

### Next Week 13th January

<u>10.00 am</u>	Joshua Cole
Worship Leader	D. Clark
Communion Leader	R. Hawtin
Children's Church	M. Straub
Singers	D. Shields, R. Fox
Band	A. Davis, C. Beasy
Projector/ Sound	M. Waters / C. Waters
Officer on Duty	A. Munro
Welcome/Reception	D. Homfray / J. Bradford
Helpers	J. Wiffen, P. Wiffen, J. Booyesen, N. Davis, H. Atkins, I. Cross, M. Cox (Reader), G. Handasyde
Crèche	C. Waters
Cuppa	P. Castleman, L. Homfray
Communion Prep.	C. Waters
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / R. Hawtin, P. Leng
Grounds	D. Beasy / B. Eaton

'Twas the day after Christmas and all through the house,  
Every creature was hurting, even the mouse.  
The toys were all broken, their batteries dead,  
Santa passed out, with some ice on his head.  
Wrapping and ribbons just covered the floor,  
While upstairs the family continued to snore.  
And I in my t-shirt, new Reeboks and jeans,  
Went into the kitchen and started to clean.  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the sink to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the curtains, and threw up the sash.  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a little white truck, with an over-sized mirror.  
The driver was smiling, so lively and grand;  
The patch on his jacket said 'US Postman'.  
With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox,  
Then quickly he stuffed them into our mailbox.  
Bill after bill, after bill, they still came,  
Whistling and shouting he called them by name.



Then I heard him exclaim with great holiday cheer,  
"Enjoy what you bought ... You'll be paying all year!"



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6th January, 2013

The beginning of a new year often causes us to set a few personal goals for the year ahead. Some people love to make a few new year's resolutions. Common goals or resolutions are to lose weight, travel, de-clutter the house, become debt free. These are good things and can do much to enhance a person's life and fulfillment. Perhaps these are some of the goals you have made for 2013.

When thinking about the year ahead, I wonder how many of us have made some 'spiritual' New Year resolutions. How many of us set spiritual goals such as reading through the entire Bible, or begin a new daily devotional program, or join a Bible Study group, or get involved in a new area of ministry, or increase my weekly tithe?

**1TIMOTHY 4:8** says, "*For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.*"

There is certainly nothing wrong with taking care of our physical needs. We must be good stewards of all the physical blessings God has given. But eventually every physical thing we have, including our own bodies, will wear out, break down and no longer be of any use. That is why we must pay careful attention to the spiritual side of our life. The physical certainly does have value, but the spiritual has far greater value because the spiritual holds promises for both our life here and our eternal life to come.

So perhaps on this first Sunday of the new year you might like to take some time to prayerfully consider some spiritual goals for 2013. If I can be of any help in that then please don't hesitate in giving me a call. It is always a privilege to assist people in their faith journey as a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**ANDREW**



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 following the morning service.

### Today, Sunday 6th January

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin  
**“A Fragrant Offering”**

Worship Leaders

Ruth Jackson

Communion Leader

Wayne Whitehead

6.00 pm

No Service

### Next Week, Sunday, 13th January

10.00 am

Joshua Cole  
**“Blind Bartimaeus”**

6.00 pm

No Service

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, February 24th, 2013

Have you started writing your reports for the booklet yet?

For **Deacons, Leaders of Groups and Bible Studies**, will you please have your reports in to the church office by the middle of January, thank you.

Thank you to Joshua Cole who has written his three reports and sent them in already.

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

### *This Week*

Sunday	6th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Tuesday	8th	7.30 pm	Elders

# JANUARY

### **What's your vision for the New Year?**

*‘For the vision...will surely come...’ Habakkuk 2:3*

Obstacles won't destroy your vision, but your attitude will. After gruelling sixteen month odyssey, an aging Paul wrote from a squalid roman dungeon, “rejoice in the Lord always and again I say, rejoice!. Paul knew two things you need to know;

1. It's not over til God says it's over. Circumstances and people don't have the last word; God does! With God, quitting is not an option. When you quit without his permission, you're AWOL. Furthermore, if you are not where God wants you to be, how can you receive the protection and provision He has planned to give you?

2. Nothing can defeat you without your permission; and you won't give it. You can't control what happens to you, but you can control what you say and do. That's all you need to control; God will control the rest. You can't control the handicaps, puzzles and persecution that characterises your journey, but you can control whether or not you'll respond with frustration despair and rejection. You can't always avoid getting knocked down, but you can determine whether or not you get knocked out. Refusing to stay down denies your enemy permission to sabotage your destiny.

Do you have a God-given dream? Refuse to quit and it 'will surely come'. Have no dream? Ask God for one. Already accomplished your dream? Ask God for another one before you lose the joy and motivation of life. Have a dream so small it doesn't stretch you? Ask God for a bigger one and watch your faith grow!

*The Word for Today is published by UCB Australia.*

*A copy of the devotional may be obtained from Oasis Christian bookshop.*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2013**

February 2	Youth Leaders' Camp
3	Launch of Extend Program
5	Adventure Club commences
8	Youth Group commences
24	Annual General Meeting

### **DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura**

NAB - BSB number 083-764 Account Number 51591-4637





## Family News & Prayer



\* Noeline Cook lost a blue canon camera on Christmas Eve. Have you seen it?

### ROSTERS

Your Rosters for January/ February / March are available now, so check your pigeon hole if you haven't picked yours up already. Please arrange a swap with someone else if you cannot make it on your rostered day. Then, ring the office so that we can let the officer on duty know who they should be looking for on Sunday morning. Thank you.

Absence roster for April / May / June has been put up in the foyer, so if you are going to be away during that time, please write it down.

Do you have a pile of stamps that you received on your Christmas mail? Bring them in to the office where we will deliver them to Frank McCormick who makes money from them for local charities.

### ADVENTURE CLUB Needs you!

Do you want to be a part of the one of our Church's biggest ministries?  
Adventure Club is looking for new leaders and helpers for 2013.

This could be weekly, fortnightly or monthly.  
We need people who can help in the kitchen, help with craft,  
run small groups or simply help hang out with the kids.

Adventure Club runs from 5.30 - 7.30 Tuesday nights.

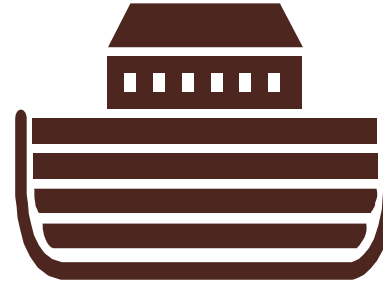


If you want to be a part of Adventure Club this year, please see Josh Cole.

### **Noah's Ark launched**

'If you have faith, anything is possible', says Christian ship builder, Johan Huibers, who for 20 years has been building a full-sized replica of Noah's Ark at Dordrecht, the Netherlands. As reported by the Associated press, the end result was a 427 foot long, 95 ft wide and 75 ft, fully operational ship.

On 10th December, the ship was officially opened to the public with permission to receive 3,000 visitors per day. The report quoted the Dutchman as saying he hopes his ark gets people to thinking that there is a purpose to being on earth. "I want to make people question that, so that they go looking for answers" said Huibers, "and ultimately find salvation and eternal life."  
As to where he may take the ark in the future, Huibers is reportedly considering sailing it across the Atlantic.



## Mission Update

### **InPartnership - Global Mission Partners**

Craig Brown has been appointed as the GMP Mission Mobilizer for Vic/Tas commencing March 2013. Part of his role will also utilize his writing and editorial skills.

"I'm looking forward to representing GMP in Vic/Tas," says Craig..., "and also doing some writing in this role. I love the connection that GMP has to the bigger story of Kingdom building."

Craig started as a Youth Minister in Monash City Church of Christ in 1996, with the aim of leaving that interim part-time role to be a missionary in Africa, for which he trained at the Bible College of Victoria. This service didn't eventuate, but Craig went on to national roles in National Media and then Federal Co-ordinator. As Federal Co-ordinator, Craig connected with GMP as a Board member and experienced mission trips to Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and Thailand. "I'm about to embark on three months long service leave to be refreshed for the exciting new season that 2013 promises to be."