

Next Week 7th April

<u>10.00 am</u>	S. Thomas
Worship Leader	M. Waters
Communion Leader	D. Clark
Children's Church	J. Cooke
Singers	M. Cameron, K. Tonkin
Band	M. Burrow, J. Waters, R. Jemmeson, C. Waters
Projector/ Sound	C. Waters / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	R. Jackson
Welcome/Reception	D. Shields / J. Rosenberg
Helpers	J. Bradford, G. Diggle, C. Meade, J. Barthelson, J. Booyesen, P. Leng, C. Staley (reader), J. Renfree
Crèche	M. Cox
Cuppa	L. Homfray, M. Straub
Communion Prep.	C. Waters
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / J. & R. Barthelson
Grounds	C. & D. Beasy
<u>6.00 pm</u>	S. Thomas
Worship Leader	B. Moritz
Communion Leader	J. Cole
Singers	S/ Armstrong, A. Beasy
Band	M. Burrow, I. Fabich, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, I. Stewart
Projector / Sound	G. Norris / J. Armstrong
Reception	G. Muller
Helpers	Volunteers
Crèche	J. Cooke

A Pious Man

Charlie Jones was a pious man who had been head usher at Central 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 be ninety, I expected God to take me home any day. But then I got to be ninety-five, then one hundred, then 105. So I figured that God is very busy and must have forgotten about me - and I don't want to remind Him."



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31st March, 2013

If Jesus had died on the cross and remained buried in the tomb then all we would have is a dead holy man who did and taught some nice things. The apostle Paul, states in **1CORINTHIANS 15**, "***If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless...If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.***"

There was nothing unique about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Crucifixion was the main form of capital punishment by the Romans. At the time of Jesus thousands of people had been crucified for a multitude of different reasons. For example, around the time Jesus would have been in his teens a man by the name of Judas the Galilean lead a large revolt against the Roman army. It failed terribly and Judas and his men were hunted down, arrested and 2000 of the rebels were crucified. Crosses lined the main roads throughout Galilee for miles and miles.

Jesus wasn't declared the Son of God because he died on a Roman cross. But he was proved to be the Son of God because of the Resurrection. **ROMANS 1:4** says, "***through the Spirit of holiness [Jesus] was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead.***"

God doesn't want us standing at the foot of the cross feeling sad about the terrible way Jesus died. But he wants us to rejoice because Jesus is alive. He wants us to rejoice because on this day, Resurrection Sunday, Jesus Christ rose from the dead. He rolled away the stone and lives forever. God wants us to rejoice and proclaim...

*"He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today.
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart.
You ask me how I know He lives, He lives within my heart."*

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 31st March

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin
Do You Believe?

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Reading

Ruth Jackson
Dennis Homfray
Mark 1: 1-14

6.00 pm

NO EVENING SERVICE

Next Week, Sunday, 7th April

10.00 am
&
6.00 pm

Sandy Thomas
EMOTION DRIVEN LIFE
"Doubt"

Mark 1: 1-10

The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

PRAYER WEEK *This Week*

Sunday	31st	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	1st	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday	2nd	5.30 pm	School Holidays
Thursday	4th	12.30 pm	C. W. F.
Friday	5th	7.30 pm	School Holidays



APRIL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2013

April	2-5	PlanetShakers
	14	Hymn Singing
	20	Lane Sale

HEARTBEAT SUNRAYSIA

Would anyone be interested in joining this organization, dedicated in assisting our local community by way of a support group for cardiac patients and their families?

*See the poster on the notice board.
Phone Lynette Black on 0417 135348*

EXAMINATION SUPERVISORS

Latrobe University is currently looking at casual employment for Supervisors for the Semester 1 exam period to be held from 14th June to 5th July. It pays about \$23 per hour. Application forms are on the Notice Board and should be taken to Gail Ahearn at the La Trobe Campus by Monday, 8th April. Phone 5051 4002.

C.W.F.

Thursday April 4th

We are going on a Shopping Party at Suke in Lemon Avenue, meeting at 12.30 pm. Come and browse (and spend if you wish), finishing with some nibbles and something to drink. Our meeting will follow at the church.

Hostesses: Norma M. & Mina S.

Devotions: Joan Ferret

(The Problem of Forgiveness -

Romans 2: 1-11

Satisfaction of Sin - Romans 13; 26)

REMEMBER
to set your Clocks



FALL BACK

Next Sunday morning

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th

LANE SALE

**It's on again!
Our Annual Trash and Treasure
Fund-Raiser**

Search your cupboards and the shed for all
those unwanted items you are storing
Put them aside for collection/donating
on

Thursday, 18th April

No earlier and no later, please
NO Television Sets

**Can you help to set up on Wednesday and
Thursday, or help to price on Friday?
Packing up on Saturday at 2 pm?
Lists are on the foyer door to fill out.**

PRAYER WEEK

"He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him.

Psalm 91: 15



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.

"God puts no limitation on His ability to save through true praying. The possibilities of prayer are linked to the infinite righteousness and to the omnipotent power of God. There is nothing too hard for God to do."

When you know Christ as your saviour, the best is yet to be. It is said that on his deathbed, D. L. Moody suddenly sat upright, opened his arms as though embracing something wonderful, declared that earth was receding, heaven was near, and that it was his coronation day. What a way to go! You don't need to fear death because Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

EXTEND Program

Celebration Sunday was the day that our Extend Program pledges were announced. The total as of last Sunday in offerings and pledges was \$437,494, and with the added sum for the sale of the Sixth Street manse of \$215,000 we are well on the way to financing our new buildings. Praise God for his goodness.

EXTEND ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ

NAB - BSB number 083764 Account Number 15423 4854

DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura

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

FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS

Total \$1,109.00



Family News & Prayer



- * Wanted to sell: A 3 month old Shitzu/Poodle puppy for only \$100. Call Brian on 0459 420232.
- * Andrew & Noeline Davis send “blessings and grace” from Tasmania. “Music at St Clemens at Kingston is so good I will not be required to make a contribution before the top 100 musicians have passed away.” Their address is: PO Box 3054, West Hobart, 7000.

*If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross,
His work had been incomplete.
If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb,
He had only known defeat,
But the way of the cross never stops at the cross
And the way of the tomb leads on
To victorious grace in the heavenly place
Where the risen Lord has gone.
Annie Johnson Flint*

EGG CARTONS

Samantha Armstrong is looking for egg cartons for craft work with the children. If you can help, please give them to Sam.

Suzanna Adams is still looking for somewhere to store a small amount of furniture, for a small rent, while she travels. You can call Suzanne on 0400 887220 if you have a garage or shed you're not using at the moment and can help her out.

Jesus did not come merely to make God's love possible, but to make God's love visible.

HYMNS OF PRAISE



2.30 pm
Sunday, 14th April
Wesley Church

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of singing the good old hymns along with some special musical items.

Hosted by the
Bible Society of Sunraysia
Voluntary donation for Bibles for
Rwanda

Mission Update

IN PARTNERSHIP

A small team from Toowoomba North set off to renovate the Madang Church of Christ chapel and accommodation block in PNG. The task was immense and urgent. An extra, skilled person joined the team. Church people gave sacrificially and other financial help was also given. We were able to use a vehicle for less than half the price of our original quote. Some items were donated by people in Madang. The exchange rate was good.

We were enabled to do the job, and even to get more done than we planned, by the wonderful help given by people who were there. Some were Madang residents. Some were people visiting from the bush. Together we dug holes, filled holes, cleaned walls, painted walls and toilets and seats in the chapel, fixed holes in walls, replaced floorboards, screens, toilets and more. Some of our helpers learned new skills as we worked together.

At the close of our time, one of the local men prayed, “Thank you, God, that you showed us once again that you love us.”

We say Amen to that, and we praise our God, “Who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...”

Fasting and Feasting in Lent (And The Rest of the Year Too)

FAST from judging others;

FEAST on Christ dwelling in them.

FAST from words that pollute;

FEAST on phrases that purify.

FAST from discontent;

FEAST on gratitude.

FAST from worry;

FEAST on God's providence.

FAST from negatives;

FEAST on affirmatives.

FAST from bitterness;

FEAST on forgiveness.

FAST from idle gossip;

FEAST on purposeful silence.

FAST from problems that overwhelm;

FEAST on prayer that sustains.

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