

# Mainstream



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We live in a world of YES. Yes, yes, yes. Yesses are by far easier to give, and certainly easier to receive. But are yesses always right? Should we seek, and give yesses as easily as we do.

If we continually receive a "yes", how do we fulfil "many parts, one body"? Not everyone can be an eye, nor can we all be a nose. If that were the case, the body would be lacking other vital components. Instead, this very concept "many parts, one body" indicates the importance of "No". We have all been created by God for a specific purpose in mind. There are things that I can do that others cannot, and likewise things that others can do that I cannot. In order to fulfil "many parts, one body" properly, we need to determine where we fit. In some cases this is a "yes", but in other cases the right answer for us is "NO".

In the Garden of Eden, Adam was given lots of "yesses", and just one "no". Instead of responding appropriately and honouring God's "no"..... well we know where that ended up. Even Jesus received a "no": Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:39 (NIV)

In many cases, a "NO", is in fact a far better answer. Perhaps it leads you to a better "yes" that may have otherwise been neglected. Perhaps your "no", is someone else's "yes" who better fits that part in the body. Whichever it may be, the next time you receive a "NO", stop for a moment, spend some time with your Saviour and Creator, and ask Him to show you the better "YES".

**Brendan Moritz**

## 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 25th January, 2015

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 10.00 am         | Joshua Cole   |
| Worship Leader   | Isaac Fabich  |
| Communion Leader | Diane Morrall |

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|----------------|--------------------|
| 6.00 pm        | Joshua Cole        |
| Worship Leader | Samantha Armstrong |

### Next Week, 1st February

|          |               |
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| 10.00 am | Andrew Tonkin |
| &        | 3-2-B Worship |
| 6.00 pm  |               |

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

#### Saturday evening - Dessert & Coffee Night

David Ratten & Neale Meredith  
Bring along a plate of dessert to share  
Crèche provided

#### Sunday Service & Dedication

Invited Guests, including Simon Risson, Paul Cameron,  
Julie and Blair Davis  
Catered Lunch - Bookings essential  
Tickets available soon.  
A Love Offering will be taken.

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**



## *Family News* *& Prayer*



- \* Congratulations to Bec Jemmeson who is celebrating her 21st Birthday on Monday, 26th January. Happy Birthday Bec.
- \* Pray for Bob McAlister who has been in hospital after a fall last Sunday.
- \* One of our newer members, Michael Matthews sadly passed away last Sunday. He was a friend to Ian Cross and had asked to be baptized in a few weeks.
- \* This morning in the hall, Genevieve Pragt will be selling fresh orange juice and produce, such as oranges, pumpkins and water melons to raise funds for her Relay for Life team. She is doing this in honour of her friend Alison Nankivell who died of sarcoma cancer seven years ago.

### **Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday, March 1st**

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

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 |
|         | Dennis Homfray - Property             |

Nominations are also being taken for  
Deacon of Administration  
Deacon for Mission/Outreach

## Sudan

Police in North Khartoum, Sudan on 2nd December, beat, arrested and fined 38 Christians worshipping at Khartoum Bahri Evangelical Church. After nearly 2 weeks of raiding and demolishing church property, officers armed with guns and batons arrived at the church compound at 6.30 am on two trucks accompanied by seven smaller vehicles and broke through the main gate, beating whoever they found in the church complex. Security personnel surrounded the complex, preventing people from entering or leaving. Police then started to beat worshippers and arrested 38 for refusing to surrender the property.

The charges against the Christians included laws that give police broad powers to arrest Christians and other lowly regarded people without cause. They were released after being sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 each. Christians in Sudan are asking their counterparts worldwide to pray for the Church in Sudan. Following the secession of South Sudan in 2011, Sudan has expelled foreign Christians and bulldozed church buildings on the pretext they owned the land.

## New Swipe cards

If you need a swipe card to access the buildings, please ring Robyn on Tuesday this week and she will arrange to get one for you. At the moment, the key for the front door will get you into the building, but for any other doors in the Chapel or Chivell House, you will need a swipe card.

**The Story** books are quickly selling. Andrew will be using this new Bible for the sermons commencing on 1st March. We would like every family to have a copy before the series commences. They will be on sale again to-day for the cost of \$25.

## New Ways to Serve

The Elders have decided to continue to pay Mark Sutherland as our cleaner for the hall, kitchen, entrance and foyers. We have volunteers who have offered to clean the two toilet blocks. Two other ladies have offered to vacuum and we ask that they assist with the chapel cleaning on the roster.

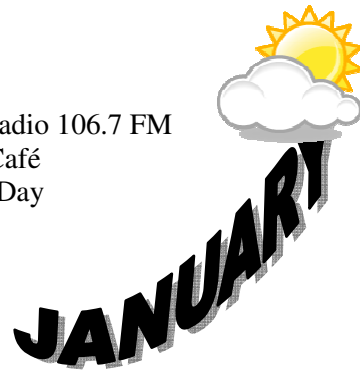
Rostered chapel cleaners are asked to vacuum not only the chapel but also the crèche and new hallway.

All other rooms should be made clean and tidy by those who are using them. Please ask the office staff about cleaning equipment. If we all attend to the cleanliness of our buildings then our rooms will look as they are for a long time.



### *This Week*

|        |      |         |                       |
|--------|------|---------|-----------------------|
| Sunday | 25th | 9.30 am | Prayer                |
|        |      | 7.00 pm | Ray on Radio 106.7 FM |
|        |      | 7.30 pm | Evening Café          |
| Monday | 26th |         | Australia Day         |



### **TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

The group that meets at the home of Joan and Denis Ferrett will start up for this year on Tuesday, 3rd February at 7.45 pm.

We will be participating in the program that follows the sermon theme of *The Story* from March. In the meantime, we will be enjoying some sermons on TV, probably by Andy Stanley.

Anyone looking for a group to join would be most welcome. Talk to Joan or Denis if you want to know more.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT KYB**

Our KYB Group will be meeting next Wednesday night, 28th February, at Charlotte's home at 7.30 pm.

We need to discuss our plans for the year's Bible Studies.

Please bring a small plate of supper.



### **ANNUAL TRASH AND TREASURE HALL AND LANE SALE**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7th  
8 am - 2 pm

We need to clean out our garage to re-build it.  
Perhaps it's time to clean out your garage too?

All available helpers needed -  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

### **NEXT WEEK, 1st February**

#### 10.00 am

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader  
Singers  
Band  
Projector/Sound  
Officer on Duty  
Welcome/Reception  
Helpers

A. Tonkin  
J. Cole  
M. Waters      Prayer Leader A. Tonkin  
M. Cox, D. Mountford, K. Tonkin  
A. Thorne, M. Waters, M. Gardner, J. Tonkin  
T. Eaton / C. Waters  
R. Hawtin  
D. Ferrett / J. Ferrett  
J. Bradford, G. Diggle, W. Whitehead, J. Booyesen,  
I. Cross, C. Armstrong, C. Beasy, H. Atkins

Crèche

Cuppa

Communion Prep.

Cleaning / Grounds

C. Waters, E. Gibbs

G. Bell, N. Bell, C. Armstrong

A. Munro

R. Hawtin, C. Armstrong

#### 6.00 pm

Worship Leader

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Reception

Crèche

A. Tonkin

B. Kiley

N. Moritz, D. Gray

B. Moritz, G. Stewart, I. Stewart

A. Fabich / P. Norris

R. Hawtin

A. Munro

J. Kelly

After they had listened attentively to the morning lesson, the teacher smiled at her Sunday School class and exclaimed, "All right, class, all those who want to go to heaven, raise your hands."

Everybody in the class had a hand raised except one little boy. "Don't you want to go to heaven?" asked the teacher.

"I can't miss," came the reply. "My mum wants me to come straight home after church and I can't go anywhere without her permission."

The minister was talking to a group of young children about being good and going to heaven. At the end of his talk, he asked, "Where do you want to go?"

"Heaven!" they all piped up.

'And what do you have to be to get there?' the pastor asked.

In unison they all replied, "Dead!"

The gains of heaven will more than  
compensate for the losses of earth.

