

Focus on Fetteresso

This weekend was devoted to a session of all age worship with an emphasis on activities for the young. Sunday morning worship was lead by Doug Horley and his team. The front rows of chairs were removed, the space was filled with children, the choir were decanted from the loft and every seat in the church was occupied.

The church has been running a programme of Christian learning through participation and fun utilising material from "Duggie Dug Dug" for a number of years. Much of the inspiration for the themes in events like Supersonics has been taken from Doug's footprint. The material is aimed at the younger age group; however that has not prevented the whole congregation from continuing to be young at heart. This was the opportunity to see the man behind the inspiration in action.

Doug accompanied by Belinda his wife and Pete as a break-dancer held a training workshop for young leaders on Saturday afternoon, followed by a praise party in the evening. The theme was that of encouragement in Christian faith through being happy.

Doug's mission is to provide a fast moving mixture of action songs, dance, tricks, illusions, puppets, praise and worship. The event lived up to expectation, with lots of congregational participation plus a hefty measure of fun and laughter thrown in, to make a colourful and exciting celebration for kids and grown ups.

Doug's message was to demonstrate the deep and everlasting love of God. In that love we have a link between God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and ourselves, God is always there and will answer us when he is ready. This was achieved through testimony, demonstrations, audience participation illustrations, tricks and even a video showing the power of competing together.

The congregation participated through praise and worship; the ever-popular Fetteresso puppets backed up the event.

The evening service was led by Keith Stewart and addressed by Robert Bell. The message focussed on Paul's letter to the Romans 15 v 3&4. In this passage Paul wrote to a small embryonic church that were looking to find an identity in the heart of the hostile Roman Empire. The emphasis was on leaning upon the teaching from the Old Testament, which will give endurance in the face of adversity and encouragement to proceed. Robert took as an example the Christian like qualities that were shown by Sir Ernest Shackletons team while they endured their adventures in the Antarctic. The bible and the church are there to build us up in faith such that we will not be knocked down by life's traumatic moments.

Within the intimations are: -

- Another Alpha Group commences this week; there are still opportunities to join it. Contact Brenda Robertson
- The Boys Brigade has commenced activities again where boys are welcome in all three sections.