

Next Week 24th November

<u>10.00 am</u>	John Saulo
Worship Leader	R. Jackson
Communion Leader	A. Tonkin Prayer Leader W. Whitehead
Children's Church	J. Kelly, C. Waters
Singers	R. Fox, D. Mountford
Band	M. Burrow, R. Jemmeson, I. Fabich
Projector/ Sound	T. Eaton / B. Moritz
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke
Welcome/Reception	D. Shields / N. Underwood
Helpers	J. Rosenberg, J. Renfree, G. Diggle, P. Duscher, H. Atkins, J. Wiffen, B. Eaton, W. Whitehead
Crèche	R. O'Connor
Cuppa	K. Underwood & M. Straub
Communion Prep.	C. Waters
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / R. Jackson & J. Botha
Grounds	P. Booysen
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Movie Night
Worship Leader	
Communion Leader	
Singers	
Band	
Project / Sound	J. Cole
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke
Reception	G. Muller
Crèche	R. Fox

NOW I BELIEVE!

Pastor Jackson used this story to illustrate the point of belief in his Sunday morning homily.

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one graceful flip, the legendary beast tossed the atheist high in the air. The it opened its mouth to swallow both the man and the boat. As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, "Oh, my God! Help me!" Immediately, the ferocious attack scene froze, leaving the atheist hanging in mid-air. Then a booming voice came out of the clouds. "I thought you didn't believe in me!"

"Come on, God, give me a break," the man pleaded. "Two minutes ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster, either!"



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17th November, 2013

PSALM 63

"O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. They who seek my life will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth. They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals. But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God's name will praise him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced."

David wrote this Psalm during one of the darkest times in his life. His own son Absalom had bitterly betrayed him and David had to flee into the desert to escape Absalom's murderous threats.

I wonder how you might react if you were betrayed by a loved one. But as we read Psalm 63 we see that David's reaction was to pour his heart out to the Lord. Too many people allow tragedy and grief to defeat them and erode their faith. For David tragedy was a catalyst that saw him draw deeper and deeper into God and trust Him even more to bring help, strength, comfort and hope.

As you face various difficulties in life remember that God's love and grace is more than sufficient. Jesus is called 'a man of sorrows'. He is not a detached God who has no sympathy for his hurting children. But he is a God who has gone through every trial and therefore knows the pain of this life and he totally understands and empathises with the pain you are experiencing.

Draw near to the one who truly understands and has all power and authority to meet your every need.

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 17th November

10.00am

Andrew Tonkin

“Dig Deep in Days of Desperation”

Worship Leader

Denis Ferrett

Communion Leader

Joshua Cole

Reading

1 Samuel 30: 1-8

6.00 pm

Lynton Allan

Worship Leader

Sam Armstrong

Communion Leader

Robyn Hawtin

Baptism

Isaac Fabich

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10.00 am

John Saulo

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1 Samuel 30: 1-6

David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag and burned it, and had taken captive the women and all who were in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way. When David and his men came to Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep. David's two wives had been captured - Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	17th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	18th	10.15 am	Nursing Home Service
		6.00 pm	W.I.G.S.
Tuesday	19th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	21st	7.30 pm	Admin. Meeting
Friday	22nd	7.30 pm	Ignition
Saturday	23rd	2.00 pm	XLR8



NOVEMBER

FAFFS

Saturday, November 30th

6.00 pm

Barbecue Tea at Diane & Michael
Morrall's home
96 Chaffey Avenue

HOLIDAY SNAPS

Bring some barbecue meat and a
salad and your latest holiday photos.

SHARE GROUP

Share Group's last meeting for the year will be Christmas Dinner on Sunday, 1st December, starting at 12.30 pm. If you are over 55 you should have received an invitation in your mail box this morning. If you didn't get one, we obviously don't think you are over 55. Please let Denis know the truth.

The cost is \$12, and we need to have names of those coming by 25th November. There is a list up in the foyer.

Adventure Club Kitchen

19th November Zena and Blue Team

“100 Days in the Word”

WIGS

Tomorrow night, we are having a night out at the Gateway. Please note the earlier time of 6.00 pm. Please let Robyn know if you are coming as we have booked, but need numbers finalised.

I would also like to thank all the guests that we have had over the last year, with the ladies being willing to come and share a part of what they do, who they are and where they have come from. It is very much appreciated. It has been a great year and we look forward to our Peanut Pal Christmas night and then another great year next year. Robyn Hawtin.



Family News & Prayer



- * Today is Isaac Fabich's 18th Birthday and what a great way to celebrate by being baptised this evening. Congratulations Isaac.
- * Happy 60th Birthday to Robyn Hawtin for Saturday, 23rd November. Have a great time with your family and friends, Robyn.

PEANUT PALS

It has been a few years since we have updated our information for Peanut Pals. Please see Robyn to get a form to fill out so that she can update the information that is given to your new Peanut Pal next year. If there are any Pals who don't want to continue this pastoral ministry of fun, looking after another of our ladies for the year, then please let Robyn know. If there is any lady who would like to join and wants more information, then Robyn will be happy to tell you.

GROCERIES

Our Grocery Cupboard is looking a little empty at the moment. When you next shop for groceries, why not pick up an extra item or two for those who come in looking for something to eat. Suggested items are:

Canned meals, canned vegetables, fruit, spaghetti and baked beans, milk, cereal, coffee.

Christmas Day Lunch 12 - 2 pm

Christmas day lunch is on again this year, and open to all who might be on their own for Christmas. Names can be placed on the sheet provided in the foyer. More information of the day and ways to support this event following soon.

RSVP: 19th December

Youth Groups

Friday, November 22nd 7.30 - 9.30 pm

IGNITION Swimming Night
462 Walnut Avenue

Saturday, November 23rd 2.00 pm - 5.30 pm

XLR8 Water Wars
42 Rural Drive



Dates for your Diary

November 29	Camp Fusion
December 3	Adv. Club Break-up
December 9	Board Break-up
December 10	Adv. Club leaders
December 13	Youth Group Break-up
December 14	Carols at Namma
December 15	Chaplaincy Carols
December 25	Christmas Lunch



ROSTERS

Carolyn is now working on the first quarter rosters for 2014. Please remember to fill out the absence form in the foyer if you are going to be away during this time. More helpers are needed in all areas but especially for looking after small children in Crèche. Have you considered this area of ministry? Put your name down on the sheet today.

Typhoon Haiyan Appeal

Today, in your Mainstream is a COCOA Appeal for the people in the Philippines devastated by Typhoon Haiyan. Fill out the form if you would like a tax receipt and put it into an envelope with your donation and you can leave it in the offering plate. A cheque from the church will then be sent off to COCOA.