

## Next Week 2nd June

<u>10.00 am</u>	S. Pillay
Worship Leader	M. Cameron
Communion Leader	R. Hawtin
Children's Church	M. Straub & S. Armstrong
Singers	M. Cox, D. Mountford
Band	M. Burrow, R. Fox, A. Tonkin, B. Moritz
Projector/ Sound	D. Kelly / C. Waters
Officer on Duty	A. Munro
Welcome/Reception	J. Kelly / C. Smith
Helpers	G. Beruldsen, J. Bradford, P. Wiffen, J. Wiffen, C. Meade, D. Shields, D. Ferrett, C. Beasy
Crèche	L. Homfray
Cuppa	J. & R. Barthelson
Communion Prep.	R. Hawtin
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / R. Jackson & N. Bell
Grounds	P. Booysen & M. Cameron
<u>6.00 pm</u>	S. Pillay
Worship Leader	J. Cole
Communion Leader	B. Eaton                  Prayer Leader R. Jackson
Singers	S. Armstrong
Band	A. Alabaster, I. Fabich, C. Waters
Projector / Sound	TBA / P. Norris
Officer on Duty	A. Munro
Reception	R. Hawtin
Crèche	M. Gellett

### **"Thanks a Lot, Lord"**

Little Anna's father drove the family home from church. After washing their hands, Anna and her father sat at the table. Anna's mother brought heaping plates of dinner and set them in front of the girl and her daddy. As he always did, Anna's father grumbled about the meal, then asked the blessing. Looking confused, little Anna asked, "Daddy, does God hear us when we pray?" "Why, of course Anna," he replied. "He hears us every time we pray." "And does He hear everything we say the rest of the time?" "Yes, every word," he answered, encouraged that he had inspired his daughter to be curious about spiritual matters. Innocently she burst his bubble with her next question. "Then which does God believe?"



# Mainstream

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26th May, 2013

Today is the last message in our series, "The Emotion Driven Life". We have looked at the negative impact that so many different emotions can have on our family, our health, our relationships and our faith. Emotions such as anger, jealousy, guilt, fear and rejection can leave us feeling crippled and they prevent us from being all God wants us to be.

But in each message we have seen that there is victory and there is hope. And essentially the pathway to victory comes down to the choices we make. We can choose to be angry, or we can choose to forgive. We can choose to let fear control us, or we can choose to let faith control us. We can choose to let the opinions of other people dictate our worth and self esteem, or we can choose to look to God and embrace his love for us.

What choices are you making? Jesus came to give us life to the full (JOHN 10:10). Are you choosing to live that life? Or are you allowing the enemy to continuously kill, steal and destroy?

In **Deuteronomy 30: 19-20** God says, **"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, that you and your descendants might live! Choose to love the LORD your God and to obey him and commit yourself to him, for he is your life."**

Centuries before Wham thought it looked good on a t-shirt, God called us to choose life. Don't live a life that is crippled by negative emotions. Don't allow anger, guilt, jealousy, bitterness, rejection, doubt or fear control your life. Embrace the life that God offers, a life lived in grace, love and peace.

Perhaps today you can say these words.... *"Today I have made the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice I have made. I have chosen life, that I and my descendants might live! I have chosen to love the LORD your God and to obey him and commit myself to him, for he is*

# 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 26th May

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin  
**EMOTION DRIVEN LIFE**  
**"Bitterness"**

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader  
Reading  
6.00 pm

Joshua Cole  
Dennis Homfray  
Genesis 45: 1-15  
Andrew Tonkin  
**EMOTION DRIVEN LIFE**  
**"Bitterness"**

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader

Sam Armstrong  
Jon Armstrong

## Next Week, Sunday, 2nd June

10.00 am  
&  
6.00 pm

Sonny Pillay  
**LEADERSHIP WEEKEND**

**Genesis 45: 1-6** "Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping."

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

## *This Week*

Sunday	26th	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Prayer Ray on Radio Craft Group Board Meeting Adventure Club Youth Groups
Monday	27th	11.00am 7.30 pm	
Tuesday	28th	5.30 pm	
Friday	31st	7.30 pm	



## **Adventure Club Kitchen**

May 28th Janette and Blue Team

## **Dates for your Diary**

May 30/June 1	Leadership Seminar
June 3	Prayer Partners Dinner
June 16th	New Comers' Lunch
June 21/22	Children's Conference

## **From the Treasurer**

Budget Weekly Average	\$3,519
Actual Weekly Average	\$2,990

EXTEND Program Banked	
	\$45,593.80
Promised	\$437,494.45

## **Christian Women's Fellowship**

Thursday, June 6th

Ladies, next week, we are going to lunch at the Pomegranate Café in Merbein, starting at 12.30 pm. If you need transport, meet at the church at 12 noon. Afterwards, we are going to visit a museum filled with collectables and memorabilia. (Entry fee \$80 By the way, there is plenty to interest the man in your family as well. Bring him along with you. Hostesses for the day will be Jenny Barthelson and Faye Baldwin Devotions will be brought to us by Gwentyth Curtis JUSTIFIED - Titus 3: 3-8

## **Faith Promise for Missions**

Total	\$3,140.00
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## **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





## Family News & Prayer



\* A very big thank you to all who were able to provide afternoon tea for the many people at the funeral of Doug Beasy on Monday. Thanks also to our kitchen helpers for all their hard work.

A ring was found in the laneway after the service. If you are missing a ring, please see Robyn Hawtin.

### **New Comers' Lunch**

Will not be on today as planned.

The lunch has been post-poned until  
Sunday, June 16th.

Please notify Jeanie, Auralie or Robyn  
in the Church Office if you are able to  
attend.

### **Family Directory**

There are still some names and  
addresses missing from our Directory  
sheet in the foyer.

If you are new to the church, please  
let us know your details before leaving  
today.

### **PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERS**

Just a reminder that we would like all  
existing Prayer Partners to also fill in a  
form recommitting themselves to  
continue to pray for Andrew.  
Don't forget to fill in your prayer request  
too.

Also note it on your calendar that there  
will be a PPP Dinner on Monday, 3rd  
June at 6.30 pm here at the church for  
those who have committed themselves  
to pray.

Please let Ruth Jackson know if you can  
come.

### **LEADERSHIP WEEKEND**

With Special Guest  
Sonny Pillay

You are invited to come and be  
further equipped in your ministry  
as a Leader in God's Church.

Saturday, June 1st at 9 am

Lunch will be provided but you  
must fill out the form in the foyer  
please.

### **FUEL Youth**

**Friday May 31st 7.30 - 9.30 pm**

#### **IGNITION**

Master Chef

A fun night with yummy food

#### **XLR8**

Cold Rock and Movie

Cold Rock - homemade style

## *Mission Update*

### **St Kilda Gatehouse**

When Gatehouse first met Josie, her heroin habit was uncontrollable and she was involved in an abusive relationship. Josie had visited detox and rehab on a number of occasions, and even had a long period of being clean, where she began a Youth Work degree. She began to use again when a colleague offered her drugs to help 'deal with the job'. Street sex work was Josie's solution to supporting her habit.

In February 2012, Josie was hit by a car, which damaged her leg. She began to rethink her life as a sex worker, and sought real solutions to exit the street. Josie was one of our first clients for the Navigating A New Path program. She was matched with a mentor who quickly became a close friend. Soon after Josie found out she was pregnant.

Josie was living in accommodation that was not suitable for a baby and was on high doses of pharmacotherapy and benzodiazepines. NANP staff linked Josie with housing agencies, the Women's Alcohol and Drug Service, helped her attend appointments and supported her through detox. Baby equipment and clothes were sourced from St Kilda mums. We then helped Josie move into her new property and set up a nursery. One late night in March, her mentor and a Gatehouse support worker were present at the birth of a beautiful baby boy, born after 13 hours of labour.

The Gatehouse Team and volunteers continue to support Josie with regular visits, emotional support and advocacy. It has been truly inspiring to watch this new family begin their life together away from the streets, against tough odds.

*Navigating A New Path commenced in April 2012, supporting girls and young women at risk of, or already involved in, street sex work.*