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11th January, 2015

The coming of Christ at Christmas was not accidental; it was the fulfilment of promises made by God over the centuries. And at Christmas, God leaves the safe immunity of heaven and takes on the world's suffering and pain. Faithfulness to faithless people is costly, but God keeps every promise because God actively and personally works in history to ensure that it is so.

During a Christmas broadcast in 1939, King George VI quoted the following lines from a book by Louise Haskins:

'And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me light that I may tread safely into the unknown."
And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your
hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better
than light and safer than a known way."'

You do not know what path lies ahead, what joy and what pain the new year shall bring. Even now, as you look at your life you may be anxious for tomorrow. To you, my friend, God is saying the words first spoken through Jeremiah: "Sing with gladness. Rejoice in the days that are coming." The God of history who guides the stars in their courses and our steps day by day is the God who transforms a community of hurt into a community of hope.

*Daniel Thimell
From The Clergy Journal*

Worship With Us

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 11th January, 2015

<u>10.00 am</u>	Andrew Tonkin
	Me and My Big Mouth
Worship Leader	Ruth Jackson
Communion Leader	Craig Beasy
Bible Reading	James 3: 1-12

6.00 pm No Evening Service

Next Week, 18th January

<u>10.00 am</u>	Andrew Tonkin
&	
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Evening Service re-commences with café afterwards.

James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so strong and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small ruder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison....

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- * Continue in prayer for Marianne Haigh in hospital. Pray for healing, strength and good spirits.
- * Pray for safe travel for all who are on holidays, for refreshment in the new year as all return to work.
- * Pray for our children on holidays that they enjoy a relaxing time and are safe in their entertainment.
- * Pray for those who are unwell or are not able to move out and about, that they will enjoy the company of visitors.

Always remember that the future comes but one day at a time.

Dean Acheson

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 1st

Voting for Elders and Deacons - February 8th & 15th
Report Booklet out - February 8th

Reports Please All Secretaries, Study Group Leaders, Auxiliary Leaders, Deacons and Elders, please have your reports in to the office by next Sunday, 18th. January.

Nominations for Elders and Deacons and any Notices of Motion should be in the Secretary's hands by 1st February. Please speak to Andrew or one of the Elders if you wish to nominate someone. Notices of Motion will not be received at the AGM.

Those Elders and Deacons who have completed their terms and are available for re-nomination are:

Elders	Wayne Whitehead Michael Waters
Deacons	Kaye Underwood - Women's Ministry Joshua Cole - Youth Ministry Jeanie Kelly - Pastoral Care Ministry Brendan Moritz - Worship Ministry

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,
Julie and Blair Davis
Catered Lunch
Tickets available soon.
A Love Offering will be taken.

CRÈCHE ATTENDANTS NEEDED

According to the Child Safe Guidelines we are required to have at least two crèche attendants and at least one of them must be over 18.

Speak to either Samantha or Carolyn if you would like to go on the crèche roster, teenagers would especially be welcome.

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.

Speak to Wayne or Auralie if you feel that you will be able to serve in this way.



This Week

Sunday 11th 9.30 am Prayer
 7.00 pm Ray on Radio 106.7 FM

Sunday 18th 7.30 pm Evening Café



JANUARY

Church Café

Sunday January 18th

Charlotte Armstrong

Brianna & Kaitlyn Moritz, Wendy Cochrane, Elise Moore

EXTEND ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ

NAB - BSB number 083764 Account Number 15423 4854

Money pledged \$437,494

Total given so far \$323,465

Faith Promise for Missions

Banked \$3,209.70

DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura

NAB - BSB number 083-764 Account Number 51591-4637

Budget Weekly Average \$3,554

Actual Weekly Average \$3,690

I have been writing a long time and have learned some things, not only from my own long hard work, but from a writing class I had for three years. In this class were all kinds of people: prosperous and poor, stenographers, housewives, salesman, cultivated people and little servant girls who had never been to high school, timid people and bold ones, slow and quick ones. This is what I learned: that everybody is talented, original, and has something important to say.

NEXT WEEK, 18th January

10.00 am

Worship Leader

Communion Leader

Children's Church

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Welcome/Reception

Helpers

Crèche

Cuppa

Communion Prep.

Cleaning / Grounds

6.00 pm

Worship Leader

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Reception

Crèche

A. Tonkin

M. Cameron

R. Hawtin Prayer H. Atkins

M. Straub, E. Gibbs

D. Ferrett, D. Clark, J. Trewin

A. Alabaster, C. Beasy, M. Waters, M. Gardner, A. Thorne

J. Cole / C. Waters

R. Jackson

W. Whitehead / M. Butler

J. Ferrett, G. Diggle, C. Meade, J. Kelly, H. Atkins,

I. Cross, C. Staley (reader), E. Wagstaff

M. Cox, A. Beasy

P. Castleman, N. Cook, C. Armstrong

A. Munro

A. & B. Munro / D. Homfray, R. Barthelson

A. Tonkin

B. Kiley

M. Gardner, D. Gray

B. Moritz, B. Kiley, I. Stewart

J. Cole / C. Waters

R. Jackson

G. Muller

A. Munro

A fire started on some grassland near a farm. The fire department from the nearby town was called to put the fire out, but it proved to be more than the small town fire department could handle, so someone suggested that the rural volunteer fire department be called. Though there was doubt that they would be of any assistance, the call was made.

The volunteer fire department truck. They drove straight the middle of the flames. The truck and frantically started Soon they had snuffed out the blaze into two easily controlled The farmer was so impressed department's work, and so



arrived in a dilapidated old fire towards the fire and stopped in volunteer firemen jumped off the spraying water in all directions. centre of the fire, breaking the parts. with the volunteer fire grateful that his farm had been spared, that he presented them with a cheque for \$1,000.

A local news reporter asked the fire captain what the department would do with the funds. "That should be obvious," he responded. "The first thing we will do is get the brakes fixed on that stupid fire truck."