

Mainstream



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Selfies. Last year 'selfies' was named 'word of the year' by the Oxford Dictionary. The selfie has become a cultural phenomenon. It is also considered to be THE most annoying thing on social media, even more annoying than political rants and photos of the food you are eating. But what is really behind this urge to constantly post photos of yourself on Facebook and Twitter?

Social commentators state that you only have to look at the word to work out what is really going on. "SELFies". It is all about the world increasingly becoming self absorbed with SELF. Behind so many of the millions of selfies being posted on social media are questions like, "Do you like me?" "Am I attractive?" "Am I acceptable?" "Will you notice me?" Selfies are not a statement of individuality but rather they are so often a cry for love in a lonely world.

To serve and care for a selfie culture, you must first lay down the idol of self. And that is exactly what Jesus did. Jesus spoke so clearly that to be a true follower of him we must first deny ourself and then take up our cross. Jesus spoke of true love being expressed in self sacrifice, even going as far as saying that the greatest expression of love is to lay down your life for another. And of course Jesus demonstrated all of this in the most literal of ways. Jesus came to redeem a fallen and broken world. And he did it by laying down his life – for you!

May we all allow the compassion of Jesus to grow within our heart and be the driving force in our thoughts, attitudes and actions. Will you take up the challenge of turning your back on the selfie and being more focussed on the needs of those around you?

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 in the Church Hall following the morning service.

Today, Sunday, 29th June In the Senior Citizens' Building

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

The Gospel of Mark

"Compassion Displayed"

Worship Leader

Michael Waters

Communion Leader

Dennis Homfray

Reading

Mark 8: 1-10

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin

The Gospel of Mark

"Compassion Displayed"

Worship Leader

Isaac Fabich

Communion Leader

Robyn Hawtin

Next Week, Sunday, 6th July

10.00am

&

6.00 pm

Joshua Cole

The Gospel of Mark

Mark 8: 1-8...

During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance." His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?" How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied. He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and they did so. They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them...

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- * A Belated Happy Birthday to Joan Ferrett who celebrated her 80th Birthday on Tuesday, 24th June.
- * It is with sadness that we learned of the death of Mrs Sybil Goodrem on the weekend. Mrs Goodrem owned the house beside the old manse that she wished the church to purchase for development.

PRAYER WEEK



*"Seek the LORD while He may be found;
Call on Him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6*

Time to Pray

The church prayer room is open

- between 7-8 am Monday to Friday
- throughout the day Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
- 1 pm Monday with Andrew present
- 1 pm Thursday with Diane present

*"And without faith it is impossible to please God,
because anyone who comes to Him must believe
that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."
Hebrews 11:6*

Attention ladies of all ages.

The Annual Victorious Women's Conference

is quickly approaching, and this year will follow the FLOURISH theme. The conference is held in Gippsland from Friday evening and all day Saturday, 25th and 26th July, at Flinders Christian Community College (Traralgon Campus). This year's guest is Pastor Lynette Tobin, from Western Australia, supported by a range of other elective leaders, and the local team. The conference is fully catered with registrations just \$64, or \$40 for secondary students. To assist your attendance, a bus will leave Mildura (from the Salvation Army) at 7.30 am, Friday, 25th July -and leave to return to Mildura at 8.00 am Sunday. (Bus cost to be determined, depending on numbers). Accommodation options - in motel (at delegate's cost) or with billets (no cost) can be arranged. For registration forms, or more information about the conference, speak to Naomi Thorne on 0488 720962 or check the website -

INTRODUCING...

Booyesen Family

Paul, Jean and Lindy Booyesen moved from South Africa to Australia in November 2009 and have been attending Mildura Church of Christ since early 2010. Paul works at Murray House Aged Care as well as one day a week at Mildura West Primary School doing maintenance work.



Jean teaches Maths and Science at Trinity Lutheran College, where Lindy also goes to school. They are very happy to be in this amazing country and especially Mildura and have now become Australian citizens!

LOST

in the Senior Citizens' Building on 15th June at the morning church service, a gold brooch in the shape of a dove. Taken from the second row from the front on the door side. If anyone has found this brooch, please contact Kerry Gibbs. Brooch has sentimental value for Ellen.

MISSION

St Kilda Gatehouse

When we listen to the stories of the women at Gatehouse, the common number is 13. This is the age when life took a turn. As girls and teenagers, many ran away from abusive homes, some were taken into care by child protection, or a gang on the streets or an older male befriended them, only to exploit their vulnerability. It is around this age that most start their involvement in commercial sexual activity. It is not until decades later that Gatehouse becomes involved in their lives, when the issues of addiction, homelessness and abuse are deeply entrenched.

Gatehouse has initiated a new project with the aim to intervene early in the lives of young women. The Young Women's Project is based in Dandenong where many young women and girls are experiencing commercial sexual exploitation.

You can read more of Gatehouse Projects on the Notice Board in the foyer.

Your donations to Mission/Outreach supports the work of St Kilda Gatehouse.

This Week

Sunday	29th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7FM
Tuesday	1st	5.30 pm	NO Adventure Club
Thursday	3rd	1.30 pm	C.W.F.
Friday	4th	7.30 pm	NO Youth Groups



Church Café - July 20th Adventure Club Josh Cole & Kaye Underwood

B.I.G. Blokes Into God

7.30 am Breakfast
Saturday, 19th July
Guest Speaker
Pieter Bekker
Further details to come
Names on the foyer list please

C.W.F. Christian Women's Fellowship CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thursday, 3rd July
We are going to visit with Lynette and John Purcell at Merbein. Meet with us at the church at 12.00 noon or make your own way out there.
Ladies - Christmas is not special unless you share it with family, so bring your husband along as well.
Devotions: Leonie Dunkley "Defeating Discouragement" 1 Kings 19
Afternoon tea: Joan Ferrett & ?

EXTEND ACCOUNT

DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ

NAB - BSB number 083764 Account Number 15423 4854

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

Sunday, 6th July 2014

10.00 am

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Children's Church
Singers
Band
Projector / Sound
Officer on Duty
Welcome/Reception
Helpers

J. Cole
M. Cameron
M. Waters Prayer Leader H. Atkins
None
D. Ferrett, D. Clark, J. Trewin
A. Thorne, A. Tonkin, R. Fox
C. Waters / C. Waters
W. Whitehead
J. Cooke / J. Bradford
C. Beasy, D. Shields, B. Eaton, K. Underwood,
N. Underwood, M. Straub, C. Staley (reader), H. Atkins

Reading

Crèche
Cuppa
Communion Prep.
Grounds

Mark 8: 31-38
R. O'Connor
M. Cox, L-M. Cox, E. Phillips
C. Waters
W. Duke, M. Cameron

6.00 pm

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Communion Leader
Children's Church
Singers
Band
Projector / Sound
Officer on Duty
Reception
Crèche

J. Cole
B. Kiley
R. Jackson
None
M. Gardner, A. Alabaster, A. Beasy
G. Cowling, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, J. Tonkin
J. Corrie / P. Norris
W. Whitehead
A. Munro
R. Fox

Some clergymen preach against modern dress, even though there's not enough left to talk about.

Heaven sent us good meat but the devil sends us cooks.

The devil is never too busy to rock the cradle of a sleeping saint.

The devil is an artist. He paints sin in very attractive colours.

It is easier to forgive an enemy than a friend.

A man who tries to prove there is no hell, generally has a personal reason for doing so.

