

Next Week 20th January

<u>10.00 am</u>	D. Morrall	
Worship Leader	M. Waters	
Communion Leader	J. Cole	Prayer Leader - D. Morrall
Children's Church	S. Armstrong	
Singers	M. Cameron, K. Whitehead	
Band	J. Waters, B. Moritz, R. Fox	
Projector/ Sound	C. Waters / J. Armstrong	
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke	
Welcome/Reception	D. Ferrett / C. Smith	
Helpers	J. Bradford, C. Beasy, G. Diggle, W. Whitehead, D. Shields, J. Rosenberg, C. Meade (reader), N. Dean	
Crèche	R. O'Connor	
Cuppa	G. Beruldsen, K. Underwood	
Communion Prep.	R. Hawtin	
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / R. Jackson, N. Bell	
Grounds	W. Duke, L. O'Connor	
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Barbecue Worship Service	
Worship Leader	J. Cole	
Communion Leader	J. Armstrong	
Singers	S. Armstrong, D. Gray	
Band	A. Christian, R. Jemmeson, B. Kiley, J. Tonkin	
Projector / Sound	T. Eaton / P. Norris	
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke	
Reception	G. Muller	
Helpers	Volunteers	
Crèche	M. Whitehead	

New Year

- You know it's time for a New Year's Resolution when you step on a talking scale and it says, "One at a time, please!"
- Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual. - Mark Twain
- Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. - Bill Vaughn
- An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves. - Bill Vaughn
- People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and new year. They really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas.
- The trouble comes when the New Year's resolutions collide with the old year's habits.



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Mainstream

MILDURA CHURCH OF CHRIST

13th January, 2013

One thing I absolutely love about the Bible is that we can read stories that we have read countless times and all of a sudden start to realise some new things within the story that we never realised before. We sometimes even go back to stories and realize that we may have actually somehow read past them and not noticed them in previous times reading. We may also realise that what we thought we were getting out of the story is not there at all.

It blows me away when I read the Bible and see how many of the issues that are tackled are still relevant in our lives today. The original audience is always very important to note when reading the Bible, and we continue to be challenged and inspired by the words, so many years later.

This morning I'm preaching on the story of Blind Bartimaeus. A story I always saw more of as, the boring blind man, because Jesus didn't make him see with spit and dirt, he simply just made him see, which is far less cool. This is a story I used not to get too much out of. Having a closer look one day however, I realised how little the story actually was about the miracle of Jesus healing Bartimaeus but how it really holds a great challenge of discipleship within this small story of 6 verses.

As we are at the beginning of a new year and you may be thinking about goals or new ways for reading your Bible, why not try looking at some of the stories you've read many times before and try to look deeper and think about what they might be saying and what you might have missed in times gone by.

Joshua Cole.



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 13th January

10.00 am

Joshua Cole

“Blind Bartimaeus”

Worship Leader

Doug Clark

Communion Leader

Robyn Hawtin

6.00 pm

No Service

Next Week, Sunday, 20th January

10.00 am

Diane Morrall

6.00 pm

Barbecue Worship Service

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, February 24th, 2013

Have you almost completed your reports for the booklet?

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 those who have written their reports and sent them in already.

ROSTERS

Check your pigeon hole for your new rosters. Please arrange a swap with someone else if you cannot make it on your rostered day, then let the office know of the changes.

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.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday

13th

9.30 am

Prayer

7.30 pm

Ray on Radio 106.7 FM

JANUARY

SITUATIONS VACANT

Due to the on-going requirements of the Music Ministry at the Mildura Church of Christ, the following positions now require filling:

- **Pianist** and **Guitarist** for the morning services
- **Guitarist** for the evening services

To be considered for these positions you will need:

- To have a love for God, and a desire to serve Him through music as part of the music team
- To be devoted to the Church and her Family
- To be supportive of the church leadership team
- To be committed to personal growth in Christ
- Having the relevant instrument skills would be an advantage

NOTE: If you are keen to learn guitar, we can arrange “CHEAP” but excellent lessons.

Remuneration:

- Immediate remuneration includes:

- Making new friends
- Worshipping our Amazing God as part of an Awesome Music Team
- Leading the best congregation in Mildura in worship of our Amazing God
- And having an all-round good fun time

- Long-term remuneration includes:

- Riches and treasures in Heaven

If you believe that you have what it takes to be part of this awesome team, and you desire to serve our King through music, then don't delay! Contact Brendan or his AMAZING Worship Committee today!

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



* Congratulations to Justin Hawke who celebrates his 18th birthday on Thursday, 17th January.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT WORKSHOP

A two day Seminar run by Hennie Watts of the Salvation Army.
7th & 8th February
Free of all training charges

The Living Hope Suicide Bereavement training program will give everyday people, health and social welfare professionals, clergy, ministers, chaplains, funeral directors, emergency services personnel, teachers, grandparents, parents and school communities, the skills and confidence to provide support to people bereaved by suicide. Information on the Notice Board.

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.

Joint message from Churches of Christ Victoria and Tasmania Executive Officer, Paul Cameron and Interim Executive Director of Community Care, Kaye Reid:

It is with sadness and a sense of solidarity that the people and churches within Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania are aware of the current fires in Tasmania. We invite you to continue to pray for all who have experienced the loss of homes, farms, livestock and a sense of security. Please pray for the people who are still seeking information about family, friends or property, and for the people whose properties are still under threat, for those who have been or are being evacuated, and for all who are fighting the fires, for essential service workers, and for those offering support and care.

Churches of Christ will continue to provide care and support both now and in the longer term as the situation subsequently moves into the recovery phase. We are currently making contact with our churches to assure them of our support and to establish how we can best offer this care in Tasmania.

Mission Update

ACCIM GMP **A New Indigenous Ministry Partnership**

At the Annual General meeting of the Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries held in Perth in November, the offer of the Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners to develop new ministry partnerships in Australian indigenous ministry was accepted. ACCIM will move its assets into the stewardship of GMP over the next six months, and close.

This new ministry partnership will support the work of local churches in ministry with and among indigenous people. A Board of Reference will co-ordinate it with a majority indigenous membership. This group will prepare ways of considering opportunities for ministry. The first projects will commence after 1st July.

The Chair of ACCIM, Justin Dhu, commented, "There is sadness at the closure of ACCIM and an expectation that through the partnership with GMP new ways of responding to the needs of the aboriginal community can be implemented in order to continue indigenous ministry with, for and by Aboriginal people."

John Gilmore, Executive Director of GMP, assured the ACCIM Board that GMP will take seriously being the steward of 70 years of history and experience of working with indigenous people, saying, "GMP is humbled to have its offer accepted and we are excited about the future of this new ministry."