

Next Week 3rd March

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	B. Moritz
Communion Leader	D. Clark Prayer Leader R. Jackson
Children's Church	J. Cooke
Singers	M. Cameron, K. Tonkin
Band	N. Moritz, B. Kiley, R. Fox
Projector/ Sound	P. Bekker / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	J. Kelly
Welcome/Reception	J. Renfree / A. Eaton
Helpers	J. Bradford, M. Cox, N. Dean, J. Booysen, D. Ferrett, R. Jackson, C. Meade (reader), G. Handasyde
Crèche	J. Kelly?
Cuppa	G. Beruldsen, M. Straub
Communion Prep.	R. Bekker
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro
Grounds	D. Beasy, W. Duke
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	S. Armstrong
Communion Leader	R. Hawtin
Singers	A. Alabaster, A. Beasy
Band	M. Burrow, M. Gardner, I. Fabich, I. Stewart
Projector / Sound	J. Cole / J. Armstrong
Reception	G. Muller
Helpers	Volunteers
Crèche	M. Gellett

The church choir was putting on a car wash to raise money for their annual tour.

They made a large sign which read,
CAR WASH FOR CHOIR TRIP.

On the given Saturday, business was terrific, but by two o'clock the skies clouded and the rain poured, and there were hardly any customers.

Finally one of the girl washers had an idea.
She printed a large cardboard poster which read,
WE WASH AND GOD RINSES.
Business boomed!



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24th February, 2013

The apostle Peter wrote these words of expectation and hope in **1 Peter 1:3-4**. *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade."*

Christ followers are people who have a new birth experience into a living hope and that hope rests on the certain confidence of the resurrection of Jesus. It is a certain, living hope - a hope that is based on this profound power of God to bring Jesus back from death to life.

Now let me ask you a question. What precedes a resurrection? Of course the answer is "a death." This is one of the paradoxes of the Christian faith. In order to experience the joy and fulfilment of resurrection life, there first needs to be death. Resurrection hope grows out of personal surrender and death. It is as we give up our life that we gain it. It is as we clutch onto our life that we will lose it.

Jesus said it like this in **John 12: 24-25**, *"I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."*

Living a faith-filled Christian life requires sacrifice. Are you willing to give your all for the Lord? Will we clutch onto the little bit that we have or will we surrender all to a God who promises to give us more than we could ever hope for or imagine?

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 24th February

<u>10.00 am</u>	Andrew Tonkin
	"EXTEND - A Spirit of Expectation"
Worship Leader	Joshua Cole
Communion Leader	Craig Beasy
Reading	1 Kings 17: 7-24
<u>11.30 am</u>	Annual General Meeting
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Andrew Tonkin
	"EXTEND - A Spirit of Expectation"
Worship Leader	Natalie Moritz
Communion Leader	Sandy Thomas

Next Week, Sunday, 3rd March

<u>10.00 am</u>	Andrew Tonkin
&	"A Spirit of Generosity "
<u>6.00 pm</u>	EXTEND

1 Kings 17: 10-14

When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." "As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread - only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it - and die." Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord gives rain on the land.'"

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	24th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	25th	11.00 am	Craft Group
		6.30 pm	Board Meeting
Tuesday	26th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	28th	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	22nd	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	2nd	6.00 pm	Celebration Dinner



**FEBRUARY/
MARCH**

Craft Group

Monday, 25th February, starting at 11.00 am in the hall for all who are crafty and wanting to share some time with other crafty ladies. Bring your lunch and your own craft work.

Meet And Eat

Join us for lunch and a chat at Jenny's in the mall at 12 noon on Thursday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2013

March	1	World Day of Prayer
	2	Celebration Dinner
	9	State Youth Games
	16	Prayer Retreat
	17	Commitment Sunday
	24	Extend Celebration
	29	Good Friday
	31	Easter Sunday

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



***'I was a stranger
and you welcomed me.'***

Prepared by the WDP Committee
of France

Next Friday, 1st March
10.00 am

Salvation Army Citadel
Cnr Fourteenth Street & Etiwanda Avenue

CELEBRATION DINNER

Next Saturday, 2nd March
Commencing at 6.00 pm

Roast Dinner

All invited

Today is the
last day for acceptances
and apologies.

See the list on the Notice Board



SATURDAY, MARCH 16th

PRAYER RETREAT

With
*Kerry and
Paul Parry*

*In Andrew and Kylie Tonkin's Garden
7 Cypress Avenue, Merbein*

*9.00 am - 3.30 pm
From the church*

**"Come near to God and he will
come near to you..."**
James 4: 8



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Today after the morning service we will be having our Annual General Meeting. You should have your Report Booklet with you as we vote for the acceptance of the reports. The Elders have submitted two Notices of Motion which will be voted on at this time.

Fellowship Lunch Today

After the Business Session, we will join in a shared lunch. All are welcome to stay. If you have come unprepared, there will be plenty of food, but if you would like to contribute you could make use of the close supermarket.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion 1

"The Elders recommend to the church members that Joshua Cole be appointed an Associate minister at the Mildura Church of Christ for a three year term.

Josh has now successfully completed his Diploma of Ministry with the Australian College of Ministry (ACOM) which qualifies him to be an endorsed minister with Churches of Christ,

The Elders are seeking to appoint Josh for a minimum of 2½ days a week which includes 1 paid day, volunteer hours, and hours associated with his on-going course requirements as he completes his Bachelor of Theology.

Motion 2

"The Elders recommend that the Church Management Guidelines be amended by changing the definition of the Mission Statement (Clause 2) to

LOVING GOD - LOVING PEOPLE"



URGENT NEED FOR MORE COOKS FOR ADVENTURE CLUB. The job involves shopping for ingredients and cooking a simple kid's meal. Kitchen helpers will assist. Please talk to Josh Cole or Janette Cooke.

FUEL Youth

Friday 22nd February 7.30 - 9.30 pm

IGNITION

Gross Night

Some truly gross challenges for you.

XLR8

Games Night

Some insanely mad games lined up

Mission Update

INPARTNERSHIP

A COCOA Great Gift to Zimbabwe

Christmas 2012 will be remembered for a long time by many in rural Zvishavane. The drilling rig bored three wells just weeks before Christmas and so brought a great change to many lives.

Choza was one village blessed with water after many years of purchasing from the only privately owned bore in the area at \$1 for every collection they made. This made life very difficult for those who could not afford it and had to either walk 10 kms to the next source or collect water from an unsafe well. There are some reports of abuse of children on these journeys.

The other two bores came as a huge blessing to Village 10, a resettlement area east of Zvishavane in the Mazviwa area, with a population of 3000 residents. These unfortunate people were resettled in a very low rainfall area and only realised their predicament after they were resettled. For years they have been getting water from a dam 15 kms away, which has dirty water that is shared with animals.

These developments could not have come at a better time. All were looking forward to a wonderful Christmas where bathing and clean water for tea is most welcome.

I was blessed to deliver the Lord's special Christmas gift to these communities.

Boniface Mpofu

Showers of Blessing Director, Zimbabwe