

Mainstream



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9th August, 2015

In the book of Daniel we read of two stories where people were told to bow down to the King and acknowledge him as lord, or die. In both stories the men of faith refuse to bow down to the King and proudly state that they will only bow to God and acknowledge Him as Lord. And in both stories we see the men of faith being sentenced to certain death.

The first story is of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. These three young Hebrews remained true to God and they were cast into a fiery furnace. But even in the midst of the flames God protected His faithful servants and they were saved.

The second story is about Daniel himself. He refused to bow to pray to the King when the trumpets sounded. Corrupt and jealous officials had Daniel arrested and his punishment was to be thrown into a den of lions. But again God saved his faithful servant and an angel shut the mouths of the lions.

They are two exciting stories from our Bible. But they are not stories told to simply entertain us. They are stories that challenge us about our own faithfulness in the face of persecution. In Australia we are greatly blessed to be able to practice our faith openly with no fear of arrest, punishment or worse. But for many thousands of Christians around the world they do face harsh persecution and even death for believing in Jesus and refusing to deny him. And their incredible testimonies should deeply challenge us to ask ourselves, 'Will I deny my Lord, or will I stand firm in my faith, even in the face of death?'

ANDREW TONKIN

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, 9th August

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin
THE STORY 18
Daniel in Exile

Worship Leader
Communion Leader

Matthew Cameron
Dennis Homfray

6.00 pm

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Samantha Armstrong

Next Week, Sunday, 9th August

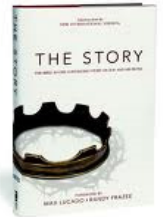
10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin
THE STORY 19

&

6.00 pm

The Return Home



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

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

Notes from the Board:

- The Church bank operating accounts are being moved to Vic/Tas Property Corporation as part of a re-alignment and consolidation of our church funds for better management.
- A different way of depositing money in the church accounts as offerings called PushPay is being set up at the same time.
- The Elders have worked out a loan repayment with Property Corps which will reduce our Extend Loan Account for the next ten years.
- The Extend Program will end in March next year with a Celebration Service and Thank Offering.
- Three of our leaders are participating in a Lunch Time Program at the Trinity Lutheran College along with leaders from Grace House and River Edge at the invitation of the Principal.
- Two security cameras were approved to be installed by Clinton Waters; one over the Church 10th Street door and one over the Chivell House door.
- We are commencing to use plastic communion cups this week. This will make our communion trays easier and lighter to handle.
- Discussion is continuing with the Elders on the re-commencement of two morning services in the new year.
- Due to building regulations the kitchen stove and surrounds are undergoing some work.
- There is a new barbecue being built in the court yard to be completed after the stove work is done.
- Parents are reminded that the Crèche is available for pre-Schoolers only during the services. Older children are not to go into the room for play.
- User groups are reminded that they should clean and tidy the rooms they have used after their meetings and also empty rubbish bins to the ones outside.

David Thomas, founder of Wendy's Hamburgers is the only founder among America's big companies whose picture in the corporate annual report shows him wielding a mop and bucket. That wasn't a gag either. It was done intentionally so that he could lead by example. At Wendy's, an MBA does not mean a Master of Business Administration, it means Mop Bucket Attitude. Service at the lowest levels makes for great success.

Family News & Prayer



- Pray for all members in nursing homes, or are house-bound, or are unwell
- Pray for those in hospital or undergoing treatment.
- Congratulations to John Purcell who celebrates his 70th Birthday on Monday, 10th August

Women's Breakfast

Reaching your full potential in Christ

With guest speaker **Suzie Botross**

8 am Saturday, 5th September

\$15, or \$5 for under 16s.



Refresh Women's Conference

August 21st—22nd, 2015

Diggerland Church
26 Indi Ave, Red cliffs

Register online
www.refresh.org.au
Forms available in foyer.
Early Bird Price \$50
Pay by 9th August

Samaritan's Purse

Boxes are now available for those who wish to get started on filling them. 50cents per box
Pick some up from the office.

The Story

We still have The Story books for sale if you haven't yet purchased one.

There are also some beautiful children's versions.

All available for \$25.

Copies of Graham Agnew's book,
HOPE in 60 Seconds

are still available.

Cost = \$20.

See Andrew for your signed copy.



YOUTH GROUPS - FUEL

August 14th 7.00—9.00 pm

IGNITION

Gross Night

Make sure you come ready to show that you have the stomach or character built for anything.

\$3

XLR8

Milkshake Night

We are getting creative and making the best milkshakes you can think of.

\$5

Mission Update



Niger: Africa

Australian GP Obstetrician, Anne-Sophie has been working at Galmi Hospital, Niger for the past 16 months. One night she received a phone call at 3 am. The midwife reported that one of her patients died overnight. Three days earlier, she had delivered a beautiful baby boy, but for 5 days had been unwell. When she came in to hospital she was unconscious. She had signs of acute liver failure, probably caused by some traditional medicines she had taken.

Later that morning, Anne-Sophie explained to the family how to make formula for the baby with a mixture of goat's milk, water and sugar. She then went on to do a Caesarean section for a lady who had a baby with obvious abnormalities. The baby didn't survive. Then two curettages following second trimester miscarriages.

The next patient was a lady pregnant with her 11th baby at 32 weeks. The baby was lying transverse, and the lady started to have contractions. Anne-Sophie gave her some medications to stop the contractions and to help lung maturity, and prayed that she wouldn't have to deliver the baby so early.

Thanks to the generous support of partners like you, Anne-Marie has been working in the new maternity ward, which opened in 2013. She remembers the old, overcrowded ward, which had deteriorated structurally. The new, clean environment makes a big difference for both staff and patients.

The surgical ward and pharmacy have also been rebuilt, but the medical, paediatric and administration buildings still need redevelopment once funds become available.

Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved with God's work at Galmi Hospital.

Details for donations are on the back of the simaid Project Focus booklet on the noticeboard.

Overcoming Obstacles

Noah, despite a strange assignment and the likely ridicule of his neighbours, obeyed God and built the boat that would preserve life on Earth.

Joseph, despite numerous personal tragedies, became to preserver and protector of the fledgling nation of Israel.

Moses, despite a deep sense of inadequacy, became to liberator, lawgiver, and leader of the Israelites.

Caleb, despite being 'over the hill' at 85, asked for and received the opportunity to defeat the Anakite peoples living near Hebron.

Deborah, despite being a woman (a position lacking respect in her day), led God's people to victory over their enemies.

Gideon, despite great fear and overwhelming odds, led the Israelites in defeating their Midianite oppressors.

David, despite his youth, the scorn of his brothers, and formidable opponent, defeated the dreaded Goliath and showed his mettle as a man after God's heart.

Nathan, despite the possibility of retribution from King David, confronted David with his sins of adultery and murder.

Josiah, despite having an evil father and grandfather, became a great reformer, turning the nation of Judah back to God.

Esther, despite being young and a foreigner, became queen and saved God's people.

Jeremiah, despite criticism, unpopularity and attacks against him, faithfully delivered God's message to the nation of Judah.

Daniel, despite exile, opposition, and an encounter with some ravenous lions, faithfully served and represented god before the most powerful world leaders of his time.

John the Baptist, despite being misunderstood and having occasional doubts, pointed others to Christ.

Mary, despite being a teenager, became the mother of Jesus Christ who is the son of God and Saviour of the world.

Mary Magdalene, despite once being possessed by seven demons, became a faithful follower of Jesus and told the disciples that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Peter, despite a history of painful public failures, became the most visible and vocal leader of the early church.

Paul, despite having been a bitter enemy of Christianity, became the fore-

This Week

Sunday	9th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	10th	11.00 am	Craft
Tuesday	11th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
			Charlotte & Red Team
Friday	14th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	15th		Share Group



HYMN FEST

Sunday, 9th August

2.30 pm

Salvation Army Church

Hosted by the Bible

Society of Sunraysia

Donations towards

Bibles for Vietnam and

Laos



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.

They are \$3.

SHARE GROUP

Saturday, 15th August

2.00 pm

Change of Program

A Visit to Faye Duke's Garden

12 Thomson Grove

Take a look at the imaginative garden and doll collection.



Please bring something to share for afternoon tea.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 5th	Women's Ministry Breakfast
September 6th	Father's Day
September 29th	Dareton Holiday Program
October 7/8	Seniors' Expo
October 10th	Rotating Dinner
November 14th	Gingerbread House Day
November 28th	Camp Fusion
December 19th	Carols at Namma

NEXT WEEK, 16th August

10.00 am

Worship Leader

Communion Leader

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Welcome/Reception

Helpers

Crèche

Children's Church

Cuppa

Communion Prep.

Cleaning / Grounds

6.00 pm

Worship Leader

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Reception

Crèche

D. Morrall

J. Cole

J. Armstrong Prayer Leader H. Atkins

K. Hawtin, R. Turlan, B. Kiley

A. Alabaster, R. Fox, B. Kiley, E. Tonkin, B. Moritz

T. Eaton / C. Waters

R. Hawtin

J. Renfree / D. Hind

G. Beruldsen, W. Duke, C. Meade, K. Underwood,

N. Underwood, H. Atkins, C. Staley, P. Leng

R. O'Connor, H. Nicholson

A. Beasy, R. Jemmeson, J. Tonkin, J. Gardner

C. Armstrong, M. Cox, K-M. Cox, Z. Stewart

R. Bekker

J. Cole, W. Duke

R/. Barthelson, R. Witcombe

D. Morrall

B. Kiley

M. Gardner, J. Gardner, A. Beasy

B. Kiley, E. Tonkin, G. Stewart, I. Stewart

C. Tonkin / B. Moritz

R. Hawtin

A. Munro

J. Kelly

Cowboy Joe

Cowboy Joe was telling his fellow cowboys back on the ranch about his first visit to a big city church.

"When I got there, they had me park my old truck in the corral," Joe began.

"You mean the parking lot," interrupted Charlie, a more worldly fellow.

"I walked up the trail to the door,," Joe continues.

"The sidewalk to the door," Charlie corrected him.

"Inside the door I was met by this dude," Joe went on.

"That would be the usher," Charlie explained.

"Well, the usher led me down the chute," Joe said.

"You mean the aisle," Charlie said.

"Then, he led me to a stall and told me to sit there," Joe continued.

"Pew," Charlie retorted.

"Yeah," recalled Joe. "That's what the pretty lady said when I sat down beside her."

