

## Sunday, 19th January, 2014

### 10.00 am

Worship Leader	J. Armstrong	
Communion Leader	R. Jackson	
Children's Church	R. Hawtin	Prayer Leader - W. Whitehead
Singers	None	
Band	M. Cameron, K. Whitehead, D. Mountford	
Projector / Sound	N. Moritz, J. Waters, B. Moritz, R. Fox	
Officer on Duty	M. Waters / C. Waters	
Welcome/Reception	J. Cole	
Helpers	J. Kelly / L. Potter	
	G. Diggle, W. Duke, J. Renfree, I. Cross, L. Arnold,	
	J. Rosenberg, F. Duke (reader), C. Meade	

Crèche	C. Waters
Cuppa	P. Castleman, N. Cook, B. Summers
Communion Prep.	C. Waters
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / J. Cole & W. Duke
Grounds	B. Eaton & M. Cameron

### 6.00 pm

Worship Leader	J. Armstrong
Communion Leader	S. Armstrong
Singers	M. Waters
Band	D. Gray, A. Beasy
Projector / Sound	A. Alabaster, M. Gardner, J. Waters, I. Stewart
Officer on Duty	T. Eaton / B. Moritz
Reception	J. Cole
Crèche	G. Muller
	R. Fox

**Please Note:** All those in the Worship Team for Sunday morning services are asked to be at the church at times as per the note on their roster sheet:

8.20 am	Sound, projector, band arrive - sound check
8.35 am	Singers arrive - sound check
8.40 am	Prayer and Practice start

### **UP, UP AND AWAY**

Miss Dixie asked her Sunday school class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Larry's picture of four people on an aeroplane, so she asked what story he was illustrating. "Oh, it's Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus on their flight to Egypt." "But who's the fourth person, Larry?" "Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot" he replied.



# Mainstream

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12th January, 2014

I am currently on holidays for a week and a half. I am going to spend a few days doing things around the house and then I am going to visit my Mum in Ballarat. I would certainly value your prayers as I travel.

One of the aspects of our Church that I am very proud of is that I can go away and know that everything in the life of our Church will continue to run very smoothly. I know quite a number of ministers who try to minimize their absences from their Church, particularly on a Sunday, because they know that everything just about falls apart when they are gone. On the rare occasions they do go away for a couple of Sundays they ensure they bring in 'special guests' from other Churches to preach and run the worship service because they don't have anyone in their Church capable of doing it.

So I honestly thank God and give Him praise that we have so many tremendous people who do an amazing job of 'running the Church' while I am away. We have a brilliant worship team lead by Brendan Moritz. Auralie Munro and Robin Hawtin make sure the day to day operations continue. Josh Cole picks up the slack in any way he can. Denis and Joan Ferrett ensure pastoral needs are met and people are cared for. When it comes to preaching, we have a team of preachers who do an outstanding job who proclaim God's Word at a very high standard.

So I hope that you may be able to join me in thanking God for all those who give so much of their time, energy and resources to serve God and His Church. And perhaps also take some time to consider how you can contribute by becoming a part of at least one area of ministry. If you would like to talk about getting more involved in an area of ministry you can call me or an Elder at any time.

**ANDREW**



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 12th January, 2014

<u>10.00am</u>	Ruth Jackson <b>The World's Best Seller of all Ages</b>
Worship Leader	Denis Ferrett
Communion Leader	Wayne Whitehead
Reading	Psalm 119: 97-105
 <u>6.00 pm</u>	 No Service



### Next Week, Sunday, 19th January

<u>10.00 am</u>	Jon Armstrong
&	<b>In Him</b>
<u>6.00 pm</u>	1 Timothy 1: 12-20

### **Psalm 119: 97-105**

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.  
Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.  
I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.  
I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.  
I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.  
I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.  
How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!  
I gain understanding from your precepts;  
Therefore I hate every wrong path.

# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**

### *This Week*

Sunday	12th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM



**Do you have Mail to collect? Please check the pigeon holes today.**

# JANUARY

## CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday, 23rd February  
11.30 am after Morning Service  
Shared Lunch to follow**

If you are a Leader or Secretary of a Group/Bible Study/Committee within the church, you are asked to write a report of your group's activities for 2013 for inclusion in the Annual Report Booklet. These reports should be sent as attachments to the church office by Sunday, 19th January, please. The Booklet should be available for you on Sunday, February 9th.

Any Notices of Motion should be received by the Secretary by 2nd February.

The Elders have created a new Functional Committee to be known as Connect Groups. The Deacon of this position will work with the many small groups within the church as well as creating new ones.

Nominations for the following positions are due on 2nd February also.

Elders - any number may be nominated.

Deacons - Administration, Children's Ministry, Connect Groups, Mission

Officers - Secretary / Treasurer

The following Elder, Deacons and Officers have completed their terms of office.

Ruth Jackson, Jon Armstrong, Sam Armstrong, Auralie Munro, Heather Atkins.

Anyone wishing to nominate a member for a position should first speak to Andrew or one of our elders.





## Family News & Prayer



- \* Our sympathy and prayers are with the Armstrong family as Bob's father and Jon's grand-father died just after Christmas.
- \* Our sympathy and prayers also go to Robyn Poole whose husband Anthony died on Wednesday, 8th January.
- \* A special Happy Birthday to Maree McGowan who celebrated her 60th Birthday on 3rd January.

## Mission Update

### InPartnership

#### Relief Reaching Haiyan Survivors

By the light of a dozen torches and two motorcycle lamps the residents of Hernani, a district of east Samar wrecked by typhoon Haiyan, collect parcels of food that will sustain them for a week. A once bustling marketplace serves as the collection point this evening where local leaders read the names of residents under their jurisdiction. Once called, residents move up to the table and sign to take a bag.

Laughter disguises the severity of the situation in the Philippines. Government estimates of affected people have gone up now to 13.25 million. Haiyan left 4.4 million people homeless, with most living in places other than evacuation centres.

The focus is on the most vulnerable, the poorest, female headed house-holds, disabled people and families whose primary sources of livelihood have been destroyed.

To date, GMP has receipted \$61,200 for this appeal, which is being directed through Lutheran World Relief (COCOA's Partner), one of the on-ground agencies facilitating the ACT response along with the National Christian Council Philippines and other agencies.

While the giving is encouraging, the process of relief and rebuilding is only just beginning.

### JUST CHECKING IN TODAY

A Minister passing through his church in the middle of the day,  
Decided to pause by the altar to see who came to pray.  
Just then the back door opened, and a man came down the aisle  
The minister frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while.  
His shirt was torn and shabby, and his coat was worn and frayed,  
The man knelt down and bowed his head, then rose and walked away.  
In the days that followed at precisely noon, the preacher saw this chap  
Each time he knelt just for a moment, a lunch pail in his lap.  
Well, the minister's suspicions grew with robbery a main fear  
He decided to stop and ask the man, "What are you doing here?"  
The old man said he was a factory worker and lunch was half an hour  
Lunchtime was his prayer-time, for finding strength and power.  
'I stay only a moment because the factory's far away  
As I kneel here talking to the Lord, this is kinda what I say.  
'I just came by to tell you Lord how happy I have been  
Since we found each other's friendship and you took away my sin.  
Don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you every day.  
So Jesus, this is Ben, just checking in today.'"  
The minister feeling foolish, told Ben that it was fine  
He told the man that he was welcome to pray there anytime.  
"It's time to go, and thanks," Ben said as he hurried to the door.  
Then the minister knelt there at the altar, which he'd never done before.  
His cold heart melted, warmed with love, as he met Jesus there  
As the tears flowed down his cheeks, he repeated old Ben's prayer.  
Past noon one day, the minister noticed that old Ben hadn't come  
As more days passed and still no Ben, he began to worry some.  
At the factory he asked about him, learning he was ill  
The hospital staff was worried, but he'd given them a thrill.  
The week that Ben was with them, brought changes in the ward  
His smiles and joy contagious, changed people were his reward.  
The head nurse couldn't understand why Ben could be so glad  
When no flowers, calls or cards came, not a visitor he had.  
The minister stayed by his bed, he voiced the nurse's concern  
No friends had come to show they cared, he had nowhere to turn.  
Looking surprised, old Ben spoke up and with a winsome smile  
"The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, He's been here all the while.  
Every day at noon He comes here, a dear friend of mine, you see  
He sits right down and takes my hand, leans over and says to me.  
'I just came by to tell you Ben, how happy I have been  
Since we found this friendship and I took away your sin.  
I think about you always, and I love to hear you pray  
And so Ben, this is Jesus, just checking in today.'