

Next Week 10th February

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	B. Giddings
Communion Leader	M. Cameron
Children's Church	J. Cooke
Singers	R. Fox, M. Giddings
Band	A. Christian, B. Moritz
Projector/ Sound	P. Bekker / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	W. Whitehead
Welcome/Reception	R. Hawtin / C. Smith
Helpers	J. Bradford, C. Beasy, G. Diggle, D. Shields, J. Kelly, I. Cross, C. Staley (Reader) N. Dean
Crèche	N. Bell
Cuppa	N. Cook, B. Eaton
Communion Prep.	R. Jackson
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / R. Hawtin & P. Leng
Grounds	M. Cameron & N. Underwood
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	B. Moritz
Communion Leader	L. Thomas Prayer Leader D. Morrall
Singers	S. Armstrong, M. Burrow, A. Gray
Band	J. Waters, B. Kiley, I. Stewart
Projector / Sound	J. Cole / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	W. Whitehead
Reception	R. Hawtin
Helpers	Volunteers
Crèche	R. Fox

Pray-ers

Mother: "That's no way to say your prayers, honey."

Honey: "But .Mum. I thought that God was tired of hearing the same old stuff every night. So I told him the story of The Three Bears instead."

Minister: "So your mother says your prayers with you every night. What does she say?"

Little Boy: "Thank God, he's in bed."

"Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mummy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me. Oh yeah, please take care of yourself God. If anything happens to You, we're going to be in a big mess."



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Mainstream

MILDURA CHURCH OF CHRIST

3rd February, 2013

In **2 Corinthians** chapters **8** and **9** God encourages our generosity. We probably shouldn't need encouragement to give when God has freely given so much to us. But we do! These encouragements are a very important part of our Extend program. We want this time as a church to focus on God's direction to us in His word. We want our giving to be an outgrowth of what we hear God saying to us as individuals.

Generous People are Faith People!

Generosity doesn't depend on circumstance. When have circumstances ever been an encouragement to give? Generosity is now and always has been an outgrowth of real faith. In fact, faith **ALWAYS** results in generosity. Why? Because we have a generous God, and our faith makes us more like Him. As Jesus said in **Matthew 10:8**, "**Freely you have received, freely give.**" Also our faith causes us to see our possessions as less important and to see God's purpose and God's people as more important.

Want to be generous? Be a cheerful giver and develop a passionate faith. Giving starts with joy and it results in joy. Because of this joy, once you begin you never want to stop!

"But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Cor 8:7 (NIV)

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 3rd February

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

“EXTEND - Preparing for a Miracle”

Worship Leader

Michael Waters

Communion Leader

Michael Waters

Reading

Mark 6: 30-44

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin

“One Thing I Ask...”

Worship Leader

Sam Armstrong

Communion Leader

Bruce Eaton

Next Week, Sunday, 10th February

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

&

“A Spirit of Commitment

6.00 pm

EXTEND

PRAYER WEEK

*‘The Devil smiles when we are up to our ears in work,
But he trembles when we pray.’* Corrie ten Boom

The church will be open 7-8am Monday to Friday and throughout the day Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Take time to come and spend time with God. Pray and praise over the things written on the whiteboard and add your own.

‘Always be joyful, and NEVER STOP PRAYING.

Whatever happens. Keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ.

This is what God wants you to do.’ 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 (CEV)



Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

PRAYER WEEK *This Week*

Sunday	3rd	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	4th	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday	5th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	7th	1.30 pm	C.W.F.
Friday	8th	7.30 pm	FUEL Youth



KYB - Wednesday evening 7.30 pm in Chivell House

KYB will recommence on Wednesday the 6th of February.

Introduction to the new study and supper. Newcomers welcome.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Bible Study will begin again on 5th February at Joan and Denis's home at The Vines at 7.45 pm. We are going to commence the Extend Bible Study that Andrew has prepared for us, so bring along the Devotional that you picked up last week.

There is room for one or two new members, so if you are looking for a study group you will be most welcome.

CALLING ALL LADIES

You are invited to a C.W.F. Fellowship Hour - An informal get-together, with a short devotion, and afternoon tea to follow.

Where: At the Church

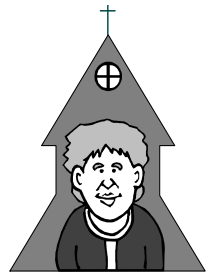
When: February 7th - 1.30 pm until 2.30 pm

Devotion: Leonie Dunkley

Afternoon tea: Marj Butler and Marj Teague

Anyone who wishes to meet earlier for lunch - Jenny's Coffee Lounge at 12 noon.

All are welcome.



ADVENTURE CLUB IS BACK FOR 2013

TUESDAY, February 5th

To kick off the year we are starting with a Games Night. Make sure you're there for an awesome start to the year.

Bring a friend along.

5.30 - 7.30 pm

Cost = \$3.00

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!!

To be a Christian is to live dangerously, honestly, freely - to step in the name of love as if you may land on nothing, yet to keep stepping because the something that sustains you no empire can give you and no empire can take away.

-Cornel West, Democracy Matters

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2013

February	5	Adventure Club commences
	8	Youth Group commences
	24	Annual General Meeting
March	2	Celebration Dinner
	9	State Youth Games
	16	Prayer Retreat
	17	Commitment Sunday
	24	Extend Celebration
	29	Good Friday
	31	Easter Sunday

Mark 6; 30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

"How many loaves do you have? He asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five - and two fish."

Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, February 24th, 2013

Our Annual General Meeting is only a few weeks away. When all the reports are in from our leaders it will be printed and handed out.

Nominations for Elders and Deacons are due today.

Elders - Any number of nominations can be received

Deacons - Administration, Pastoral Care, Property, Youth, Women's,
And Worship Ministries

See Auralie for a Nomination Form. These forms are to be signed by all concerned and handed in today. **Notices of Motion** are also due today.

Voting will be held next Sunday, 10th February and again on Sunday, 17th February. All regular attenders are eligible to vote.



Family News & Prayer



* Denis Zanker is now living in Adelaide. He has spent two weeks in hospital since he went over there and now lives next door to a doctor's clinic and close to family. His address is: 8/28 Showground Road, Mount Pleasant. 5235.

ANGEL TREE THANKS

Dear Diane,

I just want to say a big thank you to everyone involved in providing Christmas gifts for our chemo-therapy patients.

Once again, they were very much appreciated.

Hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Thank you all,

Regards Wendy Bridley

Chemo Unit - Mildura Private Hospital

*"The function of prayer is not to establish a routine; it is to establish a relationship with God who is in relationship with us always ...
The function of prayer is to bring us into touch with ourselves, as well.
To the ancients, "tears of compunction" were the sign of a soul that knew its limits, faced its sins, accepted its needs, and lived in hope.*

-Joan Chittister

Professional Development for CRE Teachers and Children's Ministry Volunteers

Wednesday, 13th February

9.30 am - 12.30 pm

At the Church

Topics: 'Engaging Children with the Bible'

'Creative Storytelling'

Morning tea provided

More information and registration:

Chris Cook 5024 1987 - ccook@accessministries.org.au



FUEL Youth Is back for 2013



Ignition and XLR8 are kicking off together on Friday, 8th February at the Church.

We've got a great term planned for XLR8 and Ignition, and the Pit Stop groups.

The first night we're having a Fuel Launch night, Music, loads of games, big supper and SUMO WARS! Bring a friend along for the start of an awesome term of youth group.

We hope to see you back for our first night of the year!

Mission Update

Dear friends,

Greetings as you settle into the beginning of 2013.

A big thank you for being one of the hundreds of people who purchased gifts from the COCOA Gift catalogue!

We have been encouraged by the response and delighted to know we are on track to fulfilling the commitments we have made to our COCOA partners overseas.

The people who benefit from our projects are our reason for having the annual Great Gift Catalogue. Your support of these projects will help bring life-giving change to them.

We hope you will use the great gift catalogue throughout the year as well. You can find it on line at <http://www.inpartnership.org.au/shop/c/cocoa-great-gifts>.

John Gilmore
Executive Director
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