

Mainstream



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For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6: 12 (NIV)

During the Boer war the British army drove the Boers before them, gaining many victories and lifting the sieges of Mafeking, Ladysmith and Kimberly. Their main accomplishment was capturing Pretoria.

Lord Roberts, the British commander, returned to London as a victor and hero. However the Boers unencumbered by the need to defend their cities resorted to guerrilla warfare and the war continued bloodily on for another two years.

In like manner in the Christian life we may forget that we are at war. We may believe we have conquered old sins, doubts and fears and not give them another thought. Then in a moment of weakness they come upon us with renewed force.

The Christian life is not merely a "lifestyle". Unpopular as it may be to say to many believers today, the Christian is engaged in spiritual warfare, with spiritual powers and earthly snares and the constant battle of the flesh.

The need today is for vigilance, self denial, watchfulness and prayer. Most of all we rely on the strength of a mighty Saviour, filled with compassion, mercy and love.

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, 24th January, 2016

10.00 am	Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader	Michael Waters
Communion Leader	Wayne Whitehead

How to Co-operate with the Holy Spirit

6.00 pm	Andrew Tonkin
Worship Leader	Brendan Moritz

Next Week, Sunday, 31st January

10.00 am	Jon Armstrong
&	Grace. Not Just what you say before Dinner.
6.00 pm	

John 16: 7-15

"But I tell you the truth; It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgement: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgement, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of the truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you."

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- Continue to pray for Marianne Haigh as she was to have had her knee operation on Friday to remove the knee joint.
- Belated Congratulations to Naomi Waters and Marty Westerbeck who announced their engagement on 25th December, 2015.
- “Bob, Lesley & family and Bronwyn, would like to thank all those who rang, visited or sent cards on the passing of Nancy, and also to all who attended Nancy's Memorial Service which was a special tribute to a loved mother and loving wife. Thanks also to all the people who provided a lovely afternoon tea after Nancy's Memorial Service and to Mina Straub for the lovely floral arrangements. Also, thanks to all the people who took the time to visit Nancy whilst she was in Regis as she always appreciated people taking the time to visit.”
- Be in prayer for the Staley family at this time.

PINK FORMS

In order for the new Rosters for the rest of the year to be finalised, you will need to return the Pink Forms you received in the mail, by the end of January please. Thank you for the prompt replies. If you didn't receive one in the mail, there are some on the foyer table.

Words of encouragement from Billy Graham

“Always remember that God is faithful. We have all of God's promises on our side. We only have to take care of the possible. God will take care of the impossible. Miracles are God's department, not ours. Don't try to do the work that only God can do. Do not tell God how to run things. But let God do his work through you. Doing this, be gracious with yourself. Anything doing well takes practice. And remember that God loves you not because of what you do for him or for your fellow people but because you are his beloved child. Spend a lot of time studying the Bible and talking to the Lord! Rejoice, yes, indulge in the Lord! Tell him how much you love him. Remember: Time spent in prayer and in the study of the Word of God is the secret of successful life. If you neglect this, you neglect the very heart of a fruitful life and ministry for the Lord. Share the Bible as God's authoritative Word, and trust the Holy Spirit to use the Word. Do not be ashamed to stand up and say that God is your life's joy. Make people thirsty for the Water of Life.”

Mission Update



CUBA—Neighbourhood Churches Targeted for Demolition

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in the city of Santiago de Cuba where government officials have reportedly issued demolition orders to all churches in one neighbourhood. Pastors and families living in the church properties targeted have been told they are to be evicted. At least three churches are known to be under threat in Santiago, plus two more in Las Tunas province.

Scores of churches across Cuba have reportedly come under pressure since new legislation was introduced in January giving officials discretionary powers to confiscate property. In some cases, religious groups have been given the option to stay—but only in return for paying high rent to the Government and submitting to Communist Party monitoring: most have rejected this option.

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You will be walked through steps that will download your bank or card information and you will also choose a 4 digit security code. After registering you can give online quickly and easily. You simply choose Mildura Church of Christ and our profile will come up. You first enter the amount to give, choose the reference, decide on recurring gifts, enter your emailing address, then press Give and enter your password or code...and you're done.

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	24th	9.30 am	Prayer
Thursday	28th	7.30 pm	Sunraysia Prayer



JANUARY

Seeking Helpers

Adventure Club commences in February but there is a desperate need for some assistance in the kitchen helping to prepare the evening meal. If you can help out on the roster, once a month, then please speak to Josh Cole.



Sunraysia Prayer
Come Together—Billy Graham
 Thursday, 28th January
 7.30—8.30 pm
 In Chivell House

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, March, 7th at 7.30 pm

We invite all Deacons, Group Leaders and Bible Study Leaders to contribute to the AGM Booklet which will be brought out mid-February. Please write a report on your group's activities in 2015 and send it to the Church Office **by the end of January**.
Thank you to all who have sent in early reports.

Evacuation Procedures

These notices have been put on the walls of all our rooms for you to read.
 Please do so!

SHARE GROUP

Can someone please volunteer to co-ordinate the February meeting for Share Group, otherwise we will have to cancel. Please ring Denis Ferrett.

NEXT WEEK, 31st January, 2016

10.00 am	J. Armstrong
Worship Leader	M. Cameron
Communion Leader	D. Ling Prayer Leader H. Atkins
Singers	D. Ferrett, J. Trewin, R. Turlan
Band	I. Fabich, A. Tonkin, B. Kiley
Projector/Sound	A. Kiley / G. Stewart
Officer on Duty	K. Underwood
Children's Church	TBA
Welcome/Reception	J. Kelly / J. Booysen
Helpers	W. Duke, W. Whitehead, C. Meade, M. Straub, H. Atkins, C. Armstrong, N. Underwood, C. Beasy, G. Beruldsen
Crèche	M. Beardsmore, H. Nicholson
Cuppa	J. & R. Barthelson, J. Bradford
Communion Prep.	R. Hawtin
Cleaning / Grounds	P. Leng & R. Hawtin / W. Duke & R. Barthelson
<u>6.00 pm</u>	J. Armstrong
Worship Leader	J. Cole
Singers	M. Gardner, A. Alabaster, A. Thorne
Band	J. Waters, I. Fabich, B. Moritz, J. Tonkin
Projector/Sound	T. Eaton / C. Waters
Officer on Duty	K. Underwood
Reception	R. Hawtin

Bill Gates' Rules for School Leavers:

1. Life is not fair; get used to it.
2. The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.
3. You will not make \$40,000 a year right out of high school.
4. If you think your teacher is tough, wait until you get a boss.
5. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity; your parents called it opportunity.
6. If you mess up, it's not your parent's fault. Learn from your mistakes, don't whine.
7. Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try 'delousing' the closet in your room.
8. Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to anything in real life.
9. Life is not divided into terms. You don't get summers off and few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that in your own time.
10. Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.
11. Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.