

Next Week 4th August

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Cole
Communion Leader	W. Whitehead + Prayer
Children's Church	M. Straub
Singers	M. Cameron, K. Tonkin
Band	N. Moritz, J. Waters, R. Jemmeson
Projector/ Sound	D. Kelly / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	R. Jackson
Welcome/Reception	D. Shields / J. Ferrett
Helpers	C. Meade, J. Renfree, J. Rosenberg, P. Wiffen, H. Atkins, J. Wiffen, N. Underwood (reader), G. Diggle
Crèche	R. O'Connor
Cuppa	M. Cox, L. Cox, volunteer
Communion Prep.	A. Munro
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / J. & R. Barthelson
Grounds	C. Beasy, B. Eaton
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	B. Kiley
Communion Leader	D. Morrall
Singers	S. Armstrong, A. Gray
Band	M. Burrow, I. Fabich, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, I. Stewart
Lights/Project / Sound	J. Tonkin / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	R. Jackson
Reception	A. Munro
Crèche	R. Hawtin??

Top Ten Treasons to Tithe

1. Your church started a new stewardship drive - every time you give, your chance of winning increases.
2. There's no money for new choir robes, so the choir has started wearing their bathrobes during the service.
3. The last few Sundays, the treasurer has got up halfway through the service and turned off the heaters.
4. The preacher's wife has worn the same clothes every Sunday for the past three years.
5. The helpers are starting to drool and growl as they collect the offering.
6. The offering plates have been sold and replaced with ice-cream buckets.
7. The treasurer has started wearing sack cloth and ashes.
8. You can't call the church office because the phone has been disconnected.
9. Parking meters have been installed in the church parking lot.
10. As a Christian church member, you understand the privilege it is to have a partnership in the gospel.



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28th July, 2013

Could you imagine someone sharing in church a testimony praising God for working in their life to bring a group of friends to Christ, and the Elders then saying, "They aren't really saved unless they add...to God's grace."

It seems outrageous to us, but people do it all the time. We say we are saved by grace, through faith and that it is a gift from God. But then when someone actually takes those words literally, we add on a list of our own pet rules that people have to follow in order to gain salvation. Today, we often see added something like God's grace plus church membership, or God's grace plus doing good things in order to gain salvation, or God's grace and then abstaining from alcohol. Could it even be that we state God's grace plus baptism equals salvation?

Don't get me wrong, there is a big difference between what is required for salvation and what is required to maintain and grow in our faith. I truly believe that baptism, church membership and Christian disciplines such as prayer and Bible study are essential to growing and strengthening our faith. But how often do we seem to add such things to grace, almost stating that grace is insufficient or that grace really isn't free?

In the early Church the Christian Jews struggled with the many Gentiles (non-Jews) who were converting to Christianity. They struggled to accept that someone could follow the Jewish Messiah without somehow also converting to some form of Judaism. The original addition to God's grace was converting to Judaism and following the law of Moses, particularly circumcision.

But concerning the Gentile believers Peter very clearly said, "*God made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.... We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.*" (ACTS 15: 9, 11) That is the bottom line. We are all saved by grace through faith. Nothing more and nothing less. In our witness, and in our mission and ministry, we must promote the glorious grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and not add on the rules and regulations of religion.

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 28th July

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin
“The Rituals of Religion”

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Reading

Michael Waters
Doug Clark
Acts 15: 1-19

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin
“The Rituals of Religion”

Worship Leader
Communion Leader

Joshua Cole
Lee Thomas

Next Week, Sunday, 4th August

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

&

“Keep it Simple Stupid”

6.00 pm

Acts 15: 1-5

Some men came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.” This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. The church sent them on their way, and as they travelled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the brothers very glad. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them. Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses.”

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	28th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Tuesday	30th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	1st	1.30 pm	C.W.F.
Friday	2nd	7.30 pm	Youth Groups



JULY / AUGUST

Adventure Club Kitchen

July 30th Pam & Red Team

Dates for your Diary

August 9	Encounter Camp
August 25	Ladies' Day
October 11	Hall's Gap Camp

Christian Women's Fellowship

Again, there is a change of plan for our meeting on Thursday. We will be meeting at the Church, starting at 1.30 pm. Denis has generously offered his services and will screen a movie for us. Devotions- Kaye Underwood - Col. 2: 6-15 “The Conquest of Evil.” Note: Tonight is our Soup Night which is our Fund-Raising effort. If you are able to help serve, would you see Carole after the service this morning? Thank you.

The Red Cliffs Church of Christ

Invites you to join them as they
Celebrate their
90th Anniversary
3rd & 4th August

See the notice board for details.

For catering purposes,
please let Liz Milne know
if you plan to share a meal.
Ph. 5024 7046, email:
tirnadross@gmail.com

The church doesn't own Communion. It's God's meal. That made it possible for me to even take Communion in the first place. It also made it possible for me to look at the church not as a way to divide people from each other, but as a way of joining people together.

Sarah Miles

The bread that you possess belongs to the hungry. The clothes that you store in boxes, belong to the naked. The shoes rotting by you, belong to the bare-foot. The money that you hide belongs to anyone in need.

Saint Basil



Family News & Prayer



- * Continue to pray for Janenne Bradford and her mother Bev, as they mourn the death of Les and bring comfort to Meredyth in hospital.
- * Pray also for Brendan Moritz as he recovers from surgery but is still experiencing some pain.
- * **Forthcoming Wedding**
John Duscher and Pam Wiffen will be married at the Mildura Church of Christ on Saturday, 3rd August at 3 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the Wedding Ceremony.
- * Max Wright wishes to say hello to everyone and to let us know that he loves living in the Mildura Aged Care home in Deakin Avenue.

Paul and Linda Burrow have left some leaflets in the foyer explaining what they will be doing in Bolivia working with SIM - Serving In Mission. Pick up a pamphlet if you would like to pray for their work specifically or you can even support them financially. All details on the back.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

It's that time again when we start looking for small gifts to put into our shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child with Samaritan's Purse. We have plenty of boxes for you to fill and labels for you to remember the 'Six Somethings' to put into your boxes.

-Something to Wear, Something to Love, Something Special, Something for School, Something to Play with, Something for Personal Hygiene.

There is a list of ideas in the brochure that you can pick up, to let you know how to pack and what not to put in the boxes. Any further information, please contact Robyn.

Again this year, if you would rather not pack a box but would like to contribute to either the postage or purchase of boxes, then Robyn will gladly accept whatever you can give towards our Church's boxes. Also, if you can knit or sew, there are patterns for beanies, shorts, skirts or t-shirts and they can go towards someone's boxes if you felt that you can help in that way.

Thank you in anticipation and may you be blessed as you bless these children with Christmas boxes.

Youth Groups
Friday, August 2nd
7.30 - 9.30 pm

IGNITION *For students Years 5 - 8*

Red Cliffs Games

We're going to Red Cliffs Sec. College gym

Meet at the church

XLR8 *For students Years 9 - 12*

Bon Fire

We're going out to Merbein - Meet at the church

Mission Update

St Kilda Gatehouse

"All up, I have spent ten years working as a prostitute on the streets of St Kilda, selling my body on a daily basis to support my heroin addiction. In the beginning, I was doing my best to hold my life together, but bit by bit, as I fell more and more heavily into my addiction, I lost everything: contact with my sons, my home, my family and friends and my possessions. Finally, I lost hope and self-respect. I was homeless with nothing and felt like such an outcast from society and so down on myself that I was working constantly night and day making more and more money for drugs to numb my pain. Deep down I knew if I kept my lifestyle up it would kill me. I wanted to make changes in my life, but I was scared and I didn't know how to.

I heard through other girls on the streets about a place called Gatehouse where you could go for a coffee, a feed, and a chat. Initially, I was suspicious of these people. I wondered why they would want to help us and what they were getting out of it. Slowly, I started going there and what I found was a friendly, non-judgemental place with people who really cared about me and actually listened. Amazing! Over time I got to know and trust the people at Gatehouse. With the help of their support, I decided it was time to make some major changes in my life. Today, I have a flat, contact with my family, a job, a relationship and am completely drug free and happy. With all my heart, thank you Gatehouse."

You can help the Gatehouse community by donating to our Faith Mission Fund.