

### Next Week !4th April

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	B. Giddings
Communion Leader	R. Jackson + Prayer Leader
Children's Church	J. Kelly
Singers	R. Fox, M. giddings
Band	N. Moritz, B. Moritz, B. Kiley
Projector/ Sound	J. Cole / C. Waters
Officer on Duty	A. Munro
Welcome/Reception	D. Homfray / M. Butler
Helpers	J. Cooke, m. Cameron, W. Duke, P. Wiffen, I. Cross, J. Wiffen, F. Duke (reader), G. Diggle
Crèche	L. Homfray
Cuppa	G. Beruldsen & K. Underwood
Communion Prep.	A. Munro
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / R. Hawtin & P. Leng
Grounds	W. Duke & R. Barthelson
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Cole
Communion Leader	M. Waters
Singers	M. Gardner, A. Christian
Band	A. Alabaster, J. Waters, R. Jemmeson, I. Stewart
Projector / Sound	J. Gardner / C. Waters
Reception	J. Kelly
Helpers	Volunteers
Crèche	R. Fox

### **A Dog's Life**

If a dog were the teacher, you would learn things like:

- When loved ones come home, always run to meet them
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy
- Take naps and stretch before rising
- Run, romp and play daily
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them



# Mainstream

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7th April, 2013

I arrived in Washington, DC for a major national convocation. I was providing partial leadership through a long weekend of lectures, small group meetings and worship. I had eagerly anticipated the event for many months.

I received my room assignment, moved my luggage to the room, and began to unpack. Reaching into my shoe bag, I pulled out two black dress shoes. Something seemed amiss. Suddenly I realised what I had done. *I had packed two left shoes!* Same colour. Same style. But both for the left foot. The alternative was a pair of informal canvas walking shoes!

Humbled and embarrassed, I made the best of it. I gave my presentation, preached a morning service and led reflective groups in canvas walking shoes. Fortunately, informal attire was the order of the day.

I felt pretty foolish. Yet I was accepted and received throughout - not even a hint of criticism or ridicule. The event proceeded smoothly.

How great to know a God who loves me, even when I appear with two left feet! How refreshing to know that I do not have to appear before my Maker in perfected dress and impeccable good order! I am received, affirmed and welcomed because I am God's creation. I hold membership in a noble spiritual family. The klutzy clumsiness of my endeavours are never maligned. God asks me to strive for greater obedience *precisely because* I am greatly loved.

I will undoubtedly forget something else another travel time: a belt, a matching tie, even a suit. But I will always know that God is not embarrassed or put off by my human limitations. In fact, God probably loves me best when I stand utterly shoeless in the Holy Presence!

*Brian Bauknight - On a Wing and a Prayer.*

# WELCOME!

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 7th April

10.00 am

Sandy Thomas  
**EMOTION DRIVEN LIFE**  
"Doubt"

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader  
Reading

Michael Waters  
Doug Clark  
John 20: 24-31

6.00 pm

Sandy Thomas  
**EMOTION DRIVEN LIFE**  
"Doubt"

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader

Brendan Moritz  
Brendan Moritz

## Next Week, Sunday, 14th April

10.00 am  
&  
6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin  
**EMOTION DRIVEN LIFE**  
"Guilt"

### **John 20: 24-28**

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

## *This Week*

Sunday	7th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	8th	11.00 am	Craft Group
		7.30 pm	Elders
Tuesday	9th	5.30 pm	School Holidays
Friday	12th	7.30 pm	School Holidays
Saturday	13th	2.00 pm	Share Group



# APRIL

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2013**

April	2-5	PlanetShakers
	14	Hymn Singing
	20	Lane Sale
	25	Anzac Day

*There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. You surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, focus on the good. So, love the people who treat you right.*

## **SHARE GROUP**

Saturday, 13th April

***Visit to Farmgate Gardens***

Meet at 2 pm  
At the gardens

For more information  
see Denis Ferrett

Liu Chi Kung, who was placed second to van Cliburn in the 1948 Tchaikovsky competition, was imprisoned a year later during the Cultural revolution in China. During the entire seven years he was held, he was denied the use of a piano. Soon after his release however, he was back on tour. Critics wrote in astonishment that his musicianship was better than ever. "How did you do this?" a critic asked. "You had no chance to practice for seven years." "I did practice," Liu replied, "every day. I rehearsed every piece I have ever played, note by note, in my mind."

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven and earth will pause to say: Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well."

Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

**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.  
(Thanks Noeline!)

**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

We have much to be judged on when Jesus comes; slums and battlefields and insane asylums, but these are the symptoms of our illness, and the result of our failures in love. In the evening of life we shall be judged on love, and not one of us is going to come off very well, and wee it not for my absolute faith in the loving forgiveness of my Lord I could not call on him to come.

Madeleine L'Engle

I am moved by the idea that God always already loves us first, before we love God, wholly and without condition, that God forgives us even before we have done anything to require forgiveness, as we will inevitably do, and that this outpouring of love and forgiveness fortifies us for repentance and reform.

Nancy Mairs from "Here: Grace"

**EXTEND ACCOUNT**

**DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ**

NAB - BSB number 083764 Account Number 15423 4854

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

**From the Treasurer**

Budget Weekly Average \$3,519

Actual Weekly Average \$3,000



## Family News & Prayer



- \* Wanted to sell: A 3 month old Shitzu/Poodle puppy for only \$100. Call Brian on 0459 420232.
- \* Continue in prayer for Matthew Eaton, Claire Foster and Edith Giddings as they recover from surgery.
- \* Andrew Tonkin and a number of our young people are this week attending the PlanetShakers Conference in Melbourne. Pray for safe travel as they return home.

*If we discovered that we had five minutes left to say all we wanted to say, every telephone booth would be occupied by people calling other people to stammer that they love them. Why wait until the last five minutes?*

*C. Morley*

### EGG CARTONS

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

### Seen On Facebook

‘The chief danger of the twentieth century will be: religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, heaven without hell.’

*William Booth  
Founder of the Salvation Army*

### 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

*Being a vet, I had been called to examine a ten year old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family I couldn't do anything for Belker and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.*

*As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for 6 year old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt Shane might learn something from the experience.*

*Shane seemed so calm patting the old dog for the last time and I wondered if he understood what was going on. He seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.*

*I sat with the family afterwards and wondered aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Suddenly Shane piped up, "I know why!" Startled we all turned to him. What he said next stunned me.*

*He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life - like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The six year old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."*

## Mission Update

### A Chocolate Story - Sweet!

Late last month Nestle Australia joined Cadbury and Mars in announcing that every chocolate it sells is independently certified to ensure the cocoa is sourced and produced sustainably on farms with safe working conditions. Nestle's commitment will see more than 3,000 tonnes of UTZ Certified Cocoa now being used to produce iconic favourites. This achievement will improve the social and economic conditions of farmers and their families in the cocoa industry, especially in Cote d'Ivoire where Nestle sources the bulk of its cocoa.

Nestle's announcement was greeted with much anticipation and celebration by Baptist World Aid, a member of the Stop The Traffik coalition. The industry has been under scrutiny for poor wages and working conditions from the collation, and Nestle has received over 100,000 postcards from consumers demanding their chocolate be produced ethically. Since 2009 Baptist World Aid's Catalyst advocacy groups have participated in Stop The Traffik's campaign on major chocolate companies to adopt ethical certification for their cocoa.

'With this announcement we can see that campaigning is making a difference. Nestle has felt the consumer pressure and is making a positive change because of it. So let's celebrate!' TEAR Fund writes. There are over 50 Catalyst advocacy groups around Australia demanding ethical supply chains from a variety of corporations.