

NEXT WEEK, 17th January

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	R. Jackson
Communion Leader	E. Straub
Singers	R. Turlan, J. Gardner, E. Turlan
Band	N. Morrall, R. Fox
Lights/Project./Sound	R. Alabaster / M. Waters / P. Kelly
Officer on Duty	J. Cooke
Welcome/Reception	Volunteer / J. Bradford
Helpers	H. Atkins, N. Cook, W. Duke, F. Duke, C. Meade, N. Underwood, B. Eaton (reader), G. Handasyde
Crèche	B. Beasy
Children's Church	C. Waters
Cuppa	J. Ferrett, L. Homfray
Communion Prep.	R. Hawtin
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / A. Munro
Grounds	B. Eaton
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Pech
Communion Leader	R. Alabaster    Prayer Leader    R. Jackson
Singers	A. Corrie, W. Jemmeson
Band	K. Fox, N. Christian, J. Waters, R. Fox, B. Moritz
Project./Sound	N. Kelly / P. Kelly
Reception	P. Midgley
Helpers	J. Alabaster (reader), I. Cross
Crèche	R. Hawtin

A pastor was crossing a road one day when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." The pastor bent over, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket.

The frog spoke again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for one week."

The pastor took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to his pocket.

The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you and give you anything you want." Again the pastor took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket.

Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess, that I'll stay with you for a week and give you anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"

The pastor replied, "Look, I'm a Christian minister. I already have a wife, but a talking frog, now that's cool!"



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10th January, 2010

**Philippians 2:5 "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus..."**

The attitude I start the day with has a great deal to do with the way my day goes. There's an old statement you've probably heard before, "Attitude is everything". This statement couldn't be more accurate. Our attitude is the one thing we can control. We may not get a say in everything, but we can decide to have a good attitude. A bad situation doesn't have to warrant us a bad attitude. In your own life, you get to determine what kind of day you're going to have. You can wake up happy and hopeful, or dreadful and depressed. The choice is up to you.

The only way a negative situation can really bring your attitude down is if *you* let it. I'm not saying it's always going to be easy. Sure, there are going to be times when things just won't go your way. However, you have the power to change that. You have the power to believe the best despite the circumstances around you. The choice is yours. You either trust that God has a plan for your life, or you don't. Your attitude will indicate that trust level.

The verse above tells us we should have the same attitude as Christ Jesus. Do you think He ever had a lousy attitude? No way! He had an attitude that displayed confidence. He was a man on a mission and didn't let the circumstances around him get him down. He knew who He was and had an attitude of hope and expectancy.

I want to encourage you to have an attitude that exhibits Christ. Wake up in the morning knowing it's going to be a good day! Before your feet hit the floor, go ahead and declare God's goodness in your life. I believe the reason so many people can't see God's hand is because their attitude is in the way. Don't let that be you. If you will start your day off with the right attitude, God's blessings will trickle down in every area of your life.

From Bill Purvis E-Devotional

# 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 10th January

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin  
 Theme **FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS—Matthew the Tax Collector**  
 Worship Leader Jillian Gardner  
 Communion Leader Craig Beasy  
 Reading [Matthew 9: 9-15  
6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin  
 Theme **BARBECUE FELLOWSHIP—Let's Do Church**  
 Worship Leader Brendan Moritz  
 Communion Leader Peter Midgley

## Next Week, 17th January

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin  
**FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS—Timothy the Young Leader**

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin  
**THE CHURCH THAT SHAKES THE WORLD**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 21st February, 2010**

18th January **Reports** from all groups need to be written and sent in to the office. Please write your reports from 1st January to December 31, 2009. Reports are required from Deacons, Secretaries and Leaders.

31st January **Nominations and Notices of Motion** due.

7th February **Voting** commences for two weeks

Positions vacant	Elders	Any number can be nominated
	Deacons	Children's Ministry
		Missions / Outreach
		Prayer Ministry
		Women's Ministry
		Property
	Secretary	
	Treasurer	

## *This Week*

Sunday	10th	8.30 am	Prayer
		9.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM



# JANUARY

The twelve days of Christmas come to an end on January 6, and the season of Epiphany begins. But Epiphany not only ends Christmas, it also fulfils it by celebrating the revelation of the Christ to the whole world.

The coming of Incarnate God to all people, especially to those of us who are Gentiles, is the bridge from birth into life, the event that makes Easter possible for most of us. The light of the Epiphany illuminates the church's year as it illuminates the human race from whom the kings came.

*Phyllis A. Tickle*

"What the Heart Already Knows"



## **FELLOWSHIP PICNIC**

At the New Merbein Swimming Pool

Saturday 23rd January  
From 4 pm 'til 8 pm

Bring your bathers  
A Picnic Tea  
And your Tennis Racquet

Cost: Swimming Adults	\$2.60
Under 17	\$1.50

A barbecue is available and there are take-away stores in Merbein. Tennis nets are up on the courts for you to use also, Shade Sails to sit under.





# Family News & Prayer



- \* I wish to say thank you to the many of my church family who prayed for me and the many expressions of well wishes for me during and after my recent heart surgery. It was so much appreciated. Thank you all and God bless you for your caring, Doug Clark.”
- \* Grace Pang, who has been meeting with us for most of this year, is returning home, and she is looking for a book that she lent to one of our ladies. It is called “Christmas” by Max Lucardo. If you are the one she lent it to, please give Grace a call on 0406 355616.
- \* Over the last few years, Catherine and Natalie Morrall have been preparing **Music Folders** for our musicians each week. We thank the girls for their willingness to do this important job. Natalie has been doing this on her own for the last 6 months and now that she is going to university in S.A. in a few weeks time, we are looking for someone to take over this role. If you are interested, please see Robyn for more details.

## COVENANT PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but yours, O God.  
 Tell me what you want me to do, and I will do it.  
 Tell me who you want me to work with, and I will gladly join them.  
 If you want me to work, I will work.  
 If you want me to wait, I will wait.  
 Let me be raised up or put down for you,  
 Let me have many things or nothing.  
 I offer all that I have and all that I am to you, glorious and blessed God.  
 Help me to live each day to your glory.  
 And this covenant which I have made on earth,  
 Let it be ratified in heaven.

John Wesley (adapted)

## Mission Update



## PEANUT PAL NIGHT

December 21st was a great night of fellowship for all the “Pals”. There were heaps of ‘I never would have guessed’ to ‘I had a feeling it might have been you’ comments during the night, as we found out who was looking after us in 2009. Now there are some new Peanut Pals to look after and if you haven’t received your new card, check in your pigeon hole for your 2010 Pal.

If by some chance (and I know it happens, as it has happened before) you threw your card out with your Christmas wrapping, or filed it away with your cards, I will be happy to let you know who your Pal is for the year again.

Thank you to all the ladies who make this night a great night and a special thank you to Noeline Cook, who always makes her refreshing punch for us, and especially as it was her birthday!!!

I want to thank all the ladies on the night as we raised \$100 and were able to buy 10 presents for the Kmart Wishing Tree.

I wish all Peanut Pals a great year of caring and sharing.



## Australian Churches of Christ Indigenous Ministries Inc.

- \* Thank God for all meeting in Port Hedland today. Pray with the church as members look to calling another pastor couple.
- \* Ross and Jenny Norling are in holidays away from Hedland’s heat that adversely affects Ross. Pray that God will grant them rest.
- \* Thank God for the Norlings who remain actively involved in the church and community, helping local people find jobs and housing.
- \* Praise God for the many young people that John Saulo now reaches each week in the programmes he runs in Dareton.
- \* Thank God for all that Ruth Saulo continues to do in her work amongst families and her on-going involvement in the Dareton ministry.