

# Mainstream



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## STANDING TALL. FALLING HARD.

Some people put a lot of importance on 'reputation'. We often hear of people saying our reputation is the most important thing to hold onto. But we should be more concerned with our character than with our reputation. Our character is what we really are while our reputation is merely what others think of us. Character, however, goes much deeper than this. Bill Hybels says, '*Character is who you are when nobody is looking.*' It's who you are in the dark. Whilst life is going good, when everything is going according to our plan, our reputation, alone is sufficient. But it's when life is difficult, when disappointment comes, the unexpected happens; this is when our true character is revealed. I like this story by C.S.Lewis. '*Surely what a man does when he is taken off his guard is the best evidence for what sort of man he is. If there are rats in a cellar, you are most likely to see them if you go in very suddenly. But the suddenness does not create the rats; it only prevents them from hiding. In the same way, the suddenness of the provocation does not make me ill-tempered; it only shows me what an ill-tempered man I am.*'

Samuel and Saul are two great men of history, both successful. Both of them had reputations; Samuel that of a prophet, a unifier of people and Saul was a warrior, a king. Both men stood tall in life. But when the testing began, this is where their true characters were revealed. As we know from the Bible, both men fell, but Saul fell hard. The reason was their different characters.

Are you more concerned with your reputation? Or are you working at developing your character? A godly character that humbles itself before God and allows Him to guide and direct us will definitely lead to true success in life. After all, it's what God thinks of us that is important, not man.

**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 17th May

<u>10.00 am</u>	Diane Morrall
	<b>THE STORY 10 "Standing Tall. Falling Hard"</b>
Worship Leader	Isaac Fabich
Communion Leader	Craig Beasy
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Diane Morrall
Worship Leader	Isaac Fabich
	<b>THE STORY 10 "Standing Tall. Falling Hard"</b>

### Next Week, 24th May

<u>10.00 am</u>	Andrew Tonkin
&	<b>THE STORY 11</b>
<u>6.00 pm</u>	<b>"From Shepherd to King"</b>

## LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

A weekend of inspiration and encouragement for all Church Leaders  
With special guest  
Graham Agnew  
Saturday, June 13th  
9.30 am

A free event, but registration is essential.  
Graham will also be preaching in our Sunday morning service

## Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**



## Family News & Prayer



- \* Congratulations to Rhyan Nicolson on reaching his 18th Birthday. His birthday is today, 17th May.
- \* Continue in prayer for Anne Eaton as she recovers from surgery in Melbourne.
- \* This weekend, Andrew and some of our Elders have travelled to Wallan for Vic/Tas Conference and Josh Cole's ordination as a minister.

### 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.

"The most important thing in the Olympic games is not to win but to take part. The most important thing in life is not to triumph but to struggle. The essential thing is not to conquer, but to have fought well."

-The Olympic Creed

### Women's Breakfast and Sewing Day

Saturday, June 20th  
8.30 am - 4.00 pm  
At the Salvation Army  
Cost - \$10 breakfast  
\$5 for the day  
RSVP for catering - 18th June

Sewing for "Days for Girls"  
No sewing experience required.

Bring if you can: Sewing machine, overlocker, scissors, quilting fabric, flannelette, thread, girl's knickers, face washers, travel soaps

### 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 22nd May- 7.30 - 9.30 pm     \$3

### **IGNITION & XLR8**

#### ***Family Feud***

Your parents are invited to come and enjoy  
the weekly youth group fun.

### **Nepal Earthquake**

If you would like to donate to the Nepal earthquake disaster fund, you can either use the form to donate online or fill it out and hand your donation to the office in an envelope or place it in the offering bowl, marked Nepal Earthquake Fund.

### **INDIA: God's Word is Not Returning Void**

Even though persecution, beatings, and threats to believers continue, the body of Christ is growing in India. A pastor was dragged outside his house by Hindu militant nationalists who threatened to burn him alive if he did not stop preaching about Jesus. Despite these attacks, he continues to share the Gospel.

### **BANGLADESH: Dramatic Change of Heart**

Believers in Bangladesh were kicked out of their village a few months ago because they were sharing Christ with others. But a recent update says: "An amazing thing has happened- the village leader has reversed his decision. We are now free to stay."

Our sermons are now available on the Internet. Find them at:  
[www.milduracofc.podomatic.com](http://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.

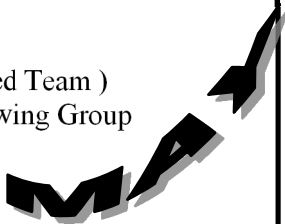
## **CHURCH VOLUNTEERS**

**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	17th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	18th	10.15 am	Aged Care Service
		7.30 pm	W.I.G.S.
Tuesday	19th	12 noon	Admin Meeting
		5.30 pm	Adventure Club
			(Zena Stewart & Red Team )
Wednesday	20th	9.30am	'Days for Girls' Sewing Group
Thursday	21st	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	22nd	7.30pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	23rd	6.30 pm	F.A.F.F.S.



### **F.A.F.F.S.**

Saturday, 23rd May at 6.30 pm  
Come and celebrate Charlotte's 60th Birthday  
With a Dutch Meal  
Cooked by Pam  
At Pam and Peter's home, Nichols Point  
RSVP - Pam please



### **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 20	Women's Breakfast & Sewing Day
June 22	Pastors' Prayer Partners' Dinner
July 4	C.W.F. / W.I.G.S. Christmas in July
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, 24th May**

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	R. Jackson
Communion Leader	W. Whitehead Prayer A. Tonkin
Singers	M. Cameron, L. Potter, K. Tonkin
Band	N. Moritz, R. Fox, M. Waters, I. Fabich, I. Stewart,
	A. Thorne
Projector/Sound	P. Bekker / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	K. Underwood
Welcome/Reception	D. Morrall / D. Hind
Helpers	N. Cook, B. Eaton, M. Straub, J. Booysen, P. Leng,
	C. Armstrong, J. Cooke, C. Beasy
Crèche	M. Cox, A. Beasy
Children's Church	S. Armstrong
Cuppa	G. Beruldsen, D. Ferrett, R. Brown
Communion Prep.	R. Bekker
Cleaning / Grounds	R. Jackson, C. Armstrong / W. Duke
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Cole
Singers	A. Alabaster, D. Gray, A. Thorne
Band	K. Stewart, I. Fabich, G. Stewart, J. Tonkin
Projector/Sound	C. Tonkin / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	K. Underwood
Reception	C. Waters
Crèche	A. Munro
Café	Pastoral Care - C. Armstrong, A. Beasy

Sometimes our attempts to speak the truth turn out funny, like these sentences found on insurance claims:

1. I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.
2. I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.
3. I my attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.
4. I had been driving for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.
5. I told the police that I was not injured but on removing my hat I found that I had a fractured skull.
6. The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran over him.
7. I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cow.
8. A truck backed through my windshield into my husband's face.
9. The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

Such attempts at stating the truth are humorous, but they point up the struggle we all have in communicating accurately and helpfully.