

Sunday, 30th March 2014

10.00 am

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin	
Communion Leader	M. Cameron	
Children's Church	M. Waters	Prayer leader H. Atkins
Singers	J. Cooke	
Band	D. Ferrett, R. Fox, R. Jackson	
Projector / Sound	M. Burrow, B. Moritz, I. Fabich, C. Beasy	
Officer on Duty	J. Cole / C. Waters	
Welcome/Reception	R. Hawtin	
Helpers	D. Shields / C. Armstrong	
	G. Diggle, C. Meade, M. Straub, H. Atkins, P. Leng,	
	L. Arnold, J. Renfree (reader), E. Wagstaff	

Crèche	R. O'Connor
Cuppa	G. Beruldsen, L. Homfray, J. Purcell
Communion Prep.	A. Munro
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / P. Leng & R. Hawtin
Grounds	C. Beasy & M. Cameron

6.00 pm

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Communion Leader	?
Singers	J. Armstrong
Band	N. Moritz, S. Armstrong
Projector / Sound	M. Burrow, I. Fabich, B. Moritz, I. Stewart
Officer on Duty	J. Corrie / P. Norris
Reception	R. Hawtin
Crèche	R. Hawtin
	A. Munro

Breaking the Silence

The Monastery of Silence was led by an ancient Abbott, who took the brothers' vow of silence very seriously. When Brother John entered the monastery and took his silence vow, the Abbott reminded him, "You are welcome here as long as you like, but you may not speak until I direct you to do so."

Brother John lived in the monastery for a full year before the Abbott said to him, "Brother John, you have been here a year now, you may speak two words."

Brother John said, "Hard bed." So the Abbott got him a better bed.

The next year, Brother John was called by the Abbott. "You may say another two words, Brother John." "Cold food," announced Brother John, so the Abbott promised the food would improve.

On his third anniversary at the monastery, the Abbott again called Brother John into his office. "You may say two more words today." "I quit," announced Brother John. "It is probably for the best," said the Abbott. "All you have done since you got here is complain."



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I have a Science background and so I love learning how nature works. I like to learn new concepts by first seeing and understanding something I am familiar with and then expanding this to the new concept. It's called going from 'concrete' to 'abstract' thinking. This is what Jesus' Parables were doing. He used things like a mustard seed to illustrate to the listeners a new concept they hadn't heard of before.

Seeds are wonderful little packages. They come in all sizes and shapes, but within each one there is great potential for life. Given the right conditions, a seed will sprout, set down roots and grow into a plant. A mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds, yet given good soil, fertilizer and water, it can grow into a large tree.

Jesus' parable of the mustard seed is all about the growth of God's Kingdom. The Church, which is the symbol of God's Kingdom here on earth, grew from just twelve disciples who obeyed God's command to spread the Gospel. Christianity has now spread across the world. In our own lives, we don't need to be great speakers or evangelists. Just being obedient to God and sharing our faith with our family, friends and co-workers can sow seeds into their lives that God can mature and develop in His time.

It's always good to remember that we sow the seed, but it's God's Holy Spirit that grows and nurtures the seed to full growth.

DIANE MORRALL

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 23rd March

10.00am

Diane Morrall
THE GOSPEL OF MARK
"Mustard Seed Faith"

Worship Leader Beth Giddings
Communion Leader Robyn Hawtin
Reading Mark 4: 30-34

6.00 pm

Diane Morrall
THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Worship Leader Sam Armstrong
Communion Leader Robyn Hawtin

Next Week, Sunday, 30th March

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

&

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

6.00 pm

"Jesus Took Notice"

Mark 4: 30-34

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	23rd	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	24th	11.00 am	Craft
		7.30 pm	Board Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	25th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	27th	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	28th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	29th	6.00 pm	F.A.F.F.S.
Sunday	30th	1.30 pm	Worship Leaders Meeting



Adventure Club Roster

March 25th Zena Stewart and Blue Team

Worship Leaders

There will be a meeting of all Worship Leaders at the Church next Sunday, 30th March at 1.30 pm.

PRAYER RETREAT

Next SATURDAY, 29TH March

9.30 am - 3.00 pm

Venue: Andrew & Kylie's garden
7 Cyprus Ave, Merbein

A day to come near to God
A day to quietly reflect on God's word
A time to listen to what God might have to say to you

Please put your name on the list for catering purposes.
Bring a chair, bible, pen, notebook

F.A.F.F.S.

Saturday, 29th March
6 pm

LOCK ISLAND VISIT

Bring your tea and picnic rug
Meet at the Lock before 6 pm
Tour the Island before sun-set.



Dates for your Diary

March	29	Prayer Retreat
April	5	Hall and Lane Sale
April	6	Fellowship Lunch
April	6	Hymn Singing
April	7,9,11	Children's Holiday Program
	18	Good Friday

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHES **First Sunday of the Month**

Shared Lunch
Sunday, 6th April
All welcome
Please bring a plate of savoury food and one of dessert to share.

INTRODUCING...

Marjorie Butler

I came to Mildura 18 years ago from Ararat. I was born in Warrnambool. I was married in 1963 in Ararat to David Butler. I have 3 children, 2 sons and a daughter. I have 1 grandchild. My husband passed away in 2005.

My late parents, Nance and Vic (Brownie) Jenkins, were heavily involved in the church of Christ.

I have taught R.E. at Ranfurly Primary School to grade 1/2 students now for 9 years. I enjoy it very much and love teaching the little children about Jesus.

I like to spend my spare time knitting, reading, gardening and spending time with friends and family. I love being a part of the Mildura Church of Christ community and I wish to be for many years to come.



B.I.G. - Blokes Into God

BRING A FRIEND FUTURE TRIPS

We had a good roll-up last month at Psyche Pumps with 15 men attending, so let's double that for a good night out.

Wednesday, April 9th

Cruising on the MV Wentworth.

Departing the Wentworth Wharf at 6.30 pm returning at 8.30 pm. \$25 each includes a fish and chips meal.

Be at the wharf at 6 pm or at the church at 5 pm for a 5.20 pm departure if you need a ride. Please put your name on the list in the foyer for catering purposes.

Saturday, May 10th

4X4 Hattah Lakes Cruise

Follow the leader with 10 am departure from Church and return at 7 pm. Bring your own 4X4 or find a friend with one. Donations to the catering for the church Building program.

PRAYER CHAIN REVIEW

As a Prayer Committee, we are reviewing the Prayer Chain. If you are already on the Prayer Chain, will you please review your email address. If you wish to continue will you tick your name and check that your email address is correct. If you do not wish to continue, cross out your name and email address.

For anyone who would like to become a part of this great ministry, would you add your name and email address to the list. If you would prefer the telephone, please add your name and telephone number. The lists are on the table in the foyer.

HALL & LANE SALE

Saturday, 5th April



Start collecting those unwanted goods
Clean out your cupboards and garage
Add your name to the list of helpers
Add your goods if you want them collected
But please, don't bring anything to the hall yet
Collection day will be Thursday, 3rd April
We could also use some young willing lifters and carriers
on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

From the Board

Builder Paul Dean has been engaged as the Principal Builder for the proposed construction, with Michael Waters acting as over-seer for the project. The estimated cost of building is \$700,000.

Jon Armstrong, Connect Groups Deacon, will launch the new small group ministry in mid-year.

Joining with Red Cliffs Church of Christ Board for Dinner on Monday, 31st March.

The Women's Ministry Team has a new mission statement.
- Sisters Serving God and Each Other

MOTHERS' DAY

The Women's Ministry Team would really love all of you to write a short record of a special memory that you have of being a mother OR as a daughter or son, with a special memory of your own Mother. If you are a keen writer, you're welcome to share more than one memory.



All these memories will then be compiled into a booklet and given back as a gift. We would like you to put your name to the article, but if you would like us to Not publish your name, please note that and we'll respect your request. Once you've written your memory, please put it in an envelope and hand it to me or leave it in the U-V pigeon hole in the foyer.

Let's really honour Motherhood and make this a special keepsake. Thank you.

Kaye Underwood and the Women's Ministry Team.



Family News & Prayer



Continue in prayer for:

Anne Eaton as she recovers from back surgery
Ralph Thomas as he returns home from hospital
Linda Burrow's mother and her family
Lois Biggs whose illness prevents her from attending church
Des Hammond, Vic Robinson, Peg Furze, Nancy McAllister, Leon
Scarlett all in Nursing Homes, and Norma Fechner
Michelle Fernance who has returned to Sydney to live

Every experience God gives us,
Every person He puts into our lives
Is the perfect preparation for the
Future that only he can see.

-Corrie ten Boon

*If you always do
What you've always done
You'll always be
What you've always been*
-Josh McDowell

I see the world gradually being turned
into a wilderness. I hear the ever-
approaching thunder, which will destroy
us too. I can feel the sufferings of
millions and yet, if I look up into the
heavens, I think that it will all come out
right. In the meantime, I must uphold my
ideals, for perhaps the time will come
when I shall be able to carry them out.

-Anne Frank, The Diary of Anne Frank

HELPERS NEEDED

Children's Holiday Program
Monday, April 7th, Wednesday April 9th &
Friday, April 11th.

Put your name on the list if you are able
to assist with kitchen helping,
Working with children,
Setting up & packing up.
Come for the three days, one day or half
a day.
Your assistance would be great!

Children's Church Needs More teachers for the evening service.

If you would like to help, then please
contact Sam Armstrong
on 0423 079018.

YOUTH GROUPS

Friday Night 28th March

IGNITION - for years 5 - 8 &

XLR8 - for years 9 -12

FUEL RALLY

Awesome music, games, message and sweet pre-show activities guaranteed.

This night is not to be missed.

6.00 - 9.30 pm

At the church Free

Mission Update

Feel Called to Work in Las Vegas?

Perhaps Las Vegas is the last place you would expect to find the work of Child Evangelism fellowship, but the truth is that God is doing a wonderful work there, and boys and girls are being reached with the Gospel. 'Sin City' reportedly has more churches per capita than any other city, but this number includes the numerous wedding chapels. Few would doubt that 'Sin City' is a place that desperately needs the Good news of Jesus Christ and where 'sin abounds, race much more abounds'.

The Las Vegas area is made up of Las Vegas and Pahrump counties with a total of 221 elementary schools. In the past two years, 32 schools have started Good News Clubs. There is even a waiting list for schools and churches that are ready to adopt a school but just need the training and equipping to make it happen. The Lord has assembled a wonderful group of volunteers who make up the local committee and are praying for God to raise up the person of His choosing to direct the work there.

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