

The Campbells to Wales

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Upcoming Events

Craft Morning 1 March

Sending Church

Battlefield Baptist Church
4361 Lee Hwy
Warrenton, VA 20187



Chapel Christmas Fellowship Dinner at a local restaurant (19 in attended).



Holywell Christmas Light Switch-On information table (Mary on left).



Thirty seven came out for our Carol Service – including 9 visitors!

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

1 Corinthians 3:6

Thank you for your prayers and support !

Nov \$100

Dec \$100

Specials

Pastor Grieme and Central Baptist Church,
Pob bendith i chi yn 2019! (Every blessing to you in 2019!)

In Christ,
David Campbell



Update: Holywell

We wish you a belated *Blwyddyn Newydd Dda* (Happy New Year) from Wales. As we look back over 2018 we are reminded of the Lord's faithfulness to us. We have seen our chapel grow in number and in impact in Holywell. We were blessed to baptize another believer in obedience to the Lord's command. We have had a number of visitors to our services and our community continues to accept us (though still warily at times). All we can do is live Christ before them and let God do the rest.

2019 is upon us and we are excited at the challenges ahead this year. We will be emphasizing our developing children's ministry and continuing our community outreach. Like many ministries we are learning that there is time between sowing seed and

reaping fruit. We are encouraged by the small steps but look forward to the bigger ones. We thank you for your prayers – we cannot be doing what we are doing without your support!

Autumn ended on a positive note with the return of one of our members who left to see what other chapels had to offer – he came back after seeing what was out there. We have also been blessed that another man, Len, started attending in October after seeing our chapel information. He has been coming faithfully since. We will be discussing formal membership with him in the coming months. As we moved into Christmas, we had a good turn-out for our **Chapel Christmas Dinner** at a local restaurant and I was able to share a word of encouragement from God

at Christmas time – God has not forgotten us; He keeps His promises; He loves us!

A number of the members gathered to help decorate the chapel for Christmas. Those times of working together help to build unity in the chapel.

Our reworking of **Fantastic Fridays!** for primary school ages is coming along well. We have 4 attending and the promise of more. We may have a few to take to summer camp in July this year! We are really excited at that prospect!

Our Sunday evening **SHOWTIME** movie outreach continues slowly. Though it was intended to be an outreach ministry, at the moment it is being a blessing to the Christians who come. Their faith is built up and encouraged by the movies we have seen and the discussions afterward.

Nadolig yngh Nghymru (Christmas in Wales) ...

The annual Christmas light switch-on in Holywell was well attended this year. We set up a portable gazebo (it did rain) over our information table decked out with Christmas tracts and information brochures. We played Christmas carols while projecting the lyrics on the back of the gazebo (for a sing along). It was a great venue to meet people and we were able to give away several Bibles – which we had gift

wrapped ahead of time. While numbers were about the same as last year for our **Christmas Eve Carol Service** we had 9 visitors, including a man from our Welsh class, the owner of the chippy down from the chapel, and 5 members of the family of a young man who holds a drama club in our chapel (something new we are trying in the chapel). A lesson from the mission field: we handed out over 1,000 invitation post cards through door

letter boxes yet all but 2 of our visitors came as a result of a personal invitation. We will still distribute literature through doors but it emphasizes the importance of personal invitations. On a personal note, our son, Ben and his wife, Sara, received an early Christmas present with the birth of their second child (aka our second grandchild), Reese just a few days before Christmas! Mother, daughter, father and sister are doing fine.