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As we continue our journey through the Bible, using the fantastic resource 'The Story' as our study guide, I find myself thinking every week, 'This is my favourite story in the Bible. The story of Abraham is my favourite. The story of Joseph is my favourite. The story of Moses and the Exodus is my favourite. The story of Joshua is my favourite. And so on..... It just seems that every week we are covering some of the greatest stories ever told.

But the Bible is not just a book containing historical stories of exciting events that happened many thousands of years ago. Each of these amazing stories has a very specific purpose – to tell us **how God worked in history to restore the relationship with broken people like us.**

The lower story is one of exciting tales of bravery and faithfulness. The upper story is one of a God of love who guided and directed significant events in history to usher in the promised Messiah to redeem all of mankind. Each of the 'favourite stories' of the Bible do not stand alone, but they are each a small part of God's story and they hold together as the greatest love story ever told – one of a God who loves the world so much he gave his only son, that whoever would believe in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

And our response must be more than, 'Wow, that was an exciting story'. We need to allow these stories to speak to our heart as they reveal to us the reality of God, the power of God, the love of God and how he desires our story to become a part of His story.

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 24th May

<u>10.00 am</u>	Andrew Tonkin THE STORY 11 "From Shepherd to King"
Worship Leader	Ruth Jackson
Communion Leader	Wayne Whitehead
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader	Joshua Cole
	THE STORY 11 "From Shepherd to King"
	Church Café - Pastoral Care

Next Week, 31st May

<u>10.00 am</u>	Joshua Cole
&	THE STORY 12
<u>6.00 pm</u>	"The Trials of a King"

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



- * Happy Birthday to Charlotte Armstrong as she celebrates her 60th Birthday on Tuesday, 26th May.
- * Congratulations to Bob and Nancy McAllister who celebrated 64 years of marriage on Tuesday, 19th May.

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.

SALE!

There is a sale on at Marie's Oasis Christian Book Shop in Ninth Street.

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 29th May- 7.30 - 9.30 pm \$3

IGNITION & XLR8

Black Night

Come dressed in your darkest clothes
as we creep around in the darkness.

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.

Baptised in the swimming pool.

Early this year, Pastor Kevin Tucker of Norseman led seventeen people into a commitment to follow Jesus, through contact with the young people in his Sunday School and Christian Endeavour groups. Twelve young people then asked him to baptise them. "I set the date for 29th March and then approached the manager of the Norseman swimming pool and he gave me permission. With much prayer, I then baptised them."

Praise God for how He is at work within Indigenous Communities. Pray for the young people who were baptised to grow stronger in their faith. Pray for pastor Tucker as he continues to share the love of Jesus with others.

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.

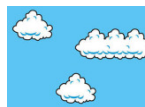
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This week of prayer for Christian Unity, concludes today, Pentecost Sunday. Today, on the feast of Pentecost, an Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity will be held at the Salvation Army citadel at 7.00 pm.

"Lord from the beginning of time your voice has called us, inviting us to communion with you, teaching us the mysteries of your life, guiding us on the way to salvation. May your power working in us, take from our hearts all that divides and separates us. Help us to rejoice in and recognise our common baptism through Waters and the Holy Spirit. May we be perfected in our unity that the world will recognise it is you whom we follow. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Week

Sunday	24th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	25th	11.00 am	Craft Group
		7.30 pm	Board Meeting
Tuesday	26th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club (Blue Team)
Wednesday	27th	9.30am	'Days for Girls' Sewing Group
Thursday	28th	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	29th	7.30pm	Youth Groups



Meet And Eat is on this Thursday, 28th May at 12 noon. Meet at Jenny's Coffee Lounge for good food and friendly conversation.
(Apologies for any confusion for advertising it for last week.)

B.I.G.

Blokes Into God

The next proposed BIG event is a night at Sunraysia Tenpin Bowling

Monday, 15th June.
7.30 pm



We have booked five lanes for everyone. Please list your name on the sheet in the foyer please.

C.W.F.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Thursday, 4th June

At our next meeting we are going to visit Rio Vista and the new Arts Centre. Meet at the church at 1.30 pm for a short meeting and devotions before we proceed to our destination.

Devotions: Diane Morrall -

"I Am the Good Shepherd"

John 10: 1-21 (Security)

Hostesses: Charlotte and Elaine

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, 31st May

10.00 am

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Singers
Band

J. Cole
B. Giddings
D. Morrall
M. Giddings, K. Hawtin
A. Alabaster, C. Beasy
M. Gardner, E. Tonkin, C. Waters
M. Waters / B. Moritz
W. Whitehead
J. Renfree / D. Shields
W. Duke, C. Meade, D. Ferrett, P. Duscher, J. Wiffen,
D. Morrall, J. Ferrett, N. Cook

Crèche
Children's Church
Cuppa

M. Beardsmore, L. Alabaster
S. Armstrong
J. Bradford, B. Witcombe, R. Witcombe

Communion Prep.
Cleaning / Grounds

A. Munro
J. Cole, W. Duke / M. Cameron

6.00 pm

J. Cole
Worship Leader
Singers
Band
Projector/Sound
Officer on Duty
Reception
Crèche
Café

B. Kiley
Prayer Leader A. Tonkin
N. Moritz, J. Gardner
B. Moritz, B. Kiley, I. Stewart
E. Moore / P. Norris
W. Whitehead
A. Munro
J. Cooke

A head office executive, who in the course of his travels spent the night in a rural manse, was awakened in the morning by a soprano voice softly singing 'Nearer my God to Thee'. He meditated as he lay in bed, on the deep piety of the minister's wife to begin her day in that way, and commented on it at breakfast. She replied, "Oh, that's the hymn I boil my eggs by - three verses for soft boiled and five for hard boiled."

Brenda and Ernie were two Christians who had lived very good and healthy lives. They died and arrived in heaven. Walking along one of the golden streets and marvelling at all the paradise around them, Ernie turned to Brenda and said, "Wow. I never knew heaven was going to be as good as this." "Yeah", says Bert. "And just think, if we hadn't eaten all that oat bran, we could have been here ten years earlier."

Did you hear the one about the ministers who formed a bowling team? Called themselves the Holy Rollers.

God has a big eraser