

Next Week 6th October

<u>10.00 am</u>	A Tonkin
Worship Leader	M. Cameron
Communion Leader	M. Waters
Children's Church	J. Cooke
Singers	M. Cox, J. Trewin
Band	N. Moritz, B. Kiley, C. Beasy
Projector/ Sound	Ca. Waters / Cl. Waters
Officer on Duty	W. Whitehead
Welcome/Reception	J. Renfree / J. Bradford
Helpers	G. Diggle, M. Straub, J. Rosenberg, P. Duscher J. Wiffen, L. Arnold, C. Meade (Reader), E. Wagstaff
Crèche	R. O'Connor
Cuppa	P. Castleman, B. Eaton
Communion Prep.	C. Waters
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / J. Cole
Grounds	C. Beasy, B. Eaton
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Cole
Communion Leader	Bruce Eaton
Singers	M. Gardiner, M. Burrow
Band	C. Waters, J. Waters, R. Jemmeson, J. Tonkin
Project / Sound	J. Corrie, B. Moritz
Officer on Duty	W. Whitehead
Reception	G. Muller
Crèche	M. Whitehead



Golf during church

The Pastor woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So.... he told the associate pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to preach for him that day. As soon as the associate pastor left the room, the Pastor headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his church.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from heaven and exclaimed,

"You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then he hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 435 YARD HOLE IN ONE! Saint Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?" The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"



Mainstream

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29th September, 2013

Over the last few weeks we have been addressing a number of difficult and controversial subjects. This has included alcohol, gambling, racism and today, abortion. These and other similarly difficult issues can very easily be ignored and swept under the carpet. Sometimes it is easier to pretend the problem doesn't exist rather than have to speak up. It can often be challenging to be the only one to hold to a Biblical world view. But we need to speak up. We need to take the time to study what the Bible teaches and be prepared to take a stand for truth and godliness.

Sometimes the stand for Biblical truth can be a lonely one. The Biblical truth is not often a popular one because it causes many to have to examine their own spirituality and sinfulness. That causes people to be very uncomfortable. People don't want to hear truth and when they do they call us 'old fashioned, narrow minded, out of touch or religious fundamentalists'.

But truth is truth. It doesn't matter how people may try to reframe the definition of marriage. It doesn't matter how people might try to justify their bigotry. It doesn't matter how our Aussie 'culture' may define certain behaviours. It doesn't matter what the Hollywood celebrities may say. All that matters is what God says clearly through His Word. God is truth, his Word is truth and that truth has never changed. It is a sure foundation and Jesus said that it is the foundation on which the wise will build their life.

Where will you choose to build? On the rock, even if you are in the minority? Or on the shifting sands that will only lead to destruction? Take your stand. Speak up. Be a light in a dark place and shine it brightly with all your might!

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 29th September

10.00 am

Sonja Couroupis
HOT POTATOES
"Abortion"

Worship Leader Michael Waters
Communion Leader Craig Beasy
C.W.F. Providing Morning Tea for Missions - Gold coin donation
6.00 pm No evening Service

Next Week, Sunday, 6th October

10.00 am

&

Andrew Tonkin
The Heart of a
Giant Killer

6.00 pm



Fuel Youth Register now!



Camp Fusion Barmera- Lake Bonney

Nov 29th -Dec 1st

Camp Fusion is Fuel Youth's Annual Camp,

Featuring a great variety of activities

it's a weekend not to be missed.

Guest Speaker - Joel Thomas

Early Bird Registration only \$50 if paid in full by Oct 17th or
Register by Nov 17 and pay full price \$60.00

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	29th	9.30 am 7.30 pm	Prayer Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Thursday	3rd	1.30pm	C.W.F.



SEPTEMBER OCTOBER

Dates for your Diary

October 11-13 Halls Gap Camp
October 21 Conference Meeting
October 27 Hymn Singing
November 29 Camp Fusion

"100 Days in the Word"

Our Food Cupboard is Looking a little empty. We are looking for donations of food items such as:
Meal in a can,
Breakfast Cereals,
Spaghetti
Baked Beans,
Canned fruit.
Small jars of coffee.



C.W.F. Meeting

Our next meeting is Thursday, the 3rd October 1.30pm. Because we are going to Renmark for the Rose Festival, it has been decided to make this meeting an informal one.

Devotions: Gwenda Beruldsen: "Self-understanding and Self-giving." Bible reading from Luke 9:23-27, 12:22-34.

Dates for your Diary: Oct. 13- Gold Coin Supper.



Oct. 23- Renmark Rose Festival. **Bus leaves the Church at 8.30am sharp.** Our first booking is at 10.30am S.A. time.

Oct. 27- Gold Coin Supper

DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura

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

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Family News & Prayer



- * Please be in prayer for Denis Zanker's Family. Denis passed away on Saturday 21st September. His funeral will be held at the Walpeup Lutheran Church on Monday 30th September at 1pm.
- * Janenne Bradford & family would like to sincerely thank her church family for their prayers, cards, gifts and kind words on the recent passing of her Father Les and sister Meredyth.
- * Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Florrie Hawtin who turned 90 on Monday 23rd Sept. Florrie would like to thank all those who sent cards and best wishes for her 90th Birthday. She really appreciated it.
- * Happy Birthday to Glenn Norris who turns 21 on Monday the 30th Sept.

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.



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



Youth Groups

Friday, October 4th

**IGNITION
XLR8**

**School Holidays
No Youth Group.**

Little boys prayer

"Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mummy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and my cat and me. Oh, please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."



Mission Update

GMP People Profile: James Ludia Abraham

James grew up in Kenyi, South Sudan, in a beautiful village close to the Ugandan border. He moved to Khartoum to complete his secondary education. Here he experienced God calling him into Christian service. He established a church which grew from four people to over seven thousand in just two years.

After fleeing persecution from the government for refusing to fight his own people in the civil war, James found himself in Egypt for four years before he was granted asylum in Australia. In Victoria James joined the Ballarat Central Church of Christ and began to share his dream to assist his war-torn homeland. He had a vision to make a sustainable difference in people's lives. Rather than giving them food, he planned to teach them how to grow food for themselves. Helping them with tools and agricultural training would not only teach them how to be independent but in turn to be generous and provide for others in need.

In 2011 the Kenyi community leaders provided more than 250 hectares of land in four sections for the Bongibot Agricultural Project. Clearing the land and planting crops commenced in March 2012.

"If things work according to plan," says James, "in four to six years we can be independent from our sponsors. That is my vision. We can do this if we have the tools to help my community. Through your support my people know that someone cares for them."