

Mainstream



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I have a dog named Cooper and a cat named Bentley. I know this will not come as a surprise to anyone, but Cooper and Bentley could not be more different.

Cooper is so friendly. At any chance he runs up to you, jumping, spinning and wagging his tail. He just loves to be with you and interact with you. He particularly likes to have his tummy scratched. Last week Chloe and I went for a bike ride. Cooper sat at the front gate and howled and howled until we came home. He just wanted to be with us.

And Bentley? Well, he is a cat. I suppose I don't really need to say more.

The other day I was sitting on our back veranda. Cooper came running up to me, wanting to jump up onto my lap for a pat. After a good pat and a tummy rub he ran off to eat a bone up near the back of the yard. Bentley was lying in the sun no more than five metres from where I was sitting. I called his name. But he just lay there. "Come here", I called out. He continued to lie there, unmoved. I called again, "Come here". Suddenly from all the way up the back of the yard Cooper came running and jumped up onto my lap. I shooed him away and tried again to call Bentley. Bentley looked around at me and continued lying where he was, ignoring my calls. Cooper continued to run up to me every time he heard my voice.

When God calls who are we more like? Are we like Cooper who runs up at the first sound of the Master's voice? Or are we like Bentley, ignoring the call and being more interested in our own comforts and needs?

Jesus says in **John 10: 17**, "**My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.**" When the Lord calls will you answer? Will you respond in faith and follow?

Andrew Tonkin



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.

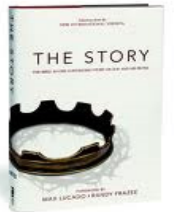
Today, Sunday, 1st November

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader Isaac Fabich
Communion Leader Dennis Homfray
Double A Jazz Band

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader Brendan Kiley

Next Week, Sunday, 8th November

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
& **The Story 28**
New Beginnings
Baptism of John Purcell
Andrew Tonkin
The Story 28
New Beginnings



PRAYER WEEK

"Come just as you are, opening your heart and telling Him how you feel and what you desire. You are God's child, and he is eager and willing to see you!" Wesley L. Duwel

Time to Pray

The church is open for prayer

- between 7-8 am Monday to Friday
- throughout the day Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

"Hebrews 4: 16 'Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.'



Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

Family News & Prayer

- Pray for those who have been in bad health recently.
Joan Ferrett, Peter Staley, Marianne Haigh, Graeme Muller
- Pray for those students who are sitting for end of year exams.
- Matthew Cameron and Jody Dermody recently announced their engagement.
(with apologies for last week's typo.)
- For those who remember Joyce Kinleyside who was once a member in Mildura, Joyce is very unwell in hospital in Ararat at present.
- There is a 'lavender' gift parcel in the office with no name attached. Could the giver please let someone know who it is for or collect it, thank you?

Crèche

Due to the fact that we don't have enough people willing to be on the evening crèche roster, there will no longer be a crèche supervisor at the night services. Parents of pre-school children are welcome to use the crèche room, but must supervise their children at all times.

Ladies, Noeline would like some help with morning / afternoon tea on the Gingerbread House Day. If you can help please put your name on the list in the foyer.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DAY

Saturday 14th November
Two sessions 10am-2pm

You've been given more time to purchase your kit,
so if you'd like to attend, reserve your ticket.
Tickets can be purchased from the Church office, Samantha Armstrong or the
Officer on Duty this morning.

Cost is \$30 which includes the full kit with all the trimmings.



YOUTH GROUPS

November 6th 7.00—9.00 pm More information—Josh Cole

IGNITION Slip 'N' Slide Night

At the church in your old clothes \$3

XLR8 Mexican Night

Come dressed in your Mexican outfits \$3

Mission Update



LIBYA

The situation for Christians in Libya has deteriorated even in the last year, and we have seen the recent executions by Islamic State, of Christians from neighbouring countries. Christian converts from a Muslim background face pressure and risk from their families, even facing beatings by family members. Most Libyan Christians are afraid to meet with other believers, as any kind of non-Islamic gathering is forbidden. The main source of persecution and violence comes from Islamic extremists, such as the Salfists and IS, as there is no central government or rule of law.

Pray that Muslim background believers will not be targets of their families or their communities and that some semblance of peace and a stable central government will come to the country, which is a failed state.

Please Note: All church Bank Account Numbers have now changed!
When keying in BSB, it may come up with INDUE Ltd BSB, but this is correct.
Please change your bank account debits as soon as possible.

Must Say 'Mildura Church of Christ' on both accounts now.

Have you changed your direct deposits yet? Please do this before we close off the NAB Accounts!

This includes the Extend Account!!

GENERAL ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS- Mildura Church of Christ

BSB number 703-810 Account Number 05300208

EXTEND ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ

BSB number 703-810 Account Number 05300270

PRAYER WEEK *This Week*

Sunday	1st	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Tuesday	3rd	-	Melbourne Cup Day NO Adventure Club
Wednesday	5th	12.30 pm	C.W.F.
Friday	6th	7.00 pm	Youth Group



NOVEMBER

C.W.F.

Christian Women's Fellowship

Our meeting is on 5th November. We will be going to visit the gardens at the Tonkin home in Merbein. This year we will be having a barbecue lunch. We will leave the Church at 12.30 pm for lunch at 1.00 pm. Please bring a salad or a dessert—AND a chair.

Again, our men are most welcome to join us.

Following lunch, we will be holding a short Annual General Meeting, so spend some time considering who you want to lead us in 2016.

In the Berlin Art Gallery is a painting by German painter Adolf Menzel, which is only partially finished. Intended to show Frederick the Great speaking with some of his generals, Mendel painted generals and background, but left the king until last. He put an outline of Frederick in charcoal, but died prior to finishing it off.

Many come to the end of life without ever having put Christ into his proper place, centre stage.

The Story

We have one copy left of The Story bible for purchase today at \$25. Study books are available also for \$15.

There is one children's Bible left at a cost of \$25.

See the officer on duty.

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

NEXT WEEK, 8th November

10.00 am

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Singers
Band
Projector/Sound
Officer on Duty
Children's Church
Welcome/Reception
Helpers

A. Tonkin
R. Jackson
J. Cole Prayer Leader J. Cole
D. Ferrett, M. Gardner, B. Kiley
R. Fox, B. Kiley, R. Jemmeson, C. Waters
C. Waters / B. Moritz
M. Waters
S. Armstrong, A. Beasy, J. Tonkin, E. Moore
J. Renfree / D. Hind
B. Eaton, P. Duscher, J. Booysen, H. Atkins, J. Wiffen,
D. Morrall, M. Straub, M. Cameron

Crèche

Cuppa

Communion Prep.

Cleaning / Grounds

6.00 pm

Worship Leader

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Reception

Crèche

H. Nicholson, J. Kelly
J. Bradford, B. Witcombe, R. Witcombe
P. Midgley
J. Cole & W. Duke / D. Homfray & M. Cameron
A. Tonkin
B. Moritz
S. Armstrong, B. Kiley
B. Kiley, B. Moritz, I. Stewart
T. McGinty / J. Armstrong
M. Waters
R. Hawtin
J. Kelly

A man went on holidays to the Holy Land with his wife and mother-in-law, but while they were there his mother-in-law died.

They went to the undertaker who explained that they could ship the body home but that it would cost over \$5,000, whereas they could bury her in the Holy Land for only \$150.

The man said, "We'll ship her home."

The undertaker asked, "Are you sure? That's an awfully big expense and we can do a very nice burial here."

The man said, "Look, 2,000 years ago they buried a bloke here and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance."

In Budapest, a man went to a rabbi and complained, "Life is unbearable. There are nine of us living in one room, What can I do?"

The rabbi answered, "Take your goat into the room with you." The man is incredulous, but the rabbi insists, "Do as I say and come back in a week."

A week later the man came back, looking more distraught than before. "We cannot stand it," he told the rabbi. "The goat is smelly and filthy."

The rabbi then told him, "Go home and let the goat out and come back in a week."

A radiant man returned to the rabbi a week later, exclaiming, "Life is beautiful. We enjoy every minute of it now that there's no goat, only the nine of us."