

Sunday, 25th May 2014

10.00 am

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin
Communion Leader	R. Jackson
Children's Church	W. Whitehead Prayer Leader - A. Tonkin
Singers	M. Straub & S. Armstrong ?
Band	D. Clark, M. Cox, K. Tonkin
Projector / Sound	N. Moritz, M. Waters, B. Kiley, C. Beasy
Officer on Duty	P. Bekker / J. Armstrong ?
Welcome/Reception	J. Cole
Helpers	D. Homfray / J. Bradford
	G. Beruldsen, B. Eaton, J. Renfree, P. Duscher, J. Wiffen,
	C. Armstrong, C. Staley (reader), D. Shields

Crèche	K. Hawtin
Cuppa	P. Castleman, N. Cook, E. Phillips
Communion Prep.	R. Bekker
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / J. & R. Barthelson
Grounds	D. Homfray & M. Cameron

6.00 pm

Worship Leader	A. Tonkin
Communion Leader	I. Fabich
Children's Church	D. Morrall
Singers	D. Gray
Band	M. Gardner, A. Beasy
Projector / Sound	C. Waters, R. Jemmeson, I. Fabich, E. Tonkin, J. Tonkin
Officer on Duty	T. Eaton / J. Armstrong ?
Reception	J. Cole
Crèche	G. Muller
	A. Munro

SHE DID?

Mrs Smith and her little daughter Betty were outside the church watching all the comings and goings of a wedding. After it was over, Betty asked her mother, "Why did the bride change her mind?"

"What do you mean, 'change her mind'? Asked Mrs Smith.

"Well," said Betty, "she went into the church with one man and came out with another."

BRAINWASHING

The Johnson family with their five year old daughter sat close to the front at church so little Annie could see the whole service and the baptizing of a tiny infant.

Annie was quite taken with the ritual, especially when the minister poured water over the baby's head. With a quizzical look, the little girl turned to her father and in a loud voice asked, "Daddy, why are they brainwashing that baby?"



Mainstream

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18th May 2014

I'm about to make a reasonably controversial statement. **Our ministry to young people may be the most important ministry in the church.** I wonder how you feel about that. Let me explain why...

Our Children's Ministry is quite often the first place a child has an encounter with Jesus Christ. Almost every week at Adventure Club we have children come along for the very first time. It is the first time many of them have ever attended our Church. In fact it is the first time they have attended any Church. For some it is even the first time they have heard the stories of Jesus. And even for those who may have heard a few things about God, for most it is the first time they have been told that God loves them.

Children's Church, Adventure Club and our Youth Groups are helping set the foundations of faith that should be built on the gospel. We, as those who love Jesus and love our children, need to take this fact very seriously. What we do in Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry has great implications in the future for how our children view the gospel, Jesus, and the church.

While research shows us that parents remain the most important faith influencers in their children's life, our ministries to children and teens play an important part in coming alongside of families to reach their children for Jesus.

So please take some time this coming week to pray for our ministry to young people. Uplift Joshua Cole and Samantha Armstrong. Pray for all the leaders and helpers. And pray for the wonderful young ones who come along each week to our various activities. Pray that they will come to know and love Jesus and choose to follow him with all their heart.

ANDREW TONKIN

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, 18th May

10.00 am Joshua Cole & Samantha Armstrong
The Next Generation
Worship Leader Michael Waters
Communion Leader Craig Beasy

6.00 pm Joshua Cole & Samantha Armstrong
The Next Generation
Worship Leader Brendan Moritz
Communion Leader Michael Waters

Next Week, Sunday, 25h May

10.00am Andrew Tonkin
& **The Gospel of Mark**
6.00 pm "Faith Killers"

The New Gift of the Spirit

The Spirit was a new gift on the day of Pentecost because it came for a different reason. Previously, the Spirit came upon people to heal them or to met immediate needs. Samson had a lion facing him. Gideon had a battle before him. Ezekiel was called to speak. Each had something to do that was beyond their power. On Pentecost there was no immediate crisis. There were no battles pending. The disciples had been praying and waiting, and then the Spirit came. Why? It was not a danger they faced but a challenge - the challenge to go make disciples of all nations.

Pentecost is the birthday of the church, for God's Holy Spirit is given in a fresh, new way. May that same Spirit continue to inspire each of us, each day.

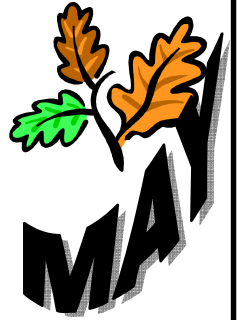
Carol M. Gregg

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL

This Week

Sunday	18th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.30 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Monday	19th	1.00 pm	Administration meeting
Tuesday	20th	5.30pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	22nd	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	23rd	7.30pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	24th	2.00 pm	Share Group
		4.00 pm	FAFFS



Adventure Club Kitchen - May 20th - Red Team

Church Café - May 25th - Worship Ministry

SHARE GROUP SATURDAY 24TH MAY

Leaving from the Wentworth Wharf
At 2pm
Returning at 3.30pm
Cost \$23. Pay as you board
Afternoon tea provided.
Bring a friend.

FAFFS Family And Friends, Fifties - Sixties Bush Walk and Camp Oven Tea

Saturday, 24th May
Meet at the home of Peter and Jeanie Kelly at 4pm
in warm clothes and walking shoes for a bush walk
Meeting back at Kelly's for a camp oven tea provided and cooked
by Jeanie and Peter
Bring your own drinks and chairs
All welcome but phone Jeanie please. 5024 5117 / 0428 245117

Introducing... Janette Cooke



I grew up on a dairy farm at Gorae West in the Portland district. My parents, Doug and Aileen Quayle were founding members of the Portland Church of Christ. After finishing school I headed off to Teachers College in Geelong and my first school was in Charlton. There I met John, married, and had our first child, Matthew. We then moved to Bendigo for a few years where Calum and Ailia were born. On Ailia's second birthday we moved to Mildura and have been here ever since. (29 years) It was lovely to come into a warm welcoming church where I already knew a couple of families. I was quickly invited to join in various church activities including **YAMS** that stood for **Young Adults Married and Single**. (After many years we all realised that we were no longer young so the group was renamed **FAFFF** that stood for Family and Friends **F**orties to **F**ifties.) My children attended Adventure Club and Youth Clubs and I soon became involved in the Adventure Club Teaching Team and in other Children's Activities. I served on the board as Deacon of Children's Ministry for many years and after retiring from that, have now joined the Pastoral Care Team and a KYB (Know Your Bible) Group. While the children were little I did some relief teaching and then went back to work full time when my children were all at school. I worked at Mildura South Primary School and Mildura Primary School for many years and then dropped back to part time work so I could look after my first grand child. I have now retired and look after three grand children two or three days a week. I enjoy China Painting, Quilting, Card Making and Travelling and try to fit in a bit of housework and gardening in between but not often enough. I love my church, I love to be involved in small groups and I miss it terribly when I am away on holidays and can't wait to get back.

We have run out of profiles!! Please send yours in now if you have had your photo taken by Auralie.

GROCERIES

Please remember to pick up some extra groceries for our Groceries for Jesus cupboard this week.

Long-life milk, meals in cans, cereal, spaghetti, baked beans, coffee, sugar would be appreciated. Thank you.

PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS

A Pastors' Prayer Partners form is in your Mainstream again today. Please return your completed forms as quickly as possible. You can hand them to Ruth Jackson or Andrew Tonkin or just post them in the Prayer Box in the foyer. A dinner for all Prayer Partners will be held on Monday, 2nd June.

FAMILY DIRECTORY

We need to print a new Family Directory. We have printed out all the contact information we have on nearly all our attending families. Would you please take note of your entry on the foyer table today and make any corrections or additions. If you are a recent attender, you may find that there is no entry for you. Please add your details, so that we are able to keep in touch with you. Thank you.

DEMOLITION WORK

Michael Waters completed the demolition of Chivell House on Thursday this week, after demolishing Mrs Goodrem's house and back yard sheds last week. Work can now commence on the demolition of the old Kinder building and the renovation of the Chapel.

Next Sunday 25th May will be the last time we will be meeting in the Chapel until the renovations are complete. On Sunday, 1st June we will be meeting for both services in the Senior Citizens' building next door.

Youth Groups will also be meeting next door on Friday nights, but Adventure Club will need to remain in the hall and foyer.

It is exciting to see the progress that has been made in the lead up to the construction of our new building.

"One day," says God, "I will fill every living thing in a special way. My spirit will move your children to speak for me; she will excite teenagers with new ideas and give old people dreams about the future. Even those who have no rights, my favourites, will be full of me and speak my words." Acts 2: 17-18



Family News & Prayer



Be in prayer for:

Ralph Thomas, Don Follett, Bob McAllister

Those in nursing homes:

Peg Furze, Des Hammond, Nancy McAllister, Vic Robinson,
Leon Scarlett, Max Wright

Our sympathy is extended to Charlotte Armstrong and her family yet again as Charlotte is dealing with the loss of her father last weekend. His funeral will be in Wollongong on 24th May.

It was with sadness we received the news that Linda Burrow's mother had passed away in early May. Pray for Linda and Paul in Bolivia, and Lynn, Andrew and Marianne in S.A.

Congratulations to our newest Australian citizens:

Rianna, Peter, Shania and Reuben Bekker
Jean, Paul and Lindy Booysen

Congratulations to;

Robyn and John Hawtin on their 40th Wedding Anniversary,
today the 18th May.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

**Gifts of the Holy Spirit
With Special Guest
Sonny Pillay from Living Waters, Loxton
Saturday, May 31st
9.30 - 4.00 pm
Please register - lunch provided.**

YOUTH GROUPS

Friday Night 20th May

7.30-9.30pm

IGNITION - for years 5 - 8 & XLR8 - for years 9 -12

Family Fun Night

We're having a night for the WHOLE family to come
along! Bring your whole family for a fun night.

At the Church \$3

Mission Update

Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse is pleased to report that almost 10 million gift-filled boxes have been shipped to needy children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse wants to express its gratitude to the hundreds of thousands of people, who donated shoeboxes.

'We're so thankful for the amazing generosity of our contributors. We can only imagine the joy a child feels when they receive a shoebox, packed with gifts, from someone they don't know but someone who cared enough for them to know that God loves them and He's not forgotten them at Christmas.'

This year for the first time, gift-filled boxes were sent from donors in the UK to children in Rwanda. In April 2014, Rwanda will mark the 20th anniversary of the genocide that saw almost one million people killed in 100 days. 'This complements the ongoing programs that we have in Rwanda to lift vulnerable children and families out of poverty.'

'Over the past 23 years, Operation Christmas Child has sent more than 113 million boxes to children in over 130 countries. The demand is huge and is increasing, year to year. I want to encourage more people to get involved with this amazing program, so that we can reach even more children with shoeboxes packed with gifts and share Jesus with them; He is the reason for the season.'