congregation of the SWOT visit. We were a little disappointed that Vern was the only person representing the diocese for the district but God reminds us that where two or more are gathered together, He is in the midst. And so with the Lord in our midst we entered into His courts with a time of praise and worship using The Australian Prayer Book, as had become the custom.

Specific prayers were petitioned for a minister to shepherd the diocese, for strongholds to be broken, for healings and deliverance.

Vern had witnessed to a back-packer who had recently been working for him on the farm. We offered up prayers for the back-packer's salvation, that the seeds now planted would die and germinate bringing forth a new life in Christ.

We prayed also for Vern reading from Isaiah 61.

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me to Preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted. To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to whose who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviiness; That they may be called tress of rightousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

Petition was made for a buyer for Vern's property in Dandaragan and that the buyer would be blessed in purchasing the property.

Prayer is needed for unity of the churches in the district. Psalm 133

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethen to dwell together in unity...For there the Lord commanded the blessing - Life forevermore.



#### BEVERLEY, Wednesday, 5 April, 2017

Mavis Shadbolt from Eternal Life Ministeries, Canning Vale, joined us for our monthly meeting at Beverley. Annie lead us in worship on the guitar accompanied by her husband, Tim, on the harmonica. How sweet was the sound and tangible the presence of the Holy Spirit as we worshipped *Yeshua HaMashiach* (Hebrew for Jesus Christ).



Annie spoke about Yeshua being a consuming fire, the wind of change being witnessed in the country, fanned by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Annie shared from 2 Kings 3.16 regarding victory over the Moabites, i.e. the enemy of this world.

"Thus says the Lord: "You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink". And this is a simple matter in the sight of the Lord."

The Moabites rose up early in the morning and the sun was shining on the water' and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood. And they said, "This is blood; the kings have surely struck swords and have killed one another, now therefore, Moab, to the spoil".

However, when the Moabites came to the camp of Israel the Israelites rose up and attacked the Moabites so that they fled before them; and they entered the land killing the Moabites.

This was not a hard thing for the Lord!

Following worship Geoff lead us in a short study on the passion of Christ. Emphasis was made that Christ was fully a man. Geoff spoke about Zechariah 6.12 and how Pontius Pilate used the words "Behold the man" - when presenting Jesus of Nazareth to a hostile crowd ahead of his crucifixion (John 19.5).

"Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH!
From His place He shall branch out,
And he shall build the temple of the Lord;
Yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord.
He shall bear the glory,
And shall sit and rule on His throne;
So He shall be a priest on His throne,
And the counsel of peace shall between them both."
Zechariah 6.12

An encouraging and heartfelt time of discussion ensured. Our time in Bevelery concluded with interecessary prayer and warm fellowship. We returned to Perth glowing from the blessings of our meeting in Beverley, praising the Lord for such a heartening morning.

#### WILLIAMS, Thursday, 27 April, 2017

Pastor Joe O'Donovan joined us for our meeting with Vern Sattler. On our way to Williams we witnessed a lot of grain trucks on the road. This was to be expected. The farmers are now preparing to seed. Despite the heavy traffic we made good time and arrived at the Anglican Church in Williams precisely at 10.00 am.

Our dear brother Vern had much news to convey to us. A time of discussion, deep fellowship and loving encouragement ensured. Pastor Joe spoke about God's righteousness.

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**Isaiah 61.10** 

We were also exhorted to put on the full armour of God.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Ephesians 6.10-13

Being further exhorted, Pastor Joe brought the Word from Colossians 3.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, yourselves clothe compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive on another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Colossians 3.12-15

Our time of prayer was heartfelt. As Warden of the church, Vern has much to contend with. Your prayers for this congregation and their dear Warden are much coveted.

Our time with Vern passed all too quickly and as we had spent more time in Williams than usual, it was gone midday before we departed for Narrogin.



I know now Lord, why
you utter no answer. You
are yourself the answer.
Before your face
questions die away.
What other answer would
suffice.

C S Lewis



Melons that
have grown as a
result of recent
rains, rotting in
the sun. A
scourge to the
farmers who are
preparing the
soil for seeding.

## Narrogin, Thursday, 27 April, 2017

Gary Johnson was waiting on the porch for us as we turned into his drive-way. We were ushered outside to once again enjoy the ambience and beauty of his orchard, basking in in the warm, autumn sunshine.

Gary's daughter, Margaret, had attended her first ball. Proudly Gary showed us a photo of a very attractive young lady in her ball gown. Sadly, Gary informed us, Margaret was not enjoying her final years at high school. Violence and drugs was rife at the high school. Gary pointed out that there was no alternative high school that Margaret could attend.

We were greeted with some good news though. Gary was ministering to a man who is looking at moving to Wickepin. This may be the lead that we have been seeking the Lord for into the town of Wickepin.

With a deep passion to see souls saved Gary prayed earnestly for his community. With so many people deeply affected by drugs, alcohol abuse and violence and the breakdown of relationships as a consequence, the needs in this township are great.

We departed Gary for a quick lunch stop at a local cafe. At 2.00pm we decided that here was insufficient time on this occasion for us to proceed to Popanyinning to meet with our dear friends, Sam and Jenny Maughan. We agreed that we would include them in our next visit to Wickepin in May. Departing Narrogin we took the picturesque road home via Wandering.

Our dear SWOT Founder, Pastor Brian Whitehurst would always ask the question at the end of each outreach trip, "What have we achieved today?" As had now become the custom, we asked ourselves: "What did we achieve today?" We had been blessed through Vern Sattler and Gary Johnson and we felt encouraged. With prayer and thanksgiving we had made our requests known to God. We unanimously concluded that the Lord was greatly to be praised.

### PRAYER POINTS

The vision of SWOT is to see the flames of the Holy Spirit engulf the country in revival. Revival happens when people turn to God. It comes forth from intercessary prayer. People repent and are changed. Revival happens wherever the Word of God prevails. The Word tells us that God confirms His Word with signs and wonders (Mark 16.20). Revival is spontaneous and it happens when the Spirit of God moves amongst the people. Please pray in agreement for revival across this nation.

#### Continue to pray for:

The Dioceces in Williams and specifically for Vern Sattler.

The Cunderdin Christian Fellowship

Continued healing for Terry Robinson and Jenny Maughan

For the respective ministeries of:

- Judy Davis (Northam)
- Claire Marinis (Northam)
- Gary Johnson (Narrogin)
- Sam and Jenny Maughan (Popanyinning)

The Lord's favour for a connection with the Christians in Wickepin. The SWOT team for good health, favour, safety in all their travels, for the ears of their hearts to be open to the Lord's direction, guidance and leading, to be full of the spirit, and in love, conduits of blessing wherever they find themselves.



The Angilican bell, Williams