

### Next Week 7th July

<u>10.00 am</u>	D. Clark
Worship Leader	M. Cameron
Communion Leader	S. Thomas
Children's Church	No-one available
Singers	D. Shields, D. Mountford
Band	N. Moritz, M. Gardner
Projector/ Sound	J. Cole / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke
Welcome/Reception	J. Renfree / C. Smith
Helpers	G. Diggle, C. Meade, J. Rosenberg, J. Barthelson, I. Cross, L. Arnold, F. Duke (reader), J. Bradford
Crèche	M. Cox
Cuppa	P. Castleman, B. Eaton
Communion Prep.	P. Midgley
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / J. & R. Barthelson
Grounds	C. Beasy, B. Eaton
<u>6.00 pm</u>	D. Clark
Worship Leader	J. Cole
Communion Leader	B. Eaton
Singers	N. Moritz, S. Armstrong
Band	M. Burrow, I. Fabich, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, I. Stewart
Projector / Sound	J. Tonkin / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke
Reception	G. Muller
Crèche	R. Fox

### **DON'T BLAME ME**

A new pastor visited the Sunday School department. After standing quietly at the back for a few minutes, he asked the youngsters, "Who tore down the walls of Jericho?" "It wasn't me," shouted young Tommy. The pastor was unfazed and repeated, "Come on now, who tore down the walls of Jericho?" The teacher took the pastor to one side. "Look, Pastor, Tommy's a good boy. If he said he didn't do it, he didn't do it. I believe him." The pastor couldn't comprehend what he was hearing, and later that day he related the story to the Director of Christian Ed. The director frowned. "I know we've had trouble with Tommy in the past. I'll have a word with him." By now totally baffled, the pastor left and approached the deacon. Once again he told the whole story, including the responses of the teacher and the Christian Ed. Director. The deacon listened patiently and smiled, "Yes, Pastor, I can see your problem. But I suggest we take the money from the general fund to pay for the walls and leave it at that."



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30th June, 2013

Christians view the cross as a cherished symbol of atonement, forgiveness, grace, and love. But in Jesus' day, the cross represented nothing but torturous death. Because the Romans forced convicted criminals to carry their own crosses to the place of crucifixion, bearing a cross meant carrying their own execution device while facing ridicule along the way to death.

When Jesus said, "**Take up your cross and follow Me**" he means being willing to die in order to truly be a follow. This is called "dying to self." It's a call to absolute surrender. After each time Jesus commanded cross bearing, He said, "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?" ([Luke 9:24-25](#)). Although the call is tough, the reward is matchless.

Many people followed Jesus. In fact the Bible tells us that 'multitudes' followed him. That gives the impression of hundreds if not thousands of people all wanting to see Jesus, hear Jesus and be blessed by Jesus. But when he called these 'followers' to take up their cross and follow him, the vast majority left him. When the teachings of Jesus went from messages of love and grace to hardcore discipleship, the multitudes left (**John 6:60-66**).

Following Jesus is easy when life runs smoothly, but our true commitment to Him is revealed when the going starts to get tough. Discipleship demands sacrifice, and Jesus never hid that cost. Are you looking for a nice Sunday religious experience, or are you prepared to take up your cross and follow Jesus? Are you a member of a church, or are you a Disciple of Jesus Christ?

**ANDREW**

# 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 30th June

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin  
**"The Jesus Revolution"**

Worship Leader  
 Communion Leader  
 Reading  
6.00 pm

Michael Waters  
 Craig Beasy  
 Luke 9: 23-26, 57-62  
 Andrew Tonkin  
**"The Jesus Revolution:**  
 Youth Invasion

## Next Week, Sunday, 7th July

10.00 am  
 &  
6.00 pm

Doug Clark  
**"Spiritual Warfare"**

**Luke 9: 23-26, 57-62** Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

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

Sunday	30th	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Prayer Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	1st	11.00 am 7.30 pm	Craft Group Board Meeting
Tuesday	2nd	9.30 pm	Children's Program
Thursday	4th	9.30 am 12.30 pm 8.00 pm	Children's Program C.W.F. Guitar Lessons



**JUNE  
JULY**

**Adventure Club Kitchen**  
 School Holiday Program



*Treasurer's Report*

### **Dates for your Diary**

July 2,4,9,11 Children's Program  
 July 19-20 Youth Leader's Seminar  
 August 9 Encounter Camp  
 August 25 Ladies' Day

### **Faith Promise for Missions**

Total 23.6.2013

**\$1,926.00**

## **EXTEND ACCOUNT**

### **DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ**

NAB - BSB number 083764 Account Number 15423 4854

**Promised Amount \$437,494.45**

**Amount Banked \$92,399.80**

### **DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura**

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

**Budget Weekly Average \$3,519**

**Actual weekly Average \$3,009**

**Please Note:** If your Extend offerings are still being directed into the Church General Account, could you please assist staff by changing the account direction with the bank.





# Family News & Prayer



## Family Directory

Some new addresses/phone numbers for your directory:

Joshua Waters      new address: 7 Sheridan Court, Mildura  
Kerryn & Ellen Gibbs      mobile phone number only: 0439 515703

## New Envelopes

New envelopes are available today in the foyer. Please note that there are envelopes which are dated for those who give a weekly offering and there are other undated envelopes. You will find that these envelopes give you the option of putting all your offerings in one envelope, but please specify.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Thursday, 4th July**

This month we are meeting at the Irymple Hotel for lunch at 12.30 pm. The change of venue is due to the chapel being used for the School Holiday Program.

If you require transport, please meet at the church at 12 noon.

Devotions: Marianne Haigh on "**The Revelation of God**" - John 1: 1-18

Hostesses: Joan Ferrett and Cathy Mitchell

We invite all ladies to join us.

## EXTEND REPORT update:

Discussions are still underway with our Structural Engineer in relation to design of our foundations and structural work associated with our proposed plans. We currently have a slight delay in proceedings due to ground water being found approximately 2m below the ground of the proposed site. This has required further design options of our footings, etc which we are currently working through. This of course needs to be finalised before final plans and approvals can be issued. So, please be aware we are working on it and if you require further detail, please don't hesitate to ask me about it at any time.

Michael Waters

## FROM THE CHURCH LEADERS:

A recommendation from the Elders to pay off the current loan on the Goodrem Property with the funds from the recent sale of the Sixth Street manse has been approved.

Interest has been shown in the purchase of the Colonel Court property.

John and Ruth Saulo have extended their term in Dareton for another 3 years.

## PRAYER WEEK



"We pray because it is our most human response. We're made by and for the voice of God - listening to and answering that voice is our most characteristic act. We are most ourselves when we pray."

*Eugene Peterson*

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.

*"The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love."*

Psalm 147: 11

## Mission Update

### COCOA Great Gift - My First Reader

In 2009, the La'o speaking students at Gandep Bible College in Papua New Guinea wrote an amazing alphabet song to teach children the 35 letters of the complex La'o language. The La'o have their new Testament and while 50% of the students at Gandep Bible College speak La'o, reading it is difficult. Hearing that alphabet song inspired a dream which COCOA (Churches Of Christ Overseas Aid) is currently funding; the production of an elementary prep curriculum for speakers of the La'o language.

The PNG Government allows students to be taught in their own language, but they must have materials for the teachers to use. In 2012, Silas Gibe and other La'o speakers began writing and translating over 80 books that will be used to teach hundreds of elementary prep students to read in their own language. With everything going to plan the entire curriculum will be ready to be used in an Elementary Prep Teacher Training Course that will be held in Madang 17 July - 1 August, 2013.

We ask that you pray that nothing will hinder the writing and editing of all the materials for the curriculum. Pray that God will bring the best teachers in to be trained to use the curriculum.

Martha Wade, PNG