

Mainstream



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10th May, 2015

Popular preacher and author John Piper has recently published a book called '**A Sweet and Bitter Providence: An exploration into the book of Ruth.**' In the introduction, he writes, "*I don't know you or your circumstances well enough to say for sure that you should read this book.... Let me simply tell you why I think you might be helped if you join me in studying the message of Ruth.*" He then goes on to list the following **seven reasons** why every believer should read and study **Ruth**.....

1. Ruth is the Word of God.
2. Ruth is a love story.
3. Ruth is a portrait of beautiful, noble manhood and womanhood.
4. Ruth addresses racial and ethnic diversity and harmony.
5. Ruth displays the sovereignty of God.
6. Ruth displays radical acts of risk-taking love.
7. Ruth displays the glory of Christ.

As we study this beautiful love story today and in the week ahead I pray that God will reveal something fresh and new about another beautiful love story; His love for you.

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 10th May

10.00 am

Naomi Thorne

THE STORY 9 "The Faith of a Foreign Woman"

Worship Leader

Matthew Cameron

Communion Leader

Bruce Eaton

6.00 pm

Naomi Thorne

Worship Leader

Joshua Cole

THE STORY 9 "The Faith of a Foreign Woman"
(No café tonight)

Next Week, 17th May

10.00 am

Diane Morrall

&

THE STORY 10

6.00 pm

"Standing Tall, Falling Hard"

MOTHERS

Cleaning house while babies are growing
Is like shovelling snow while it's still snowing.
Cleaning and scrubbing can wait 'til tomorrow,
For babies grow up we've learned to our sorrow.
So quiet down cobwebs, dust go to sleep
I'm rocking my baby, and babies don't keep.



Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- * Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of Lorna Whitford who passed away on April 25th. Lorna was once a faithful member of this church before moving to Melbourne. Her funeral was held last Tuesday.
- * Some changes to our new Family Directory:
Maxine and Bill King have cancelled their landline phone
Rachel and Andrew Broad have moved to Red Cliffs- P.O. Box 602

FAMILY DIRECTORY

Your Family Directories are ready for collection. A donation box for small donations will be left on the table alongside them, thank you.

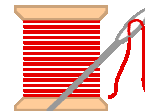
A teacher had just given her second grade class a lesson on magnets. Now came the question session, and she asked a little boy, "My name starts with an M and I pick up things. What am I?" The boy replied instantly, "A Mother."

CRAFT GROUP

Monday, May 11th
11.00 am

Bring some of your own craft work
We will discuss our
Beanie & Scarf Projects

Bring your lunch with you
Meet in the Mansell Room



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.

YOUTH GROUPS - *FUEL*

Friday 15th May- 7.30 - 9.30 pm \$3

IGNITION

Ninja Night

Come along dressed in something dark.

XLR8

Bad Taste Night

Can your stomach handle what we have in mind?

Ugandan Pastor's Daughter Gang-Raped

A pastor's daughter was left seriously injured and traumatised after five men raped her - reportedly because her father had refused to close his church. The 17 year old was assaulted as she made her way from her home to the church in the Bukada district of Eastern Uganda. Her attackers fled when other church members arrived for a prayer vigil.

The men had reportedly threatened the pastor and ordered him to stop holding worship services. They told his daughter that she was being punished because of her father's refusal to back down.

Budaka District is predominately Muslim, even though Uganda is 85% Christian. There have been other instances of Christian persecution in the district: a Free Church of Christ was burned down in February last year.

Please pray for our sister in Christ who has suffered this brutal attack. Ask God to comfort, strengthen and heal her, and pray that she and her family would know God's peace at this traumatic time.

Our sermons are now available on the Internet. Find them at:
www.milduracofc.podomatic.com or join our Facebook page.

Or you can order them on a CD.
Fill out an order form and leave it with the Officer on Duty.
All CDs are sold for \$3.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

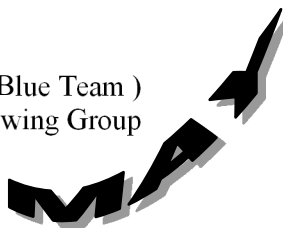
All volunteers are asked to please fill out a Volunteer Induction form for Maintaining Essential Safety measures in churches. If you have a computer, please log onto:

<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 Auralie.

This Week



Sunday	10th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	11th	11.00 pm	Craft
Tuesday	12th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club (Natalie Moritz & Blue Team)
Wednesday	13th	9.30am	'Days for Girls' Sewing Group
Friday	15th	7.30pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	16th	2.00 pm	Share Group



SHARE GROUP

Saturday 16th May at 2pm

Glenn Miller

Speaking on the composer, J. S. Bach

Please bring something to share for
afternoon tea



EXTEND ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ

NAB - BSB number 083764 Account Number 15423 4854

GENERAL ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 13/14	Leadership Weekend
June 22	Pastors' Prayer Partners' Dinner
July 18	Women's Ministry Breakfast
August 7/8	Encounter Youth Camp
September 5	Ladies' Day CANCELLED
October 7/8	Senior's Expo

NEXT WEEK, 17th May

<u>10.00 am</u>	D. Morrall
Worship Leader	I. Fabich
Communion Leader	C. Beasy
Singers	M. Cox, K. Hawtin, J. Trewin
Band	B. Kiley, I. Fabich, J. Tonkin
Projector/Sound	T. Eaton / C. Waters
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke
Welcome/Reception	R. Hawtin / N. Cook
Helpers	G. Beruldsen, J. Ferrett, G. Diggle, M. Cameron, J. Barthelson, I. Cross, C. Staley, J. Bradford
Crèche	R. O. Connor, E. Gibbs
Children's Church	M. Straub
Cuppa	B. Eaton, J. Purcell, C. Meade
Communion Prep.	A. Munro
Cleaning / Grounds	A. & B. Munro / N. Underwood & G. Hughes
<u>6.00 pm</u>	D. Morrall
Worship Leader	I. Fabich
Singers	A. Beasy, K. Kiley
Band	A. Alabaster, M. Gardner, I. Fabich, I. Stewart
Projector/Sound	T. Eaton / C. Waters
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke
Reception	G. Muller
Crèche	R. Hawtin

A five year old boy was fed up with his mother. The angry child ran to his room, packed a suitcase and stomped out muttering threats and saying how wonderful it would be to get away from home. The gentle mother said goodbye and closed the door.

From a window she watched her distressed boy trudge down the street with the old suitcase bumping his leg, now and then stopping and looking back. At last, he turned into a neighbour's house and rang the bell. The neighbour invited him in and gave him some milk and biscuits. Meanwhile, the boy's mother telephoned her neighbour to explain what had transpired.

Towards evening, the boy thanked the neighbour for a pleasant visit and went bouncing home with his suitcase as if nothing had happened. Slamming the front door behind him, he exclaimed, "Hi Mum!"

After tea and their nightly ritual, the tired son went to bed. Curious to see what her son had taken on his trip, the mother opened the suitcase and found his favourite cowboy hat and toy pistol, some bubblegum, a toothbrush, and his packet of church envelopes.

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