



## Whyalla Baptist Church

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Ken is a preacher who has the ability to communicate on many different levels. He teaches from a great depth of knowledge and understanding, yet has the skill to use language that is understood by all. He goes to great lengths to help people to understand scripture in context. In both conferences and preaching on a Sunday he grounds everything he does and says in sound doctrine and theology. He has the ability to use humour to connect with people without it detracting from the important topics he is discussing.

Ken keeps things real, and audiences are kept engaged. We have had Ken visit 4 times now, and there are people who have been to every conference, and ask when he's coming back. I think that says a lot about his ability to connect with people, as well as his style and content.

Ken's message content shows a great level of engagement with not only the passage, but also study and application from other scholars. He is quick to acknowledge others in what he has researched, a quality I admire. Ken comes across as a man who has spent a lot of time in the Scriptures, reading, studying and praying.

Ken shows great respect for the local church. He is from a different denomination, yet ensures he understands our history and background, in a broad sense but also more locally, and treats it with respect. He teaches with respect to leaders locally, in that he will check what we want him to bring that will grow us rather than just bringing a generic teaching. I know at least once he has written conference material specifically because it was what we wanted/needed at the time.

There have been times when Ken, at our request, has spent time with our leaders or a specific group, giving them teaching, training and ministry. This is highly valuable and goes a long way to build the body here.

On a Sunday when Ken has taken the pulpit here he has always fitted in with what we would normally do. He checks how long we expect him to teach and whether we want him to have a ministry time. He has never assumed that how it was before is how it will be this time, and always seeks clarity so that he and we are in unity.

He has led many times of ministry here. Even in those times he seeks to teach and train others. He will encourage people to be involved in ministry, but is always watching things to ensure that people are treated well. As a result of these times we have seen people encouraged to pray for others with good effect. We have seen many people set free in deliverance, with an obvious on-going growth in their faith. We had one woman who had been diagnosed with two separate types of cancer have one type disappear, and the other was much simpler to treat than doctors had expected. There are others who have had knee/shoulder/back pain healed and freedom of movement returned. We had one who had severe anxiety set free to the point of being able to return to work.

I highly commend Ken and his ministry to you.

Lesley Maxwell

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