

Mainstream



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The 'rich young ruler' went away sad from Jesus because he could not give up that one thing that stood between him and a full surrender of his life to God. His wealth meant the world to him and he simply could not give it up and place God as the number one priority in his life. In reading the story of the rich young ruler we must be careful not to believe this story is just about giving up wealth. Wealth was the idol in the young man's life, but the idol in your life might be something completely different yet equally destructive.

To the workaholic their job has become an idol. To the alcoholic their addiction to alcohol has become an idol. To someone else it might be Facebook that has become an idol. To another it might be sport, the gym, friends, food, clothes. The idol could literally be anything at all that takes its place on the throne of your life. There is only room for one and if that one is not God then we are in the same situation as the rich young ruler.

So let me encourage you to do some careful and prayer self examination. Is there something in your life that is taking or is threatening to take the highest priority in your life? Are there things in your life that steal time, energy and priority from properly serving and worshipping God?

Remember the words of the Lord in the Ten Commandments, "***I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from slavery in Egypt. Do not worship any other gods besides me. Do not make idols of any kind, whether in the shape of birds or animals or fish. You must never worship or bow down to them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not share your affection with any other god! I do not leave unpunished the sins of those who hate me, but I punish the children for the sins of their parents to the third and fourth generations. But I lavish my love on those who love me and obey my commands, even for a thousand generations.***"

ANDREW TONKIN

WELCOME

Welcome to church today. If you are a visitor we offer you a special welcome. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee in the Church Hall following the morning service.

Today, Sunday, 3rd August In the Senior Citizens' Building

<u>10.00 am</u>	Joshua Cole The Gospel of Mark "Lord of Our Heart" Worship Leader Communion Leader Reading	Denis Ferrett Ruth Jackson Mark 10: 17-27
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Joshua Cole The Gospel of Mark "Lord of Our Heart" Worship Leader Communion Leader	Isaac Fabich Michael Waters

Next Week, Sunday, 10th August

<u>10.00am</u>	Edwina Blair LADIES DAY Guest Speaker
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Testimonies

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

Join us for lunch in the hall after a light morning tea.
If you have come unprepared, then please, still come.
If you would like to contribute, then Fisher's can help.



Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



PRAYER WEEK

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29: 12-13

Time to Pray

- The church prayer room is open between 7-8 am Monday to Friday throughout the day Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
- 1 pm Monday with Andrew present
- 1 pm Thursday with Diane present

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6: 33

As often happens on the spiritual journey, we have arrived at the heart of a paradox : each time a door closes, the rest of the world opens up. All we need to do is stop pounding on the door that has just closed, turn around - which puts the door behind us - and welcome the largeness of life that now lies open to our souls. The door that closed kept us from entering a room, but what now lies before us is the rest of reality.

- Parker Palmer

Mark 10: 17-27

"The Rich young Man"

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good - except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honour your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."



Family News & Prayer



- * A belated happy birthday to Vince Scarlett he celebrated his 60th birthday on Saturday, 26th July.
- * "Hi, my name is Haeri. I am a Korean backpacker who attends Youth Group at Church. I need urgent accommodation within the next 2 weeks please. If you have a bit of space or a room you can put me in, I am prepared to pay some rent. I will be staying in Mildura another 2 months. In return I am quite happy to help you with the chores of the house. Please help me. Contact Andrew Tonkin, thank you."
- * Edith Giddings is now living at the RSL Units in Princes Court. Unit I / 27-29 Princes Court.

Plaster for Sale: The plaster from the old Chapel ceiling is for sale for \$30 - \$50 a piece. Speak to a Board member today if you would like to buy a piece of history.

Rosters

Remember to fill out the Roster absence form on the door in the church foyer for October, November, December.

SAMARITAN 'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse boxes are now available to take home and fill, along with the brochures. In the services today, you will see a DVD of what is being done with some of the boxes and where they go. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please see Robyn.

LIBRARY

The Library has been closed due to renovations. A stock-take will be done at this time, so we ask that all library books be returned to the office. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUPS

Friday, 8th - 10th August

IGNITION - for years 5 - 8 & XLR8 - for years 9 -12

Encounter Camp

See Josh Cole for all the information
on this trip to Lake Cullulleraine

**WORSHIP TEAM SOCIAL NIGHT
TEN PIN BOWLING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23rd
6.30 pm**

Come on out and have some fun.
Let's see who'll take out the overall champion trophy.
All Worship Team invited.
Worship Leaders, Singers, Band and Tech
All ages, young and not so young

EXTEND ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ

NAB - BSB number 083764 Account Number 15423 4854

Money pledged	\$437,494
Given in 2013	\$164,000
Given 2014 so far	\$99,196
Total given so far	\$263,196
Balance to come	\$174,298

TRADITIONAL CHINESE BANQUET

Saturday, 9th August

6.30 pm

Salvation Army
14th Street



Come and enjoy authentic Traditional Chinese Food
cooked by the Chinese Christian Fellowship.
Learn how to make dumplings on the night.
Chinese massage available (after dinner for a small
donation)

All proceeds will go towards Bibles for China
\$20 entry fee
Numbers limited

RSVP Jane Schmidt 0400 256130 by Saturday, 2nd August

CALLING ANY MEN

Josh Cole is urgently looking for someone to help him cook breakfast at
the Encounter Youth Camp.

Next Saturday morning, August 9th

6.00 - 9.00 am

Lake Cullulleraine

URGENT

"I would like to thank all who have so far volunteered their time for helping
with the set up and pack up of church in the seniors' building.
If you had put your name down to volunteer and have not yet been contacted
to assist, that will be due to me (Brendan) losing the list before I could put a
roster together. Please accept my apologies.
If you are still keen to assist, can you please give your names and availability
(morning only, night only, both services and date if applicable) to the church
office, and I will endeavour to not lose them again this time around.
Thanks again to all who have assisted, and to those who are keen to,
Brendan Moritz

PRAYER WEEK *This Week*

Sunday	3rd	9.30 am	Prayer
		12 noon	Fellowship Lunch
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
		7.15 pm	Church Café
Monday	4th	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday	5th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	7th	1.30 pm	C.W.F.
Friday	8th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
			Encounter Camp
Saturday	9th	9.30 am	Ladies' Day



Adventure Club Kitchen -5th August Kaye & Noel Underwood & Blue Team

Church Café - August 3rd Worship - Brendan and Natalie Moritz

Hello ladies of all ages!
Our Annual Ladies' Day
 Is coming up next
Saturday, 9th August.
 9.30 am

Women of all ages are invited and
 please invite a friend along as
 well.

**Put your name on the
 Registration Sheet in the church
 foyer for catering purposes
 today - Sunday, 3rd August.**

It promises to be a great day of
 fellowship, worship and learning
 from God's Word.

C.W.F. Christian Women's Fellowship

August Meeting
 Thursday, 7th August
 1.30 pm

Your favourite thing

Be it a hymn, song, article of
 clothing, jewellery or game

Devotions for this month from Kaye
 Underwood on
 "Blood in the
 Vineyard" -
 1 Kings:21



Hostesses for the
 day are Charlotte
 Armstrong and
 Patricia Castleman

Sunday, 10th August 2014

10.00 am

Worship Leader	Edwina Blair
Communion Leader	R. Jackson
Children's Church	R. Hawtin
Singers	M. Straub
Band	D. Ferrett, D. Mountford, K. Hawtin
Projector / Sound	G. Cowling, A. Tonkin
Officer on Duty	P. Bekker / B. Moritz
Welcome/Reception	W. Whitehead
Helpers	J. Renfree / M. Butler
	G. Beruldsen, J. Bradford, G. Diggle, P. Leng, L. Arnold, D. Morrall, J. Ferrett (Reader), M. Cameron

Reading

Crèche	P. & S. Huggan
Cuppa	M. Cox, L. Cox, E. Phillips
Communion Prep.	R. Bekker
Grounds	

6.00 pm

Worship Leader	Testimonies
Communion Leader	S. Armstrong
Children's Church	R. Hawtin
Singers	P. & S. Huggan
Band	A. Gray, D. Gray
Projector / Sound	N. Moritz, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, I. Stewart
Officer on Duty	T. Eaton / P. Norris
Reception	W. Whitehead
Crèche	G. Muller
	R. Fox

Three boys were talking about how much money their fathers made.
 The lawyer's son said, "My father goes into court on a case and often comes
 home with as much as \$1500 a day."
 The doctor's son said, "My father performs an operation and
 sometimes earns as much as \$2000 for it."
 The minister's son, determined not to be outdone said,
 "That's nothing. My father preaches for twenty minutes on
 Sunday morning, and it takes six men to carry the money."

