

Mainstream



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What is true bravery?

Is Adam Goodes brave for standing his ground in the face of racial controversy? Is Caitlyn Jenner brave for going so public with her gender reassignment surgery? Is Andrew Broad brave for taking a political stance for traditional marriage? Are Ethan Tonkin, Ayden Thorne, Matt Fabich and other Christian students at Mildura Senior College brave for a recent attempt to reach out and share the Gospel with their fellow students?

What is a true hero?

Is it the superhero decked out in body hugging lycra? Is it the footballer who kicks ten goals in a game? Is it Michael Clarke for being the Australian cricket captain? Is it the single mum who sacrifices so much to raise her children so they don't go without? Is it the young Christian who stands firm in the face of temptation in order to be a consistent witness for his Lord? Is it those who give up so much of their time every week to teach our children and youth about the love of Jesus?

When we read about brave heroes in the Bible we see a variety of men and women, young and old, rulers and servants. Some, such as Elijah, performed amazing miracles. Others, such as Rahab, did simple acts of kindness. Others, such as Esther, took incredible risks. But each of them started with the choice to be obedient to the Lord.

Being a brave hero isn't about power, strength, ability, authority or wealth. It is about obedience to God, obedience to the Word and obedience to do what is right and true. Are you brave? Are you a hero?

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, 23rd August

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

THE STORY 20

A Queen of Beauty and Courage

Worship Leader

Denis Ferrett

Communion Leader

Joshua Cole

6.00 pm

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Isaac Fabich

Next Week, Sunday, 30th August

10.00 am

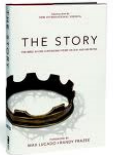
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THE STORY 21

6.00 pm

Rebuilding the Walls



Please Note: All church Bank Account Numbers have now changed!
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GENERAL ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura

BSB number 703-810 Account Number 05300208

EXTEND ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ

BSB number 703-810 Account Number 05300270

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

Family News & Prayer



- Pray for Marianne Haigh as she is again in hospital with a knee infection and facing further surgery.
- Pray for Ruth Jackson's mother and father as they face health problems. Pray for strength for Ruth as she supports them both.
- Pray for those who have been in bad health recently—Vic Robinson, Graeme Muller, Marj Teague, Florrie Hawtin.
- Happy 18th Birthday to Jordyn Gardner for Friday, 28th August.
- Congratulations to Janette and John Cooke on their 40th Wedding Anniversary, today, 23rd August.
- Next Sunday, Bert Curtis is turning 90 and Gwenda Beruldsen will be 80 next Monday.

Women's Break-Feast

Reaching your full potential in Christ

With guest speaker Suzie Botross

Suzie is a speaker, author, Learning & Development expert, and more. Most of all, Suzie is passionate about Jesus and loves bringing the Scriptures to life through practical application into everyday life. Suzie is down to earth, practical and says things that we are all secretly thinking.

8 am Saturday, 5th September

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

Put your name on the sign-up sheet today.



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.



YOUTH GROUPS - *FUEL*

August 28th 7.00—10.00 pm

IGNITION & XLR8

BONFIRE NIGHT

It's the end of winter, so we're going to the Midgley's for a great big BONFIRE.

Meet at the Church - \$5

Mission Update



PAKISTAN

A Christian family was paraded through their village by a Muslim mob in an act of utter humiliation after they were accused of blasphemy because they unknowingly used a banner with a verse from the Quran as a sleeping mat. Threatening that they would burn them alive, the mob publicly degraded them.

NIGERIA

A day of extreme violence in north-eastern Nigeria saw 32 churches and around 300 homes torched in several villages, with nine people killed. Earlier that day, five Christians were killed after a man disguised as a church-goer, walked into the church and detonated the explosives strapped to his body just as church members were beginning to arrive.

BELARUS

The pastor of a church in Belarus has been fined by the Court. Despite the fact that the church has state registration, the congregation has also been prohibited from meeting together since the church was raided by police during a Sunday service where 20 members had gathered together in a rented building to worship. In another town, armed police have raided a house church and have since fined two church members and filed cases against 17.

Copies of Graham Agnew's book,

HOPE in 60 Seconds

are still available.

Cost = \$20.

See Andrew for your signed copy.

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.

This Week

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| Sunday | 23rd | 9.30 am | Prayer |
| | | 7.00 pm | Ray on Radio 106.7 FM |
| Monday | 24th | 11.00 am | Craft Group |
| | | 7.30 pm | Leadership Meeting |
| Tuesday | 25th | 5.30 pm | Adventure Club |
| | | | Zena & Red Team |
| Wednesday | 26th | 9.30 am | 'Days for Girls' Sewing Group |
| Thursday | 27th | 12 noon | Meet And Eat |
| Friday | 28th | 7.30 pm | Youth Groups |



Craft Group Monday, 24th

Today we will be making cards for the library with Maxine King.

Father's Day Cards will be available for purchase from the Library for \$3 each.

Peanut Pals

Are you thinking of your pal today? Send her a note to tell her and brighten her day with your greeting.

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. \$3 each

"Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts." *Charles Dickens*

The Story

We have a small supply of The Story bibles for purchase today at \$25 each.

Study books are available also for \$15.

There are two children's Bibles left at a cost of \$25.

See the officer on duty this morning.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 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 |
| October 25th | New Comers' Lunch |
| November 14th | Gingerbread House Day |
| November 28th | Camp Fusion |
| December 19th | Carols at Namma |

NEXT WEEK, 30th 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
Café

A. Tonkin
M. Waters
D. Morrall + Prayer Leader
D. Clark, K. Kiley, R. Turlan
A. Alabaster, D. Ferrett, M. Gardner, M. Gardner,
E. Tonkin, C. Waters
J. Cole / J. Armstrong
R. Hawtin
A. Munro / A. Eaton
J. Ferrett, G. Diggle, H. Atkins, I. Cross, J. Wiffen,
C. Armstrong, C. Staley, J. Cooke
J. Kelly, E. Gibbs
S. Armstrong, A. Beasy, H. Nicholson, J. Tonkin,
J. Gardner
L. Homfray, J. Purcell, E. Phillips, R. Brown
K. Underwood
P. Leng, R. Hawtin / W. Duke, N. Underwood
A. Tonkin
S. Armstrong
M. Gardner, A. Beasy, A. Thorne
A. Thorne, I. Fabich, G. Stewart, J. Tonkin
E. Moore / B. Moritz
A. Munro
C. Waters
J. Kelly
C.W.F. team

The Christian Barber

There was a barber who thought that he should share his faith with his customers more than he had been doing lately.

So, the next morning, when the sun came up, the barber got out of bed and said, "Today, I am going to witness to the first man who walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop, the first customer came in and asked for a shave! The barber said, "Sure, just take a seat and I'll be with you in a minute."

The barber went out the back and prayed a quick, desperate prayer saying, "God, the first customer has come in and I'm going to witness to him. Give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him."

The barber picked up his razor knife and went back to his customer with his Bible in one hand and the razor in the other. Going over to the chair he said, "Good morning, sir. I have a question for you... Are you ready to die?"

