



Mainstream

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CHRIST

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The wilderness really isn't a fun place to be. It's a place where we hunger and thirst, often for good and spiritual things, yet we are left feeling empty...and dry...and alone. In this spiritual wilderness, God seems absent – or at least silent – and the feelings of desperation and doubt threaten to overwhelm.

But God is not absent. He may be almost silent, but He hasn't left us alone. He brought us to this place, and it wasn't so He could just desert us or so we would shrivel up. It wasn't so He could leave us alone. We have to remind ourselves of that; a lot. God brought us here to give us what we needed...Himself.

"And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna...that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." (Deuteronomy 8:3)

The Israelites had to trust God for their food every single day. They couldn't store it up to ensure they would always have what they wanted and needed. For forty years, they had no choice but to believe that the Lord would not leave them alone and hungry. Forty years is a long time. We don't really know how long we will be in our time of wandering, but God has a purpose in it all. Even when emotions and a sinful heart won't let us rest in Him, we can have faith that God does have a purpose in leading us to this wilderness. Like His purpose in giving manna to the Israelites, He has likely brought me to this place that He might humble me and that He might prepare me, and lead me in the end to His very best. (Deuteronomy 8:16).

ANDREW

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 19th April

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
THE STORY 6 - Wandering
Worship Leader Beth Giddings
Communion Leader Diane Morrall

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader Samantha Armstrong
Church Café Night

Abigail Alabaster will be baptised at the evening service.

Next Week, 26th April

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
& **THE STORY 7- The Battle Begins**

6.00 pm

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Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



VOCAL WORKSHOPS

We are very excited to announce that a series of vocal workshops will be held at the church in April, presented by Ann Cook.

Ann has been performing and teaching for the past 30 years, and has worked with the Nine Network, MGM Productions, CTC Cruises, People's Choice Awards, Mo Awards, and many other major Australian and international corporate conventions and functions. She has also had assignments as a vocal coach, teacher and arranger with On Broadway drama school and many high profile recording studios throughout Sydney including EMI.

Ann is currently a pastor at Diggerland where she Worship leads and heads up the Vocals department.

Invitations are open to all church members who are interested in attending.

All worship leaders and singers are encouraged to make attending a priority, regardless of your current singing ability.

Workshop dates:

Session two: Tuesday 21st or Thursday 23rd April

Tuesday session will run from 8pm and Thursday session from 7:30 pm. Workshops will run for approximately an hour and a half.

\$10 per person, per session.

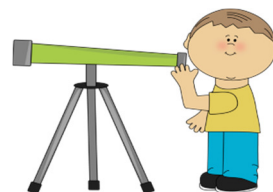
This is a ridiculously cheap workshop that shouldn't be missed out on. If you are interested in attending, please enter your name and preferred sessions on the yellow attendance form in the foyer.

B.I.G. BLOKES INTO GOD

Stargazers' Evening

At the end of the month.

Details in next week's Mainstream
Contact Peter Kelly
or Noel Underwood



Attention Ladies

'Days for Girls' Sewing Group

Wednesdays 9.30 am - 3.00 pm

Come along and enjoy some fellowship as we cut out and sew hygiene packs for the young women/girls of Kenya. Come for an hour or two, or bring some lunch and come for the whole day. For more information, talk to Carolyn Waters, Riana Bekker, Charlotte Armstrong or Janette Cooke.



Hymn Singing Afternoon

Sunday 19th April 2.00pm

Featuring:

Soloist Simone Liuzzi

Male Sextet

The Vines Village Choir

Accompanist and speaker Glenn Miller

Come along and share in an afternoon of singing your favourite hymns and hearing performances from our guest artists.

Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share

YOUTH GROUPS - *FUEL*

Friday, 24th April 7.30 - 9.30pm

XLR8

Nerf War

You may bring your nerf guns, but please leave your bullets at home.

At the Church \$3

IGNITION

Outdoor Movie

We're watching a movie outside

At the Church \$3

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The 2015 print-out is ready for you to check. This is the last chance available for you to check that all your details are correct before the new directory is printed.



Mission Update

SHOWERS OF BLESSING: EMPOWERING WOMEN

Women in rural Zimbabwe play crucial roles in providing for their families. They are responsible for collecting firewood, water, cooking and looking after the children. Installing Showers of Blessing water bores and wells in rural villages has greatly eased the burden on the women and girls whose daily task has been walking long distances to fetch water for their families.

Showers of Blessing encourages the women to also partake in the decision-making process of water bore installations in their villages and many of the community committees are comprised of women. These committees give opportunities for men and women to share in the responsibilities of bore maintenance.

This interaction assists in reducing stigma in the villages, providing an avenue for men and women to discuss other issues like reproductive health, HIV/Aids, and gender discrimination. Showers of Blessing is committed to empowering women within their community development.

Boniface Mpofu, Zimbabwe.

You can assist with this COCOA Project by donating to our Faith Promise Mission.

Bret Harte wrote a book entitled *The Luck of Roaring Camp*. Roaring Camp was supposed to be, according to the story, the meanest, toughest of all, mining camps that boasted there were more murders and thefts than anywhere else. In amongst all the men, there was one woman. She died whilst giving birth to a baby.

The men took the baby, and they put her in a box, wrapping her in some old rags. When they looked at her, they decided it didn't look right, so they sent one of the men into town to buy a rosewood cradle. When they put the baby into the cradle with the old rags, it still didn't look right, so they sent another man into town to buy beautiful silk and lace clothes and blankets. They put the baby in the cradle and wrapped the blankets around her.



They all stood back and admired the baby in the cradle and felt satisfied until one of them noticed how filthy the room was. So those hardened, tough men got down on their hands and knees and scrubbed the floor. They washed down the walls and the ceiling, cleaned the dirty windows and hung curtains. Now things were beginning to shape up as a place fit for a baby.

Then they realised that babies need a lot of sleep, and so they had to stop the loud talking, arguing and brawling caused by their drunkenness. They had to change their drinking habits.

They used to take the baby girl in her rosewood cradle and place her at the mine's entrance so they could all see her at the end of the day. Then someone noticed what a dirty place it was, so they planted flowers, and they made a very nice garden.

When the miners went to the cradle, the little baby would take hold of their fingers and they noticed how dirty their hands were. Very soon, the general store was all sold out of soap and shaving gear and after-shave. Nothing was ever the same again at Roaring Camp. The birth of a baby had changed everything. A baby had touched the lives of each miner and so changed the atmosphere of the whole camp.

This Week

Sunday	19th	9.30 am	Prayer
		2.00 pm	Hymn Singing
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	20th	10.15 am	Nursing Home Service
		7.30 pm	W.I.G.S.
Tuesday	21st	12 noon	Admin. Meeting
		5.30 pm	Adventure Club (Charlotte & Red Team)
		8.00 pm	Vocal Workshop
Wednesday	22nd	9.30am	Days for Girls Sewing Group
Thursday	23rd	12 noon	Meet And Eat
		7.30 pm	Vocal Workshop
Friday	24th	7.30pm	Youth Groups



Meet And Eat Thursday, 23rd April at 12 noon.

Meet at Jenny's Coffee Lounge for lunch and a time of fellowship

Share Group Saturday, May 2nd

Due to the Prayer Retreat being on our normal meeting day, we have postponed our visit to the Artback Gallery until Saturday, 2nd May.

W.I.G.S.

Women In God's Service

Monday, 20th April

Travel to Gallipoli and Jerusalem

With Rachel Broad

As she tells of her visit there at Christmastime

A small plate of supper please.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 19	Hymn Singing Afternoon
April 19	Church Café
April 21 & 23	Vocal Workshop
May 10th	Mother's Day
June 13/14	Leadership Weekend
June 22	Pastors' Prayer Partners' Dinner
July 18	Women's Ministry Breakfast

NEXT WEEK, 26th April

10.00 am

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Singers
Band

A. Tonkin

J. Cole

M. Waters Prayer Leader H. Atkins

K. Kiley, K. Tonkin, J. Trewin

A. Alabaster, R. Fox, M. Waters, B. Kiley, G. Stewart, C. Waters

Projector/Sound
Officer on Duty
Welcome/Reception
Helpers

P. Bekker / B. Moritz

K. Underwood

M. King / J. Cooke

J. Bradford, G. Diggle, B. Eaton, M. Straub, I. Cross,
D. Morrall, J. Renfree, H. Atkins

Crèche

M. Beardsmore, E. Gibbs

Children's Church

J. Kelly

Cuppa

G. Beruldsen, R. Brown, W. Cochrane

Communion Prep.

R. Bekker

Cleaning / Grounds

J. Cole, W. Duke / B. Eaton

6.00 pm

Worship Leader

A. Tonkin

Singers

I. Fabich

Band

A. Alabaster, A. Gray

Projector/Sound

K. Stewart, I. Fabich, B. Moritz, I. Stewart

Officer on Duty

T. Eaton / C. Waters

Reception

K. Underwood

Crèche

C. Waters

Cafe

J. Kelly

K. Underwood, K. Moritz, A. Beasy

Father: What did you learn in Sunday school this morning?

Son: We learned how Moses went behind enemy lines to rescue the Jews from the Egyptians. Moses ordered the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After the people crossed, he sent bombers back to blow up the bridge and the Egyptian tanks that were following them.

Father: Did your teacher really tell you all that?

Son: No, but if I told you what he said, you would never believe it.

Question: Why was Moses the most wicked man who ever lived?

Answer; He broke the Ten Commandments all at once.



On the mountain, God gave Moses rules for the people to follow.