

### Next Week, Sunday 2nd October

<u>9.00 am &amp; 10.30 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	B. Kiley
Communion Leader	B. Eaton
Singers	D. Clark, M. Cox, K. Hawtin
Band	K. Qin, R. Fox, B. Kiley, R. Waters, J. Tonkin
Projector/Sound	C. Beasy / Clint Waters, N. Dunkley
Officer on Duty	R. Hawtin
<u>9.00 am only</u>	
Welcome / Reception	R. Bekker / D. Cox
Helpers	C. Meade, W. Duke, M. Straub, J. Booyens
Morning Tea	I. Cross, S. Clarke
Communion Prep	G. & L. Dunkley
<u>10.30 am only</u>	
Children's Church	No Adventure Sunday
Welcome / Reception	L. Potter, L. Thomas / J. Cox
Helpers	C. Staley, G. Diggle, P. Duscher, J. Wiffen, P. Leng
Crèche	S. Israel, E. Gibbs
Morning Tea	J. Bradford, B. Witcombe, R. Witcombe
Communion Prep	Officer on Duty
Library	
<u>Saturday</u>	
Cleaning	P. Leng, R. Hawtin
Grounds	B. Eaton, R. Witcombe
<u>6.00 pm</u>	
Worship Leader	I. Fabich
Singers	D. Gray, A. Beasy, L. Kurtz
Band	K. Sinclair, B. Herman, I. Fabich, A. Fabich, I. Stewart
Lights/Project/Sound	R. Robertson / Clint Waters, T. Eaton
Officer on Duty	W. Whitehead
Welcomer / Reception	S. Hutcheon / A. Gray
Communion Prep	Officer on Duty

Charlie Jones was a pious man who had been head usher at the church for seventy-five years. On his one hundred and fifth birthday, he stopped going to church. Alarmed by the old fellow's absence after so many years of faithful service, Pastor Anderson went to see him. He found Charlie in excellent health, so the minister asked, "How come after all these years we don't see you anymore?" The old man looked around and lowered his voice, "I'll tell you, Pastor", he whispered. "When I got to ninety, I expected God to take me home any day. But then I got to be ninety-five, then one hundred, then one hundred and five. So I figured that God is very busy and must've forgotten about me—and I don't want to remind Him."

**Money isn't everything,  
but it sure keeps you in  
touch with the children.**



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**25th September, 2016**

Three weeks ago we were blessed greatly by the presentations of the Victorious Ministries Kenyan Mission team. We heard of the wonderful work they were able to do in Kenya and the ongoing relationships they have built that will encourage further mission work there. Their stories obviously touched the heart of our Church. When a retiring offering was collected at the close of each service over \$1500 was generously donated. This money will be used towards building a much needed security fence around the Masinde Primary School where the team spent much of their time.

Last week Abbie Alabaster shared briefly about Safe Water September. This initiative by the mission arm of Churches of Christ, Global Missions Partners, is helping provide safe, clean drinking water for poor communities in Zimbabwe. A number of our young people are raising much needed funds by drinking only water for the whole month of September. After each service donations were made to Abbie and almost \$900 was given.

I was blown away by the incredible generosity of our Church in both these incidences. Here we are in the middle of a sermon series about generosity, and you as the Church are leading by example and honouring God through your generosity. I was so incredibly proud.

In **2 CORINTHIANS 8: 7** the Apostle Paul encourages the Church, **"Since you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you --see that you also excel in this grace of giving."**

In a world of selfishness where the focus is often limited to me and my own needs the Church can really stand apart from culture through being an example of godly generosity.

**MATTHEW 10: 8, "Freely you have received; freely give."**

**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, 25th September, 2016

9.00 am & 10.30 am

Andrew Tonkin  
**FIRST FRUITS**

Worship Leader

Isaac Fabich

Communion Leader

Robyn Hawtin / Noel Underwood

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin  
**FIRST FRUITS**

Worship Leader

Brendan Kiley

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Café Tonight

### **Genesis 4: 1-7**

Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man." Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favour on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favour. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

### *This Week*

Sunday	25th	7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	26th	7.30 pm	Craft Group
		7.30 pm	Board Meeting
Tuesday	27th	9.00 am	Dareton Holiday Program
Wednesday	28th	9.00 am	Dareton Holiday Program
Thursday	29th	9.00 am	Dareton Holiday Program
Friday	30th	9.00 am	Dareton Holiday Program



# SEPTEMBER

### **PRAYER TIMES**

Prayer times are 15 minutes before each service in the Cameron Room.  
8.45 am, 10.15 am & 5.45 pm.

### **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



### **GINGERBREAD HOUSE FUN**

**Keep the date free  
Saturday, 12th November  
At the  
Mildura Church of Christ**

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

**MILDURA CHURCH OF CHRIST  
NOTEBOOKS  
WITH PENS**

**For Sale  
at the Good News Library  
for the reduced price of \$3**



# Family News & Prayer



- Continue to pray for Marianne Haigh. It is good that she is able to continue to worship with us, but please be aware that her leg is still extremely painful, so avoid bumping please.
- We are pleased to see Florrie Hawtin back with us also after her recent stay in hospital.
- Gwyneth Curtis is making steady progress in Ward 4 at the Base as she learns to walk again.
- Happy 60th Birthday to Lyn Potter who celebrates tomorrow, Monday, 26th September.

The early Christian church understood that it was only in the context of the religious community that Christians could become generous people. It was the practice of the early Christian house churches to pool their individual resources in order to do God's work. They truly were "all for one and one for all". We will probably never sell all we have and pool our resources to finance our work for Christ as our Christian ancestors did, but we can help each other become more generous people.

## GROCERIES FOR JESUS

Our cupboard is EMPTY again, so if you could purchase a few extra groceries this week, those who continue to come in for food will be most grateful.



## SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES

The boxes are now available to purchase for 50c to start filling for children for Christmas. Brochures are now available too. If you find you can't manage to fill a box this year, why not donate money for someone else to fill one or pay for someone's postage for their box.

Lots of ways to be involved.

There will be a carton for people to place items for a box if you would like to contribute that way.

**Boxes need to be returned by TODAY**

Please see Robyn for further information.

## LAVISHED CONFERENCE

Our next Lavished Conference will be on Friday, 19th May and Saturday, 20th May, 2017. We are looking for expressions of interest for help in the various areas of organising a conference. You won't be given a huge job to do on your own ... we want to have teams of women to work on each area. This may be in decorating, catering, front of house, etc.

Could you put your name on the sheet in the foyer if you'd love to be a part of this ministry?

A coffee and dessert night will be held soon to discuss what help is needed in more detail. (We'll be providing the food and refreshments.) See Diane Morrall if you have any questions.

## DARETON SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Is on this week  
Tuesday, September 27th—Friday, September 30th  
9.00 am—2.00 pm.

## Mission Update



## Young Christians urged

Young Christians from 37 nations recently met in South Korea for a prayer effort, called the Korea Uprising. Uprising is a global prayer ministry designed to call youth to follow Jesus Christ. Organisers say young people are being side-tracked by music, sports and technology—"the weapons of massive distraction". The Uprising participants want their tech-savvy generation to 'put down their devices and embrace the Lord'. South Korea was chosen to host the event because it has been a beacon of Christianity, and it is the second largest missionary-sending nation in the world. On the last day of the event, the delegates gathered near the North Korean border in prayer for the re-unification of the Korean Peninsula. They asked God to empower young people like He did David to defeat the Goliaths of their generation.