

# Mainstream



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## **"Live purposefully..." Ephesians 5: 15**

Are you easily swayed by what others say and do, or do you have a plan and stick with it? Are you doing what you love, or just doing things out of mindless routine? Mark Twain said, 'The secret of success is making your vocation your vacation.' In other words, love what you do and do what you love! Many of us never get around to fulfilling God's purpose for our lives because we're so busy keeping everybody happy. This world is filled with people who think they know what you should be doing with your life. No, it's your life, and when you stand before God he won't ask anybody else about it except you! Are you focused, even when many voices try to draw you away from your purpose? Are you courageous enough to follow your heart rather than the crowd.?

The term 'whatever', seems to be especially popular these days. While we must always strive to live in harmony and consider other people's feelings and viewpoint, God's Word condemns complacency, indifference and an unwillingness to stand up for what we know is right. We need to be intentional! We can't just stand around waiting to see what everyone else is going to do, then follow the crowd. There are basically two kinds of people: those who wait for something to happen, and those who make things happen. Don't say, 'I wish they would do something about this problem.' You are they - do something!

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# 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 following the morning service.

## **Today, Sunday 28th September**

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin  
**APOLOGETICS**

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader

Isaac Fabich  
Wayne Whitehead

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin  
**APOLOGETICS**

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader

Sam Armstrong  
Joshua Cole

## **Next Week, 28th September**

10.00 am

Michael Waters

&

**APOLOGETICS**

6.00 pm

## **"Apologetics"**

As mentioned last week, Michael Waters will be running a small group study on "Apologetics" commencing on Tuesday, 14th October at 7.30 pm. This study will go for four weeks to begin with, and we will be spending two weeks on each chapter of "On Guard", by William Lane Craig. It will be first in, best dressed, as it will be restricted to twelve people. There will be a cost of \$20 each, to cover the cost of the book, to be paid up-front. If you want to be a part of the first four week study, you need to put your name on the list in the foyer and pay the money for the book, so that we can be prepared for when we commence.

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

The Stella Awards are named after 81 year old Stella Liebeck, who spilled coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonald's. That case inspired the "Stella Awards" for the most frivolous lawsuits in the US.

This year's favourite could easily be Mr Merv. Grazinski. Mr Grazinski purchased a brand new 32 foot Winnebago motor home. On his first trip home, having driven onto the freeway, he set the cruise control at 70mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go into the back and make himself a cup of coffee. Not surprisingly, the vehicle left the freeway, crashed and overturned.

Mr Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising him in the owner's manual that he couldn't actually do this. The jury awarded him \$1,750,000, plus a new motor home. The company actually changed their manuals on the basis of this suit, just in case there were any other complete morons buying their recreation vehicles.



### **SAMARITAN'S PURSE BOXES**

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Samaritan's Purse boxes are now available for collection with a brochure from the church Foyer.

Remember to put a strong rubber band around your boxes to hold them shut. Robyn is now wanting to fill the third box, so if they are ready you can bring them in to the office.

All Christmas Boxes should be ready and in to the Church Office by the 5th of October, thank you.



### **ADVENTURE CLUB**

Due to the Church Renovations and Construction, Adventure Club has been forced to take an extended break these holidays.

**Adventure Club will not run during the month of October.**

**Adventure Club will recommence on Tuesday, November 11th.**

We apologize for this inconvenience, but can promise you, Adventure Club will return better than ever with our brand new facilities.

## DARETON HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### *We need volunteers*

To work with the program involving the children from Dareton.

From Monday, September 30th

To

Friday, 3rd October



Give your name to Josh Cole and let him know how and when you can help.

We need helpers for the kitchen, set up and pack up, meal preparation, food preparation, as well as those who can help with games, craft, story-telling, etc.

## Mission Update



### **Please Pray for Ukraine, That Our Almighty God Will:**

- Break through the darkness and speak peace into the chaos, so that an unconditional cease-fire will be brokered and the killing ended; may talks start and healing commence;
- Impress upon the consciences of local and foreign leaders the urgent need to trade ambitions and 'interests' for peace-making and healing so that Ukraine's real and deep-seated problems will be addressed peacefully in the interests of the people.
- Magnify the voices of Christian leaders who are denouncing racial hatred and all manner of violence; may He supply FEBC and all other Gospel ministries with all their needs so they can speak grace and hope.
- Raise up religious leaders gifted and empowered to advance reconciliation and unity in the Body of Christ; may the Church break through historic ethnic and denominational barriers to lead by example;

## **This Week Dareton Holiday Program**

Sunday	28th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Tuesday	30th	5.30 pm	No Adventure Club
Thursday	2nd	1.30 pm	C.W.F.
Friday	3rd	7.30 pm	No Youth Group
Saturday	4th	2.00 pm	Share Group



**Church Café** - 28th September - Charlotte Armstrong - Kitchen

*There is a Police Commemoration Service on this Monday 29th, at 11 am at the Catholic Church. People may like to attend to show their support for the great service they give the community.*

### **SHARE GROUP**

The yearly program has SHARE Group meeting on the 27th September, but this has been changed as it clashed with the Football Grand Final. It will now be on Saturday, 4th October.

This will be a combined celebration of the 80th birthdays for Joan and Denis Ferrett at The Vines at 2 pm.

Everyone is welcome to come, not just SHARE Group people.

For catering purposes, please let Susan, 0407 695538, or Karen, 0438 433271, know you are coming by the 23rd.



### **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

October Meeting, Thursday 2nd

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel our Mystery Tour for this month. Instead, we are going to visit the River Road Pottery for a browse and cuppa later.

Time 1.30 pm - If you need transport, meet at the Church at 1.15 pm.

Devotions "Heaven Without Dying"

2 Kings 2: 1-14

Hostess: Carole



## **NEXT WEEK, 5th October**

<u>10.00 am</u>	M. Waters
Worship Leader	R. Jackson
Communion Leader	C. Beasy
Children's Church	M. Straub, I-B. Beasy
Singers	M. Cameron, D. Mountford
Band	N. Moritz, A. Tonkin, B. Moritz, R. Fox, I. Stewart
Projector/Sound	C. Waters / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke
Welcome/Reception	D. Shields / M. King
Helpers	W. Duke, B. Eaton ?, K. Underwood, N. Underwood, volunteer, C. Meade (reader), H. Atkins
Crèche	Volunteer, A. Beasy
Cuppa	J. & R. Barthelson, G. Beruldsen
Communion Prep.	A. Munro
Grounds	

### 6.00 pm

Worship Leader	M. Waters	
Communion Leader	B. Kiley	Prayer Leader A. Tonkin
Children's Church		
Singers	N. Moritz	
Band	B. Moritz, B. Kiley, I. Stewart	
Project./Sound	J. Corrie / P. Norris	
Officer On Duty	J. Cooke	
Reception	C. Waters	
Crèche	M. Whitehead	

A circuit minister, encountering many a meal that needed seasoning, carried with him a small bottle of Tabasco sauce. He would put it on the table before him at eating houses.

A stranger, eyeing the bottle with curiosity, asked permission to try it. He put a liberal quantity on a piece of steak and ate it. There was a pause.

The stranger, gulping down a glass of water, sputtered, "Say, parson, you preach hell, don't you?"

The parson replied, "I feel it is my duty to remind the wicked that there is retribution beyond the grave."

The stranger replied, "Anyhow, you're the first preacher I've seen who carries samples!"

