

# SWOT REPORT

## *What is SWOT?*

The **South West Outreach Team** (SWOT) is 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 Margaret Pittuck*

Greetings Praying Friends,

As we travel the country regions we witness the yearly grain season; ploughing, seeding, fertilising and eventually the harvest. There is a sense in the spiritual that the Lord is about to release a bumper crop and we need to ask ourselves, are we ready. As we earnestly pray for revival, the question we need to ask is, are we ready for the floodgates to be opened. The only way we can be ready is to live daily in Him, seeking the Lord's wisdom to steward and disciple the bumper crop. Again, we thank our faithful intercessors who travel with us in prayer. Truly, the fields are white for the harvest.

May God bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.



## **BEVERLEY, Wednesday, 6 September 2017**

Brian Lownes from Mustard Seed Community Church, Mavis Shadbolt from Eternal Life Ministries, Canning Vale and our one year old grandson, Arlo Kay, accompanied us to Beverley for the monthly bible study meeting. We were greeted by Terry as we drove up the driveway to the news that Glenda had collapsed in the kitchen twenty minutes prior and he was about to rush Glenda to the hospital.

Being greeted with such terrible news we prayed for Glenda prior to worship and again during the message brought by Brian Lownes. Brian gave us a brief outline of his life and his love for the country. Many years ago Brian was a Foursquare Pastor in Kulin. Brian retired from full time work in February, 2017 and is seeking the Lord for this new season of his life. The message was inspired by Micah 6.8 as a result of reflection on the dire state of the world and current news.

*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

This pattern of thinking lead Brian to think about the fruits of the spirit. From here the group looked at the fruits of the spirit and spoke about each fruit individually.

During the meeting Terry returned from the hospital but had no news of Glenda. Being concerned, Terry was anxious to get back to the hospital so departed from us after a quick time of coffee, cake and fellowship with instructions for Bev to lock the house after us.

That evening we rang Terry to hear news of Glenda and were very thankful to the Lord that Glenda was suffering only from an inner ear infection that antibiotics would cure and not a stroke, as some had suspected.

Our return journey to Perth was with concern for Glenda but we were also full of praise for how well Terry was looking despite the advanced cancer.



## WILLIAMS, Thursday, 14 September 2017

Our driver for the day was Brian Lownes (Mustard Seed Community Church). What a treat it was for Geoff to have the day off from driving. A treat also to be able to witness the magnificent vistas of colour from the wildflowers in the native bush to the intensive yellow of the canola in full bloom. Every season in the country has its beauty but spring surpasses them all.

Vern Sattler and Jo Fowler greeted us at the door of the church hall. After a reviving cup of coffee we entered into a time of praise and worship.

Jo suggested we read the small book of Jude. What a revelation it was to us, and how timely to read this letter written for the church in the end times.

Of Jude's letter, Chuck Missler writes:

Jude's letter deals with evil works as evidence of apostasy. Why must we contend for the faith? Because there are tares among the wheat, false brethren have stolen into the church, and the saints are in peril, all due to the doctrines of demons. We live in uniquely challenging times and this little book is truly essential for the unique challenges facing us today."

Following the study of God's word we spent time in prayer beseeching the Lord for the church and community in Williams. Although the morning remained cold the sun was shining. The blossoms were in full bloom and what a wonderful backdrop they were to our Williams photo.



## NARROGIN, Thursday, 14 September 2017

The distance of 32 kilometres from Williams to Narrogin was quickly covered and before we knew it we were once again driving into Garry Johnson's drive. To our delight, Gary had once more made us scones and as it was such a glorious day, we sat outside in the orchard. What a contrast to our last visit in August when we had sat huddled around the wood fire to keep warm.



Since our last visit Gary had been busy hosting family, all of whom had returned home the previous day. Gary's daughter, Margaret, was due to depart in a week on her school excursion to USA. Whilst we were chatting Gary received a call from the school to collect Margaret as she was unwell. It was lovely to meet Margaret once again although we were sorry she was feeling under the weather. We spent time praying for Margaret, for Gary and his ministry, and for the community of Narrogin and surrounds.

All too soon it was 1.45pm. We continued to savour the fine weather by stopping off in the Dyandra forest for a quick picnic lunch before our return to Perth.



## BEVERLEY, Wednesday, 4 October, 2017

Our granddaughter, Abbie and once again, Mavis Shadbolt from Eternal Life Ministries joined us on our monthly trip to Beverley. Abbie, never having been in the country wanted to see the fields of yellow canola her Nana and Grandad had so explicitly explained to her but that season had regrettably already passed. The canola was no longer flowering. Instead Abbie had to be content with wildflowers and lush green vistas as we drove through the picturesque countryside to Beverley. This time Glenda, fully recovered, greeted us when we arrived.

There were sixteen of us in Terry and Glenda's home, praising and worshipping Yahweh. It was good to see Annie and Tim once again having returned from their trip. They lead us in worship with Annie on the guitar and Tim on the harmonica. The presence of the Lord was tangible and as the Holy Spirit moved, some were perceptibly touched.

Geoff brought a message entitled *"Arise and Shine - The Light of the World"* from Isaiah 60:1-3. Jesus called himself "The Light of the World" and in John 8 likened himself to a beacon that illuminated the way of God. In Matthew 5 in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us we are a light unto the world. He tells us that it is important that we shine our light for those around us to see.

The message fitted unmistakably with all that was happening in the world around us, in particular, the same sex marriage survey. As children of the light, now more than ever, we need to stand firm on our beliefs and not put our lamp under a basket. Some people opened up and spoke intrinsically from their hearts.

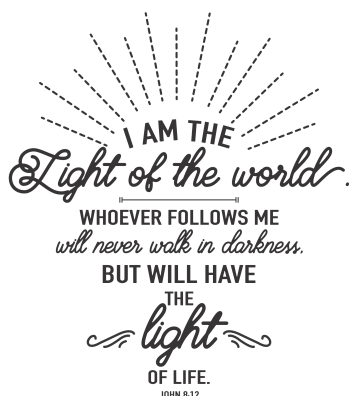
Annie and Tim reported briefly on their trip and the many blessings and God opportunities the Lord opened up for them as they travelled, firstly to the north-west and then to central Australia. We were all blessed.

As it was by this time well and truly after 12 noon, a time of prayer followed. We prayed corporately and individually for needs. It was after 1pm before we bade our farewells and returned to Perth.



Above - Annie and Tim Schuoler

Below - Mavis Shadbolt, and Abbie in a wheatfield.



### *What is the light to shine toward?*

The true motive is not to be seen, but that our heavenly Father may be lifted up, honoured and glorified.

Our light should be a light from Jesus, reflected back to Him. People need to know that what we do, we do for the glory of God.



# Prayer Points

**Please continue to pray for :**

A great move of the Holy Spirit across the country.

The wardens of the Anglican Church, Williams. Please pray for favour and anointing as they reach out to their community.

The Lord's favour for a connection with the Christians in Wickepin.

Terry Robinson gives heartfelt thanks to the Lord every morning he awakes and every time we meet. He praises God for every precious day the Lord gifts him, not taking one of them for granted. Please pray that the cancerous cells in Terry's body be cast out and replaced with good ones; for quality of life, for Glenda, his wife, that all the glory and all the praise for the miracle of Terry's life, be unto the Lord. We give thanks that the Lord has blessed Terry and Glenda with a large home, a home that they willingly open up and warmly welcome us into each month. Praise God for His goodness and pray a blessing on this home and family.

Please continue to pray for Gary Johnson, for his ministry in Narrogin and Wickepin, for guidance and direction for the future as his ward/foster daughter will soon reach of age. Please pray for his ward/foster daughter, Margaret, for her future studies/career and that she remains steadfast in the Lord. Please pray for a covering of protection and an outpouring of blessing on Gary's home and family.

Please remember the Maughan's in Popanyinning. They too seek guidance and direction for their future. Jenny has dementia and Sam is struggling to work in the business and care for Jenny. Please pray for their good health and prosperity. The Maughan's plan, God willing, on a short strategic holiday to Sydney at the end of the year and have requested prayer that the few days shared with family will be a blessed one.

As always, the SWOT team covet your prayers as they travel, for obedience to the Holy Spirit, for open hearts and ears to the Lord's leading, guidance and direction. Please pray for an anointing as they pray and bring the Word, for breakthroughs and healings and salvations, for the Word to be accompanied by signs and wonders. (Mark 16:20)

