

## Next Week 12th May

<u>10.00 am</u>	Mother's Day
Worship Leader	R. Jackson
Communion Leader	L. Thomas
Children's Church	M. Straub, S. Armstrong
Singers	D. Shields, D. Mountford
Band	A. Christian, R. Fox, A. Tonkin, B. Moritz
Projector/ Sound	J. Cole / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke
Welcome/Reception	D. Ferrett / J. Ferrett
Helpers	N. Cook, C. Beasy, P. Wiffen, H. Atkins, I. Cross, J. Wiffen, C. Staley, J. Kelly
Crèche	M. Cox
Cuppa	R. Barthelson, B. Eaton
Communion Prep.	P. Midgley
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / J. & R. Barthelson
Grounds	B. Eaton & N. Underwood
<u>6.00 pm</u>	TBA
Worship Leader	TBA
Communion Leader	J. Cole
Singers	A. Alabaster
Band	N. Moritz, I. Fabich, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, J. Tokin
Projector / Sound	TBA / P. Norris
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke
Reception	R. Hawtin
Crèche	J. Kelly

### **Believe it or Not**

Nine year old Jeremy's mother asked the boy what he had learned in Sunday school.

"Well Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he and his engineers built a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely.



Then he used his walkie-talkie to radio broadcast headquarters and call in an air strike. They sent bombers in to blow up the bridge, and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now Jeremy, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no Mum, but if I told it the way the teacher did you'd never believe it."

# Mainstream

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Today as we continue on with our series, 'The Emotion Driven Life', I pray you have been challenged in areas of your life that need to be dealt with. Our emotions can rule our lives, and although we are emotional people, which is good, we need to be aware of those negative emotions that hold us back from being all we can be.

David Jeremiah calls these negative emotions, 'the Giants in our lives'. God gave the Promised Land to the Israelites, but in order to occupy it, they had to first, defeat the giants in that land. They felt overwhelmed and fearful and as a result it was forty years before they could enter the land. What giant is stopping you from entering into the land God has given you?

The Israelites forgot that God was sending them into the land; He was with them. We must also remember that we are not alone. God is with us always. He has promised to never leave nor forsake us and through the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit, God also empowers us to face the giants in our lives and to defeat them.

Today, we look at the 'green-eyed monster', jealousy. If you are struggling with this, I pray today is the day you will overcome it and continue to enter into the abundant life that God has given you.

***Diane***

# 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 5th May

10.00 am

Diane Morrall  
**EMOTION DRIVEN LIFE**  
“Jealousy”

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader  
Reading

Brendan Moritz & Sandy Thomas  
Michael Waters  
1 Samuel 18: 1-16

6.00 pm

Diane Morrall  
**EMOTION DRIVEN LIFE**  
“Jealousy”

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader

Sam Armstrong  
Bruce Eaton

## Next Week, Sunday, 12th May

10.00 am

&

6.00 pm

**MOTHER'S DAY**

### **1 Samuel 18: 6-9**

When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. As they danced, they sang:

“Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands.”

Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?” And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

## **PRAYER WEEK** *This Week*

Sunday	5th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio
Monday	6th	7.30 pm	Elders' Meeting
Tuesday	7th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Friday	10th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups



# MAY



### **Kids' Church at Night**

Children's Church has now commenced at our evening services. Look for the Kids' Church Sign on the screen and watch for the leaders going out into the hall. Follow them for a fun time of learning with stories and craft.

### **Adventure Club Kitchen**

May 7th

Kaye & Red Team

### **Dates for your Diary**

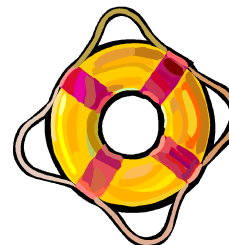
May 26th	New Comers' Lunch
May 30/June 1	Leadership Seminar
June 3	Prayer Partners Dinner
June 21/22	Children's Conference

### **Family Directory**

Do we have your correct name, address, phone number, email, mobile number, etc? Please check the directory pages on the foyer table.

If you are a new comer, this is a directory of all our attenders for anyone from the church to be able to contact you. We do not give out contact details to others. Please fill out your details on the foyer table.

### **SHARE GROUP** **Saturday, 18th May**



### **Cruise on the *Wentworth***

Meet at the Wentworth Wharf at 2 pm - Return at 3.30 pm  
Cost \$23 includes afternoon tea  
Please put your name on the list in the foyer.

Ted Stallard undoubtedly qualified as one of “the least”. Turned off by school. Very sloppy in appearance. Expressionless. Unattractive. Even his teacher, Miss Thompson, enjoyed wielding her red pen as she placed Xs beside his many wrong answers. If only she had studied his records more carefully. They read:

1st grade - Ted shows promise with his work and attitude, but has poor home situation.

2nd grade - Ted could do better. Mother seriously ill. Receives little help from home.

3rd grade - Ted is a good boy but too serious. He is a slow learner. His mother died this year.

4th grade - Ted is very slow, but well-behaved. His father shows no interest whatsoever.

Christmas arrived. The children piled elaborately wrapped gifts on their teacher's desk. Ted brought one too. It was wrapped in brown paper and held together with sticky-tape. Miss Thompson opened each gift as the children crowded around to watch. Out of Ted's package fell a gaudy rhinestone bracelet, with half the stones missing, and a bottle of cheap perfume. The children began to snicker, but she silenced them by splashing some of the perfume on her wrist, and letting them smell it. She put the bracelet on too.

At day's end, after the other children had left, Ted came by the teacher's desk and said, “Miss Thompson, you smell just like my mother. And the bracelet looks real pretty on you. I'm glad you like my presents.” He left. Miss Thompson got down on her knees and asked God to forgive her and to change her attitude.

The next term, the children were greeted by a reformed teacher - one committed to loving each of them. Especially the slow ones. Especially Ted. Surprisingly - or maybe, not surprisingly - Ted began to show great improvement. He actually caught up with most of the students and even passed a few. Time came and went. Miss Thompson heard nothing from Ted for a long time. Then, one day, she received this note:

“Dear Miss Thompson,  
I wanted you to be the first to know. I will be graduating second in my class.  
Love Ted.”

Four years later, another note arrived:

“Dear Miss Thompson,  
They just told me I will be graduating first in my class. I wanted you to be the first to know. The University has not been easy, but I liked it.  
Love Ted”

And four years later:

“Dear Miss Thompson,  
As of today, I am Theodore Stallard, MD. How about that? I wanted you to be the first to know. I am getting married next month, the 27th to be exact. I want you to come and sit where my mother would sit if she were alive. You are the only family I have now; Dad died last year.”

Miss Thompson attended that wedding, and sat where Ted's mother would have sat. The compassion she had shown that young man entitled her to that privilege.

## **PRAYER WEEK**

*“How God works in answer to prayer is a mystery that logic cannot penetrate, but that he does work in answer to prayer is gloriously true.”*

Oswald Chambers

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.

Psalm 5: 1-3

“Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my sighing.

Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

In the morning, O Lord you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.”



**Your prayers would be greatly appreciated for the Churches of Christ Annual Conference (Tension Summit) to be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at Discovery Church (Mt Evelyn Church of Christ) .**

Andrew Tonkin, Ruth Jackson and Jon Armstrong are attending.

**Be praying for the Tension Summit:**

☐ **The Ministers as they gather on Friday May 3**

Ash Barker and Mary Fisher as they prepare to speak

The Renewal Challenge conversations

The electives offered in the afternoon

Safe travelling for Ministers who will be attending

☐ **The Friday night Celebration Event**

Ash Barker as he prepares to speak

The creative team from Discovery church as they provide leadership

Ministers being ordained, a new President being commissioned, the affiliation of two churches and an agency

Give thanks for the pioneers being honoured; pray for the new, emerging pioneers that are appearing

☐ **The open Summit on Saturday May 4**

Ash Barker as he prepares to speak

The reporting and celebrating component, the CCVT AGM

The Renewal Challenge conversations

The electives offered through the day

Safe travelling for people attending



## Family News & Prayer



- \* Be in prayer for Doug and Alys Beasy as Doug has been in the Peter McCallum hospital this week undergoing tests. Congratulations go to them both as they have been blessed with 60 years of marriage - Thursday, 9th May.
- \* Congratulations also to Jenny and Greg Hawke who are celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary - 25 years on Tuesday, 7th May.
- \* It was great to see Claire Foster back in her usual seat at church last Sunday looking well after her recent heart operation.
- \* Dear Mildura Church of Christ:  
Yong families from Dareton including Namatjira are coming to our evening service. Young family are encouraging other young families - this has increased interest. BUT we have to do more on our part as a Church to encourage and challenge these parents and young adults.  
We are relying on your continued prayer support. John and I are so grateful for your financial support in the past months. We have been so blessed to be included in your giving and worship of our God and Saviour.  
“Mercy, Peace and Love be multiplied to you all.” We serve a living God!  
With Love and Thanks  
John and Ruth Saulo
- \* Congratulations to all who were involved in the Hall and Lane Sale. The total for the sale was \$2,208.35.  
A big thank you to everyone for your donations.  
Thank you also to those who gave many hours of their time picking up goods, unpacking the sheds, sorting through and pricing and the huge task of packing up and cleaning up afterwards.  
Faye Duke still has a few items on the internet to sell - thanks Faye.
- \* Lyn Potter has many beautiful hand-made greeting cards for sale in the foyer. All cards are a dollar and proceeds will go towards the Extend Program.

### FUEL Youth

Friday May 10th 7.30 - 9.30 pm

**IGNITION & XLR8**

**We're having a Family Night**

## Mission Update

### **North Korean Christians Ask for Prayer**

North Korean church leaders are asking Christians worldwide to pray for their country amid increased war threats and combat preparation by North Korean military officials. Between 200,000 and 400,000 Christians live in the country featured as the No. 1 persecutor of Christians worldwide on the Open Doors World Watch List for the past 11 years. An estimated 60,000 to 80,000 Christians are forced to live in political prison camps because of their beliefs.

According to underground Christians, a war-like atmosphere now grips the country... many cars are covered with camouflage nets, while soldiers carry guns and wear hats camouflaged with dried branches.

Prayer for North Korea is now more important than ever before. Underground Christians in the country are grateful for the strength they receive from believers around the world and urge them to continue to uphold North Korea in their prayers.

For almost 60 years, Open Doors has worked in the world's most oppressive and restrictive countries, strengthening Christians to stand strong in the face of persecution.

### **New Comers' Lunch** **Sunday, 26th May**

If you have been coming as a regular attender to this church during the past twelve months, then this lunch is for you.

Please collect an invitation from the foyer table today and return the cut-off slip by Sunday, 19th May for catering purposes.