

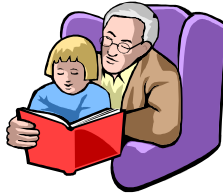
### Next Week 29th September

10.00 am  
 Worship Leader S. Couroupis  
 Communion Leader M. Waters  
 Children's Church C. Beasy  
 Singers S. Armstrong  
 Band K. Tonkin, R. Jackson  
 Projector/ Sound M. Burrow, R. Jemmeson  
 Officer on Duty C. Waters / J. Armstrong  
 Welcome/Reception B. Moritz  
 Helpers D. Homfray / M. Cox  
 G. Diggle, C. Meade, M. Straub, J. Renfree, N. Cook  
 C. Smith? , C. Staley, W. Whitehead  
 N. Bell ?  
 Crèche D. Ferrett, J. Ferrett  
 Cuppa R. Hawtin  
 Communion Prep. M. Straub / R. Jackson  
 Flowers / Cleaning R. Barthelson, G. Hughes  
 Grounds  
6.00 pm  
 No Evening Service

Worship Leader  
 Communion Leader  
 Singers  
 Band  
 Lights/Project / Sound  
 Officer on Duty  
 Reception  
 Crèche

### God made us

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



# Mainstream

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22nd September, 2013

You will find inside this Mainstream a paper called 'First Peoples Solidarity Statement'. It is a statement from Churches of Christ that expresses a desire for a stronger relationship with the first peoples of Australia. It expresses a desire for reconciliation, to acknowledge the past sins and neglect of the Church and to look forward to a better and more gracious future of ministry and relationships with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters.

Tony Riches, chairman of the Indigenous Ministry Fund, wrote concerning the First Peoples Solidarity Statement, "I believe that the words in this Solidarity Statement have that ability to cross borders of racial ignorance and insensitivities of all sorts to speak heart to heart in hope of a better future. This will pave the way for embracing a new day of respect and opportunity that will need to take the shape of REAL action."

For five years the Mildura Church of Christ has been active in supporting and partnering in the ministry of John Saulo with Sunraysia Indigenous Ministries. It has been exciting to see the amazing work God is doing through John and our partnership. Many Aboriginal people are coming to faith. Our indigenous church in Dareton is growing. I thank God for the privilege we have in being a part of this work. And I pray that it will continue for many years to come and grow from strength to strength.

Your attitude plays a very big part. Ignorance, stereotyping, bigotry and racism will tear down the good work that has been done. But in the strength of the Holy Spirit, overcoming our prejudice will enable the ministry to build as we help set an example for other Churches in our movement to follow. There are many eyes on us. We are already being an inspiration to others. Will you be an important part of this continuing for the building of God's kingdom?

**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 22nd September

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin  
**HOT POTATOES**  
**"Racism"**

Worship Leader Joshua Cole  
Communion Leader Lee Thomas

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin  
**HOT POTATOES**  
**"Racism"**

Worship Leader Brendan Moritz  
Communion Leader Sandy Thomas

## Next Week, Sunday, 29th September

10.00 am Sonja Couroupis  
& **HOT POTATOES**  
6.00 pm **"Abortion"**



## Dareton Holiday Club Prayer Meeting 7.30pm



After our evening service tonight there will be a prayer meeting to lift up the Dareton Holiday Club and those involved in running the event in prayer.

**All Welcome.**

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

## *This Week*

Sunday	22nd	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	23rd	11.00 am	Craft Group
		7.30 pm	Board Meeting
Tuesday	24th	5.30 pm	
Thursday	26th	12noon	Meet and Eat
Friday	27th	7.00 /7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	28th	2.00 pm	FAFFS -Theatre Night



# SEPTEMBER

## Dates for your Diary

Sept. 24-27	Dareton Kids
October 11-13	Halls Gap Camp
October 21	Conference Meeting
October 27	Hymn Singing
November 29	Camp Fusion

## "100 Days in the Word"



## Hall's Gap Women's Retreat

*"Refresh My Heart, Lord  
Renew My Love"*  
Friday, 11th - Sunday, 13th October  
Norval House  
Grampians Road, Hall's Gap  
Guest Speaker - Merrill Kitchen  
2013 Committee - Red Cliffs Church  
of Christ ladies  
Full fee = \$160  
See the notice board for registrations

## Meet and Eat

**Thursday 26th Sept**

Come and join us for lunch

**12 noon**

**At Jenny's Coffee Lounge**

This end of the

Langtree Mall

A good time of fellowship



## Grand Final on the Big Screen

**Saturday 28th Sept  
From 2pm**

Come along and watch  
The Grand Final on the  
Big screen with great  
company







# Family News & Prayer



- \* Please continue to pray for Jeanette Mason, daughter of Ian and Ruth Mansell. She is still quite ill but is continuing to show improvement .
- \* Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Tim Eaton who turns 18 and Matthew Eaton who turns 16 on Wednesday 25th Sept.
- \* Congratulations to Andrew and Joanna Burrow on the safe arrival of Caitlin Eliana Burrow on Wednesday, 21st August. First grand-child for Linda and Paul Burrow and niece for Marianne & Lynne Burrow.

## C.W.F Ladies

Just a reminder- our next Gold Coin Morning Tea is next Sunday, the 29th Sept. Please remember to bring a plate of something to share. If you can help in the Kitchen, please let Carole know.

## **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

## **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 27th**

**IGNITION  
XLR8**

**School Holidays No  
Youth Group.**

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"



## Mission Update

### **GMP News from Vietnam**

Vietnam is an amazing country with an emerging middle class; yet many still live in dire poverty. People are everywhere and no matter what we were instructed by our Vietnamese congregants prior to leaving, crossing the road in Ho Chi Minh City is a prayer-enriching act of faith.

Our team were fortunate to visit Fiona Briers and observe her work first-hand at Bright Solutions. Fiona is doing an extraordinary job to marry the gospel with poverty alleviation. She is a gifted teacher who constantly demonstrates her faith in tangible ways.

One lady we met, who is helped through meaningful employment at Bright Solutions, is the cleaner. Three half days each week, the 80+ year old lady comes and cleans. With the income she receives, she can provide for her needs and that of her husband, who four years ago had a heart attack. If it were not for Bright Solutions she would be forced to earn a living doing back breaking work picking up recyclable litter for a significantly lower income. It was fantastic to see her joy at having a role within the Bright Solution's team.

The mission statement for our team from Cross Culture who visit in July has been "Go, Learn, Return, Respond." While two of those have been achieved ('Go' and 'Return'), we are slowly debriefing what we have 'Learned' from the trip, while simultaneously working on a strategy to 'Respond', by marketing the 'Bright Solutions' children's books in Australia  
Simon Pratt, Vic