

# Mainstream



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Discouragement is unique to humans and it happens to all of us at some stage in life. No-one is immune. The most positive, extroverted person can struggle with discouragement. And it is a struggle. Discouragement immobilises us. We can feel like a failure and so we step away from what we are supposed to be doing and focus on other activities. Some people try to deal with discouragement with drugs or alcohol or get involved in other activities that may help them to forget.

But this is not the life that God has desired for us. We are created in His image and we are to be His hands and feet in a world that desperately needs to hear the 'Good News' of the Gospel.

Through the Books of Ezra and Haggai, as we read of the Israelites beginning to re-build their Temple in Jerusalem, we can identify some of the things that cause discouragement, but also learn ways to overcome it and return to the life God has planned for us.

*Do not fear for* I AM WITH YOU.

*Do not be afraid for* I AM YOUR GOD.

I WILL STRENGTHEN  
YOU AND HELP YOU.

*I will uphold you with my  
righteous right hand.*

ISAIAH 41:10



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**Diane Morrall**

## 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, 16th August

10.00 am

Diane Morrall

**THE STORY 19**

**The Return Home**

Worship Leader

Joshua Cole

Communion Leader

Jon Armstrong

6.00 pm

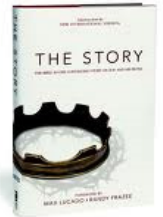
Diane Morrall

**THE STORY 19**

**The Return Home**

Worship Leader

Brendan Kiley



*Church Café is on tonight—Natalie Moritz*

### Next Week, Sunday, 23rd August

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

&

**THE STORY 20**

6.00 pm

**A Queen of Beauty and Courage**

### 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**

# Family News & Prayer



- Congratulations to grand-parents Jenny and Robert Barthelson on the birth of a new grand-daughter, Chelsea Maddox on 24th July to daughter Michelle and husband Colin Maddox.

## Women's Break-Feast

*Reaching your full potential in Christ*

With guest speaker Suzie Botross

8 am Saturday, 5th September

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

Put your name on the sign-up sheet today.



### Refresh Women's Conference

August 21st—22nd, 2015

Diggerland Church  
26 Indi Ave, Red cliffs

Register online  
[www.refresh.org.au](http://www.refresh.org.au)  
Forms available in foyer.  
Registration reduction for first  
time attenders.

### Samaritan's Purse

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

### HALL'S GAP WOMEN'S RETREAT

Friday, 9th—Sunday, 11th October

*What is God's Purpose For Me?*

Guest speaker—Kaye Reid  
From Doncaster C. of C.

Registrations close 14th September  
Full Camp—\$180.00  
Registration forms in the foyer.

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 21st 7.00—9.00 pm

### IGNITION

#### **Sleepover night**

Pick up at the Church—9.00 am Saturday  
\$5

### XLR8

#### **Monopoly Night**

We are playing monopoly with a twist.  
At the Church—\$3

### **“Love—All the Way”**

“The undertaker will be here at five o'clock tomorrow. Can you come and take a service for us at or place?” Having met this family through speedway chaplaincy, I could only say ‘Yes’ - despite funeral preparations usually taking much longer. But my limited time-squeeze was nothing compared to their pain—lost in the loss of what might have been. The still-birth of their baby had ambushed their hopes.

Outliving our children runs against our natural expectation. But even though still-birth figures in less than half of one percent of all births; it hammers at our sense of justice, and it can poison our confidence and our trust.

Yet only recently have affected families been offered services to recognise their loss.

Questions filled my mind: How to celebrate someone this grieving family has never met? How to encourage them to recognise God's presence in their pain—without morbidly ‘protecting’ God's reputation? Or feeding their fear of judgment/ Their grief did not need the poison of guilt; nor to be trivialised as a sideshow in a cynical, cosmic power-play.

Suddenly it hit me that his little bloke had known nothing but love. He had been conceived in love—not merely from seasonal, animal instincts for survival—and in the womb he'd been nourished in sacrificial maternal love. And now he's been ushered into the presence of God, whose middle name is love. This is the God whose son also suffered what we might see as premature death; but now opens up enough grace to get His fingernails dirty in the gloom of our shattered dreams and broken hearts.

*-Noel Mitaxa*

### **Please pray that God will act for Christians in Israel:**

- guide and assist the Israeli govt. and security forces, that they will protect Christians from Jewish ultra-nationals and the far more dangerous ISIS-incited and organised militant Muslims.
- guide, assist, deliver and protect Christians in Jerusalem's Muslim Quarter, as well as across the whole city and other Muslim-dominated regions, and in volatile towns such as Nazareth and Bethlehem.

## *This Week*

Sunday	16th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	17th	10.15 am	Nursing Home Service
		7.30 pm	W.I.G.S.
Tuesday	18th	12 noon	Admin. Meeting
		5.30 pm	Adventure Club
			Kaye & Noel & Blue Team
Friday	21st	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	22nd	4.00 pm	FAFFS



### **W.I.G.S.**

#### ***Women in God's Service***

Monday, 17th August at 7.30 pm

#### NAOMI THORNE

will be sharing about what she does in her job.

#### DESSERT with Recipes

Bring a dessert along to share after having your main course at home. Please also bring a copy of the recipe so we can take them home and enjoy making them ourselves.

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. \$3 each

### **FAFFS**

#### **Family And Friends, Fifty—Sixty**

#### ***Kelly's Bush Walk & Camp Oven Tea***

Saturday, 22nd August

4.00 pm Billabong Walk

6.30 pm Camp oven and campfire

8.00 pm Kelly's Trip photos

Please let the Kelly's know if you  
are coming.



## **NEXT WEEK, 23rd August**

### 10.00 am

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader  
Singers  
Band  
Projector/Sound  
Officer on Duty  
Welcome/Reception  
Helpers

A. Tonkin  
D. Ferrett  
J. Cole  
M. Cameron, L. Potter, K. Tonkin  
M. Craig, C. Beasy, M. Waters, I. Fabich  
C. Waters / B. Moritz  
J. Kelly  
D. Shields / J. Renfree  
N. Cook, M. Straub, P. Duscher, J. Booysen, J. Wiffen,  
D. Morrall, W. Whitehead, volunteer

### Crèche

Children's Church  
Cuppa

Communion Prep.  
Cleaning / Grounds

M. Cox, A. Beasy  
R. Jemmeson, M. Gardner, E. Moore, T. Eaton  
J. Bradford, B. Witcombe, R. Witcombe

P. Midgley

A. & B. Munro

### 6.00 pm

Worship Leader

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Reception

Crèche

I. Fabich Prayer Leader A. Tonkin

N. Moritz, A. Alabaster, A. Thorne

B. Janetski, I. Fabich, J. Tonkin

T. Eaton / C. Waters

J. Kelly

G. Muller

A. Munro

### **Ten Inches Deep**

A boy was sitting on a park bench with one hand resting on an open Bible. He was loudly exclaiming his praise to God. "Hallelujah! God is great!" he yelled without worrying whether anyone heard him or not.

Shortly after, along came a man who had recently completed some studies at a local university. Feeling himself very enlightened in the ways of truth and very eager to show this enlightenment, he asked the boy about the source of his joy.

"Hey," asked the boy in return with a bright laugh. "Don't you have any idea what God is able to do? I just read that God opened up the waves of the Red Sea and led the whole nation of Israel right through the middle."

The enlightened man laughed lightly, sat down next to the boy and began to try to open his eyes to the 'realities' of the miracles of the Bible. "That can all be very easily explained. Modern scholarship has it that the Red Sea in that area was only ten inches deep at that time. It was no problem for the Israelites to wade across."

The boy was stumped. The man, content that he had enlightened a poor, naïve young person, turned to go. Scarcely had he taken two steps when the boy began to rejoice and praise louder than ever. He turned to see what the reason was.

"Wow!" exclaimed the boy happily. 'God is greater than I thought! Not only did He lead the whole nation of Israel through the Red Sea, He topped it off by drowning the whole Egyptian army in ten inches of water!'"

## **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 9-11	Hall's Gap Women's Retreat
October 10th	Rotating Dinner
November 14th	Gingerbread House Day
November 28th	Camp Fusion