

Mainstream



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Chapter 5 of *The Story* New Commands and a New Covenant

As we get into Chapter 5 of *The Story* we begin to see how God is setting into place His overall plan of reuniting us again with Him in a real and personal way. For 400 years, whilst His people lived and multiplied in Egypt, God was silent. But at the right time, He lifted up Moses to free His people from slavery and to take things to a higher level.

He was now proclaiming to be their God and they were to be His chosen people; in fact, they were to be His 'treasured possession'. He wanted to live with His people, to become their God in a new way for them. So a new agreement, or covenant, is made and some guidelines laid down before this could happen. It is here the Ten Commandments are given and the idea of sacrifices, and the shedding of blood being necessary to cleanse them from their sin, is explained.

In this Lower Story, we see a reflection of the New Covenant God has made with us. This is the last and final covenant that will provide a way for all mankind to be restored to God again. Although the Ten Commandments are still our basic guidelines, in this new covenant, God only asks for us to believe in His Son, Jesus, as the once for all, perfect sacrifice for our sins.

God's greater purpose will always be accomplished and He uses ordinary, imperfect people like Moses, and us, to achieve it.

Diane

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 29th March

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| <u>10.00 am</u> | Diane Morrall |
| | THE STORY 5 - New Commands/New Covenant |
| Worship Leader | Michael Waters |
| Communion Leader | Josh Cole |
| <u>6.00 pm</u> | Diane Morrall |
| Worship Leader | Brendan Moritz |

Next Week, 5th April

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| <u>10.00 am</u> | 'PASSION PLAY' |
| <u>6.00 pm</u> | No evening service |



EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY - 9.00 am
Quiet reflective Service

RESURRECTION SUNDAY - 10.00 am
Celebration Service proclaiming the story
of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Morning tea will be served at both services.
There is no evening service on the Easter weekend.



Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- * Congratulations to Kaye and Noel Underwood as they celebrate 10 years of marriage.
- * Happy 18th Birthday to Abigail Alabaster for Thursday, 2nd April.
- * Continue in prayer for Marianne Haigh as she returns to her own home after many months in hospital.

NEW SWIPE CARDS

Sometime in the next week the front door will be changed to a swipe card use only to enter. If you have a church key and you need access to the front door, please see Robyn today to obtain a swipe card. Very few have changed from key to swipe card - don't get caught outside.

Please turn on the Alarms

If you are the last one to leave the Sound Room, The Office, the Church Building or Chivell House, you must swipe the card three times to turn on the alarms. The light will/should turn green when alarmed.

Turn off the Alarms

If you are moving between the church building and Chivell House, you must swipe your card to disarm the alarm.

PRAYER RETREAT

Saturday, 18th April

9.30 am - 3.00 pm

7 Cyprus Avenue

Merbein

Psalms 46: 10

"Be still and know that I am God."

PEANUTS

Easter is a good time to remember your Pals!

Lots of beautiful Easter cards and yummy Easter eggs to give.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers are asked to please fill out a Volunteer Induction form for Maintaining Essential Safety measures in churches. If you have a computer, please log onto:

<http://www.cocinsurance.org.au/for-members/training-your-church/> Wait for the email reply after you have completed the induction, sign this one and hand to Auralie please, NOT THE ORIGINAL PRINT OUT. If you don't have a computer, please see Jon Armstrong.

ADVENTURE CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Helpers Needed
Kitchen, teaching, set-up, clean-up.
During School Holidays

Adventure World

Wednesday, 8th April, Thursday, 9th April, Friday, 10th April

EXTEND ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ

NAB - BSB number 083764 Account Number 15423 4854

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



Mission Update

FAITH FOR ALL THE FAMILY

2014 began with a special celebration for the Lutoka-Vitigo Church. Six people, across three generations of the one family, were baptised in the river at Buaba. They requested that all the reminders of their Hindu idols around the home to be destroyed as a whole new life in Christ began.

Renu came to faith last year, named her newborn daughter Angel and dedicated her to God. Renu's faith, like others in her family, occurred after the dramatic improvement in her mother-in-law's health, following prayers. Sara had been undergoing treatment for cancer and her return to health prompted belief in the living God who hears and restores.

Subsequently, regardless of the distance, health issues and any difficulties, the whole family would faithfully attend church to praise and worship God. This family's commitment, faith and enthusiasm have encouraged the church.

Other members of the family and the church leadership were present at the baptism, which was followed by singing and sharing in communion together. It was a wonderful way to start 2015.

David Reddy, Fiji

This Week School Holidays

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| Sunday | 29th | 9.30 am | Prayer |
| | | 7.00 pm | Ray on Radio 106.7 FM |
| | | 7.30 pm | Café |
| Thursday | 2nd | 1.45 pm | J. Kelly - Pastoral Care |
| Friday | 3rd | 9.00 am | C.W.F. |
| Sunday | 5th | 2.00 am | Good Friday Service |
| | | | Daylight Savings ends |



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meeting on Thursday, 2nd April

We have a change in our program this month as Bernadette is away. Instead we are going to the Deakin Information Centre, for a visit to the Library and a browse around to see what is available in our district. Is this one of those things we put off doing, because it is there, and we can go at any time? And we never do?

We meet at the Deakin Centre at 1.45 pm.

Devotions: Ruth Jackson 'I Am the Light' John 8; 12-30

Hostesses: Jenny Barthelson and Cathy Mitchell

NEW DIRECTORY

The 2015 print-out is ready for you to check. This is a directory of regular attenders in the church - names, addresses, phone numbers and emails. Could all new attenders please include your contact details, thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| March 29 | Palm Sunday |
| April 3 | Good Friday |
| April 5 | Easter Sunday |
| April 8,9,10 | Adventure World |
| April 12 | Super Sunday |
| April 18 | Prayer Retreat |
| April 19 | Hymn Singing Afternoon |
| June 13/14 | Leadership Weekend |

NEXT WEEK, 5th April - Easter Sunday

10.00 am

"Passion Play"

Worship Leader

Communion Leader

A. Tonkin

Singers

T.B.A.

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

J. Cooke

Welcome/Reception

m. King / B. Eaton

Helpers

C. Beasy, G. Diggle, W. Duke, M. Straub, P. Duscher, J. Wiffen, R. Jackson, H. Atkins

Crèche

M. Cox, E. Gibbs

Cuppa

J. Bradford, R. Witcombe, B. Witcombe

Communion Prep.

R. Hawtin

Cleaning / Grounds

J. & R. Barthelson / C. Beasy & P. Booysen

6.00 pm

Worship Leader

NO EVENING SERVICE

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Reception

Crèche

KIDS IN CHURCH

The wedding was over and the minister was standing at the church door in his robes, black hair and beard. A little girl at her first wedding was saying goodbye. 'Bye nana, bye Papa" and with a wave at the minister, "See you later, Jesus."

"A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. They are going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please; but how they are carried out depends on them. They will assume control of your cities, states and nations. They are going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities and corporations. All your books are going to be judged, praised or condemned by them. The fate of humanity is in their hands.

Abraham Lincoln



Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused.