

# Mainstream



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**3rd January, 2016**

The start of a new year is often a time of contemplation. We think back over the previous year and evaluate the good, the bad, the successes and the failings. We give thanks for the Lord's many blessings and we thank him for his grace, mercy and strength as we faced trials and difficulties.

As we look forward to the new year ahead we can do so in faith, believing that while we do not know what the new year will bring, the Lord is with us and will guide us according to his sovereign plan. The question we need to ask ourselves is, *'Will I take time to listen to His voice, follow His lead, and be obedient to His will?'*

2015 was a wonderful year for the Mildura Church of Christ. And I believe 2016 will be an even greater year. There is much to look forward to.

- In **early February** the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will be running a **Christian Life and Witness Course** as a lead up to the April / May crusade meetings.
- On **February 27** we will conduct a full day **Vision Summit** to corporately dream together God's possibilities for our Church.
- In **March** we begin running **two morning services** to create more space and encourage further growth.
- **April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>** will see the Churches of Sunraysia host special outreach crusades run by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

And there will continue to be many, many more initiatives and programs where we seek to build the Church as we reach out in love with the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I invite you to be on board through your prayers, your time, your generosity and your energies. Let's come together, work together and seek God together to see His will done in 2016.

**ANDREW TONKIN**

*Welcome*

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, 3rd January, 2016**

**10.00 am** Joshua Cole  
Worship Leader Isaac Fabich  
Communion Leader Michael Waters

**A Place to Belong**

**6.00 pm** No Evening Service

**Next Week, Sunday, 10th January**

**10.00 am** Brendan Moritz  
&  
**6.00 pm** Brendan Moritz

**Happy  
New Year!**

To start the new year right, you must let go of any old grudges that are weighing you down. Philip Yancey describes forgiveness as an unnatural act and says, 'You don't find dolphins forgiving sharks for eating their playmates. It's a dog-eat-dog world ... not a dog-forgive-dog world.' Bitterness comes naturally when you've been hurt, whereas forgiving is supernatural and requires God's enabling grace. But remember, Jesus said, 'If you do not forgive... your Father will not forgive your sins.' Humanly speaking, there is not one single reason God should forgive your sins, yet the offences He pardons you for every day far outweigh anything you will ever be asked to forgive others for. By forgiving, you change the whole dynamic.

It's a medical certainty that forgiveness adds years to your life. As a general rule, when you talk to people who've passed the eighty-year mark you find they are at peace with themselves—because they've learned to forgive and let go.

Taken from: 'The World for Today'

**Loving God - Loving People**

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**



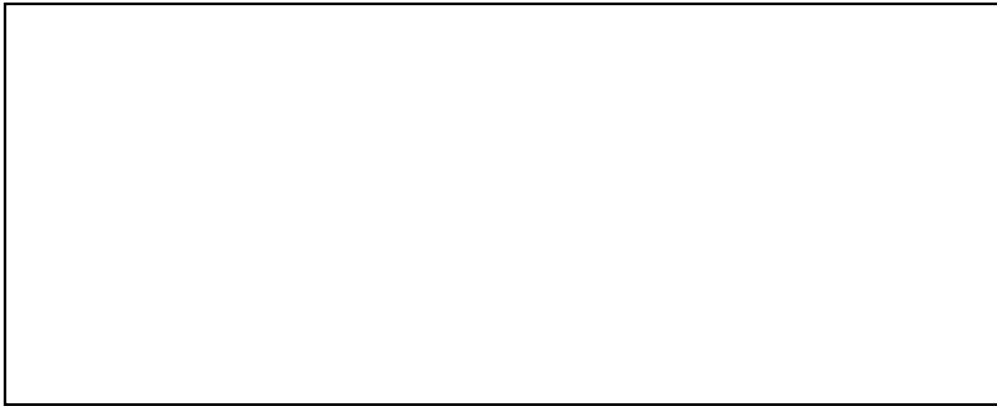
# *Family News* *& Prayer*



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# Mission Update



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

## *This Week*

Sunday	3rd	9.30 am	Prayer
Monday	4th	2.00 pm	Anniversary afternoon

# JANUARY



- Sadly, Nancy McAllister died in the week before Christmas. Her funeral was held in our chapel on the 23rd December. Be in prayer for Bob, Lesley and Bronwyn and her extended family.
- Pray for all those who are ill at this time; those who are recovering from illness and operations. Pray for Marianne Haigh who is in hospital.
- Pray for all who are returning home from various holiday places or visiting family and friends. May they be blessed with safe travel.
- Congratulations Joan and Denis Ferrett on 60 years of marriage.
- Piano Tuner:  
Ian Mansell's grandson, Shaun Pragt, is in Mildura for the month of January. If you would like to have your piano tuned (grand or upright), please contact him on 0447 211766 or by email on sjpragt@gmail.com

## 60 years

Joan and Denis would love you to share some of their memories of 60 years together, at an afternoon tea on Monday, 4th January, 2016 at 2 pm at The Vines.

Please no presents,  
Just bring a plate of something to share.



## PIGEON HOLES

In the foyer there are some pigeon holes, where you will find, from time to time, someone has left some mail for you.

There are many items in those holes at present: Christmas cards, rosters, Peanut Pal notes, etc. Please take home your mail today.

## **NEXT WEEK, 10th January, 2016**

### 10.00 am

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

B. Moritz  
J. Cole  
M. Cameron  
A. Beasy, D. Clark, R. Turlan  
R. Fox, I. Fabich, A. Tonkin, J. Tonkin  
E. Moore / J. Armstrong  
K. Underwood  
No Adventure Sunday  
J. Renfree / L. Potter  
D. Ferrett, M. Straub, P. Duscher, J. Wiffen,  
N. Underwood, J. Cox, I. Cross, G. Diggle, E. Wagstaff  
C. Waters & E. Gibbs  
J. & R. Barthelson, Z. Stewart  
A. Munro  
J. Cole & W. Duke / N. Underwood

### 6.00 pm

Worship Leader  
Singers  
Band  
Projector/Sound  
Officer on Duty  
Reception

B. Moritz  
B. Kiley Prayer Leader D. Morrall  
N. Moritz, A. Kiley  
B. Janetzki, B. Kiley, I. Stewart, M. Gardner, J. Tonkin  
A. Fabich / G. Stewart  
R. Hawtin  
A. Munro

How does a typical husband respond when his wife comes down with a cold?

- Year 1** Darling, I'm really worried about my baby girl. You've got a bad sniffle, and there's no telling about these things with all the terrible viruses doing around. I've called the emergency doctor, and I've called your mum and she's coming to help with the cooking and cleaning.
- Year 2** Listen darling, I don't like the sound of that cough and I've made an appointment with the doctor. Now you go to bed like a good girl, and I'll take care of everything.
- Year 3** Maybe you'd better lie down, darling. Nothing like a little rest when you're feeling lousy. I'll bring you something. Do we have any canned soup?
- Year 4** Now look dear, be sensible. After you feed the kids, do the dishes and mop the floor, you'd better get some rest.
- Year 5** Why don't you take a couple of aspirin?
- Year 6** If you'd just gargle or something, instead of sitting around barking all night.
- Year 7** For Pete's sake, stop sneezing! What are you trying to do, give me pneumonia?

It's next year already  
Time to sing a new song.  
Do you know the words?