

Mainstream



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We have had a new Victorian government for a week now. And what has changed? Nothing much. There has been a lot of talk, with much of it sounding positive. But time will tell if Daniel Andrews is a man of positive action or just a man of political rhetoric.

Controversy continues to dog the Abbott Government. Issues surrounding university fees, co-payment fees to visit your doctor and unexpected budget deficits has seen the critics out in full force and the Coalition's approval rating taking a nose-dive.

We can be very critical of our Government; federal, state or local. I know that at times I have bitterly complained about various decisions being made by our politicians, particularly when they go against clear Biblical standards. But when I am reminded of what the Bible says to us I am forced to prayerfully consider my duty and responsibility as a Christ follower.

1TIMOTHY 2: 1-2, "I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God's mercy upon them, and give thanks. Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity."

ROMANS 13: 1, "Obey the government, for God is the one who put it there. All governments have been placed in power by God."

1PETER 2: 17, "Show respect for everyone. Love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God. Show respect for the Emperor."

Our government is not perfect and none of our Politicians are perfect, but God has commanded us to show respect and honour and to lift up our elected officials in prayer. I wonder if you will join me in making a renewed effort in this area.

ANDREW



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 hall following the morning service.

Today, Sunday 7th December

<u>10.00 am</u>	Joshua Cole
	Guard the Gospel
Worship Leader	Isaac Fabich
Communion Leader	Ruth Jackson
Bible Reading	2 Timothy 1: 13-18

<u>6.00 pm</u>	Josh Cole
	Guard the Gospel
Worship Leader	Sam Armstrong
Communion Leader	Sam Armstrong

Next Week, 14th December

<u>10.00 am</u>	Andrew Tonkin
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Carols by Candlelight



2 Timothy 1: 13-18

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you - guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermonogenes.

May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorous, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me. May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- * A very Happy Birthday to Alan Clark who celebrated his 60th Birthday last Monday, 1st December.
- * At last, we are back in our Chapel, but please remember that this is still a building site. The rooms will not be ready until Christmas time. The new chairs look terrific, but when you are eating, please try and keep it off the fabric, chewing gum is especially difficult to remove.
- * We have re-commenced the **chapel cleaning roster**, which will not appear on your roster, so please check the back of the Mainstream.
- * Parents, please do not allow your children into the kitchen, as accidents can and do happen and we don't wish to commence our accident report book yet.
- * The Sound Room is only for those who have been rostered on for sound, light and projection. There should be no need for anyone else to be sitting in there. Please do not use the Prep Room as a thoroughfare.
- * Parking in the Staff Parking Bays in the laneway is for the staff only who need an all day parking space. Please leave them free. Andrew does not want to return from lunch to find there is nowhere for him to park.

ROSTERS

Carolyn is working on the new rosters for next year. If you will be away during January, February or March could you please list your name on the absence form in the foyer. If you would like to participate on the roster, then please volunteer via the form also. Thank you.

"Apologetics"

Michael Waters is running a small group study on "Apologetics". A second group will be commencing soon on a Wednesday or Thursday. The On Guard books are available today or from the office at \$20 each. If you let Michael know you are interested, he will start up a new group next year.

Grand Opening & Dedication of our New Building February 21st & 22nd

Saturday evening - David Ratten & Neale Meredith
Dessert & Coffee Night

Sunday Service & Dedication
Invited Guests, including Simon Risson & Paul Cameron
Catered Lunch
Tickets available in the new year.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Those who would like to spend Christmas in fellowship with others who may be on their own or away from family, are invited to join us on Christmas Day for lunch at no cost. Please put your names on the sheet in the foyer. All those who would like to help can also put their names down on the sheet.

Donations can be made towards the day, through the office or directly to Natalie Moritz.

New Ways to Serve

We as members can be of service in our church in so many different ways. Many are talented in leading in our worship services, others in teaching our young people.

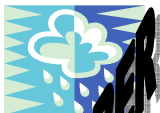
With the opening of our new buildings comes a new way for you to serve. The Elders are asking each one of us to consider taking on the cleaning of individual parts of all our buildings. You don't need to be cleaning every room, just one area that you feel able to on a regular basis. You may even be able to have a friend work with you, or take it in turns to see that your allotted area is done.

Can you vacuum, mop, dust, sweep? We ask that you give this your prayerful consideration, and we will be asking you to commit to this important task in the new year.



This Week

Sunday	7th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	8th	11.15 am	Craft Group Christmas
		7.30 pm	Elders Meeting



DECEMBER



PEANUT PAL Reveal Night

Our Reveal Night is only a week away
15th December - 7.30 pm

Please, ladies who are involved in this ministry, mark it on your calendar or in your phone. If you want to know more about how you can care for another lady in the Church for the next year, then see Robyn. Remember a small plate of supper to share, a small gift to the value of \$10 for Christmas for your Pal and a gold coin donation towards presents for the Kmart Wishing Tree. Looking forward to seeing you on the 15th!

Glenis and Matthew are looking for volunteers to sell candles at Sunday night's Carols. You will need to bring your own chair and table.

Mildura District Chaplaincy CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Nowingi Place
Sunday, 14th December

6.00 pm Food and Drink Stalls open
7.30 pm Program commences



NEXT WEEK, 14th December

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	R. Jackson
Communion Leader	B. Eaton
Children's Church	J. Kelly, R. Broad
Singers	D. Mountford, D. Clark
Band	N. Moritz, M. Waters, R. Fox, J. Tonkin
Projector/Sound	C. Waters / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	J. Cole
Welcome/Reception	W. Whitehead / A. Eaton
Helpers	M. Straub, I. Cross, P. Leng, C. Armstrong, Volunteer, Volunteer, M. Cox (reader), E. Wagstaff
Crèche	K. Hawtin, H. Nicholson
Cuppa	R. Barthelson, G. Beruldsen, N. Cook
Communion Prep.	R. Hawtin
Grounds / Cleaning	C. Beasy, W. Duke / A. & B. Munro
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Carols by Candlelight

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"
The child stared at him open-mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my e-mail?"

It was Christmas eve at the meat counter and a woman was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys in the hope of finding a large one. In desperation, she called over a shop assistant and asked, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"
"No madam", he replied, "They're all dead."

Alex was five; all his Christmas presents were always signed, 'From Santa'. A little while after Alex had opened all his presents on Christmas morning, his parents became aware that he was looking quite upset for no obvious reason. "What's the matter?" his mother asked.
Alex replied slowly, "I really hoped that you and daddy would give me something for Christmas."

Santa Claus at the mall was very surprised when Emily, a young lady of 20, walked up and sat on his lap. She smiled very nicely at him so he asked her what she would like for Christmas.

"Something for my mother, please", replied Emily sweetly.

"Something for your mother? Well, that's very loving and thoughtful of you," smiled Santa. "What would you like me to bring her?"

Without turning a hair, Emily answered quickly, 'A son-in-law.'

