

Next Week 22nd September

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Cole
Communion Leader	L. Thomas
Children's Church	C. Waters
Singers	M. Cox, D. Ferrett, J. Trewin
Band	M. Burrow, C. Beasy
Projector/ Sound	M. Waters / B. Moritz
Officer on Duty	J. Cole
Welcome/Reception	J. Ferrett / F. Duke
Helpers	N. Cook, H. Atkins, I. Cross, J. Wiffen, P. Leng, L. Arnold, F. Duke, J. Rosenberg
Crèche	L. Homfray
Cuppa	N. Cook, M. Straub, B. Summers
Communion Prep.	C. Waters
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / R. Hawtin & P. Leng
Grounds	W. Duke & D. Homfray
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	B. Moritz
Communion Leader	S. Thomas Prayer A. Tonkin
Singers	M. Gardner, D. Gray
Band	A. Alabaster, J. Waters, M. Burrow, I. Stewart
Lights/Project / Sound	C. Waters / ? / P. Norris
Officer on Duty	J. Cole
Reception	G. Muller
Crèche	R. Hawtin

The new preacher was so nervous about delivering his first sermon that he'd not gotten much sleep for several nights. Matter of fact, he was so tired he could barely make it up the steps to his pulpit. Fortunately he found his text and began preaching. But nervousness soon overtook him, and the outline flew right out of his mind. Now, in Bible school he'd been taught that if a lapse of memory occurs, it is wise to repeat your last point. And so he did. "Behold," he quoted, "I come quickly," but his mind was still a blank. He tried one more time, still no memory of what was to come next. Another attempt, but no results. Finally, he stepped way back, made a lunge toward the pulpit, shouted out, "Behold, I come quickly," tripped, and fell into the lap of a little old lady in the front row. Flustered and embarrassed, he picked himself up, apologized profusely, and started to explain what had happened. That's all right, young man," said the kindly old lady. "It was really my fault. You warned me four times that you were on your way down here. I should have just gotten out of your way!"



Mainstream

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15th September, 2013

Quite a number of years ago now, a man I had recently baptized came to me and told me with tears in his eyes that God had helped him finally break the bondage of gambling that had ensnared him for many years. He shared with me how he had lost literally thousands of dollars betting on horses. He shared how much hurt it had caused to his wife and children. He shared the humiliation of having to go to his brother to ask him for financial help because he had just blown his entire pay-cheque on a 'sure bet'.

But then a huge smile came across his face as he testified of God's incredible grace that gave him the strength to give up his gambling addiction. His words to me were, "For years and years I tried to stop, but I just couldn't do it. But with Jesus in my life I have finally had the strength and power to conquer something that was killing me and my family." Nine years later my friend has never placed another bet and he continues to walk in victory in the name and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are so many destructive addictions that will destroy your life, and your loved ones. But in Jesus there is victory, healing and restoration. Whether it is gambling, alcohol, pornography, prescription drugs or any other temptation that has you bound, victory is yours as you repent of your sin and draw on the strength of God.

Remember the words of King David in **PSALM 31: 3-5**, "*When I refused to confess my sin, I was weak and miserable, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Interlude Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.*"

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 15th September

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

HOT POTATOES

“Gambling”

Worship Leader

Beth Giddings

Communion Leader

Matthew Cameron

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin

HOT POTATOES

“Gambling”

Worship Leader

Brendan Kiley

Communion Leader

Josh Cole

Next Week, Sunday, 22nd September

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

&

HOT POTATOES

6.00 pm

“Racism”

“When a person works an eight-hour day and receives a fair day’s pay for his time, that is a wage.

When a person competes with an opponent and receives a trophy for his performance, that is a prize.

When a person receives appropriate recognition for his long service or high achievements, that is an award.

But when a person is not capable of earning a wage, can win no prize, and deserves no award - yet receives such a gift anyway - that is a good picture of God’s unmerited favour.

That is what we mean when we talk about the grace of God.” *G.W.Knight*

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	15th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	16th	10.15 am	Aged Care Service
		6.30 pm	W.I.G.S.
Tuesday	17th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club Picnic
Thursday	19th	7.30 pm	Admin Meeting
Friday	20th	7.00 / 7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	21st	2.00 pm	Share Group



SEPTEMBER

Adventure Club Kitchen

Sept 17 Zena & Blue Team

Dates for your Diary

Sept. 24-27	Dareton Kids
October 21	Conference Meeting
October 27	Hymn Singing
November 29	Camp Fusion

“100 Days in the Word”

Adventure Club Family Picnic

Tuesday, September 17th
5.30 - 7.30 pm
At Jaycee Park

The whole family is invited
Lots of games, lots of prizes
Cost is \$3 each

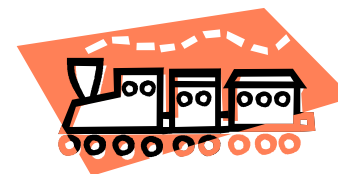
Plus bring a salad
and finger food
dessert to share



W.I.G.S.

Women In God’s Service

Tomorrow night, Monday the 16th, is our Progressive Dinner. Savoury Course is at the Hawtin’s, 607 Cowra Avenue, and Dessert Course is at Noeline Cook’s, 29 Eulinga Drive. Please see Robyn if you are coming so she can let you know what to bring and to give numbers. Note the early start of 6.30 pm. Hope to see you there.



SHARE GROUP

SATURDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER

We will be visiting the Botanic Gardens,
Riding in the train.

Meet at the gardens at 2 p.m.

Please put your name on the list.

The cost will be \$13

For the train ride and afternoon tea.



Family News & Prayer



- * We have been praying for Jeanette Mason, daughter of Ian and Ruth Mansell as she became very ill earlier this week. She is showing some improvement and is now out of isolation. Her sister Denise is with her.
- * For those who remember Reg Green, who was a member of this church some years ago, we have been told that he died of cancer on Wednesday, 11th September. We offer our sympathy to his family.
- * Be in prayer for Anthony Robinson, son of Arthur and Nesta, and brother-in-law to Brendan and Kerry Kiley. Anthony is fighting for his life in an Adelaide hospital. Pray for the doctors and nurses caring for him.

PEANUT PALS

There has been a lot of sickness around at the moment. Maybe your Peanut Pal is one who has been sick. Please check and maybe a note would cheer her up, and let her know that she is being thought of by someone! It doesn't take much to put a smile on her face! And sometimes you don't need an excuse to just say that you are thinking of them! Maybe today would be a good day to bless your Peanut Pal!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Thank you to all those who have taken boxes and even brought some back already. A thank you to all who have given money donations which will go towards postage and fillers for boxes. I have been given some fillers to help with boxes. If you have some items left over, these can be used to fill extra boxes in Melbourne. Janeen Norris will be presenting a short segment in today's services to help focus on the Shoe Boxes for Christmas.

Tech Team

We are looking for people interested in serving as part of the Tech. Team. This is a great opportunity to serve God in these critical background roles. Interested people must be willing to serve in either or both of the morning and evening services. You will start with projector, then lights, and if interested, building up to learning the sound system. These positions are open to all church members, old and new. If interested, please talk to Brendan Moritz, Clinton Waters or Jon Armstrong.

Youth Groups

Friday, September 20th

IGNITION **Ten Pin Bowling** 7.30 - 9.30 pm
King's Avenue

XLR8 **Sand Hills** 7.00 pm - 10.00 pm
At the Church \$3 Bring a torch

Mission Update

News from Paul and Linda Burrow

Yesterday we had a fantastic day at school. It was the annual bbq for all staff and families. It was a good opportunity for families to meet old and new staff members. There was a lot of food - and no paper plates and plastic cutlery.

Both of us are well and enjoying the different surroundings and trying to keep up with the pace. We will have to write reports soon for each student, which will be tricky for Paul, as he has all the students for one lesson a week in the primary and two lessons a week in the secondary. Not sure how many that will be. He probably needs prayer to remember lots of names.

Several of my parents need prayer in regards to their spiritual allegiance - Jesus, or to the saints and Mary. They need to really sort this out. Hopefully through our conversations and the witness of their children, they will see that Jesus can be their Lord as well.

Certainly in the devotion time each morning, the children are very open to learning about the truth and it was also great to be able to share with families yesterday, that we prayed for the mums and dads, as well as the puppies and bunnies!

Well, after it being so hot yesterday for the bbq, this afternoon the wind started up and we now have had rain - very refreshing. Generally, it is very dry here; my lips are very dry and crackly, almost like the mummified artefacts sitting displayed in the cabinet of the Bolivian room.

Well, must go, hope this letter gives you a little insight into some of the happenings here in Bolivia.