

NEXT WEEK, 24th January

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin	“Timothy the Young Leader”
Worship Leader	B. Giddings	
Communion Leader	B. Eaton	Prayer Leader - R. Alabaster
Singers	A. Corrie, K. Whitehead, M. Giddings	
Band	J. Alabaster, C. Beasy, C. Waters	
Lights/Project./Sound	E. Phillips / J. Cole / C. Cole	
Officer on Duty	D. Morrall	
Welcome/Reception	D. Homfray / L. Nevill	
Helpers	Volunteer, A. Beasy, D. Beasy, D. Cox, V. Robinson, J. Rosenberg, J. Ferrett (2 Timothy 1:2-7), M. Wright	
Crèche	R. Bekker	
Children’s Church	J. Kelly - Children’s Talk	
Cuppa	R. & I. Mansell	
Communion Prep.	S-A. Henderson	
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / D. Ferrett	
Grounds	D. Homfray	
<u>6.00 pm</u>	Mixed Speakers	
Worship Leader	N. Moritz	
Communion Leader	J. Cole	
Singers	Z. Stewart, J. Gardner	
Band	C. Gardner, M. Gardner, J. Waters, C. Beasy, I. Stewart	
Project./Sound	G. Norris / P. Norris	
Reception	R. Hawtin	
Helpers	M. Cameron, R. Jackson	
Crèche	A. Munro	

One Sunday morning, the minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his sermon. He placed four worms into four separate jars.

The first worm was in a jar of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a jar of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a jar of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a jar of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the minister reported the following results.

The first worm in alcohol—dead.

The second worm in cigarette smoke—dead.

The third worm in chocolate syrup—dead.

Fourth worm in good clean soil—alive

So the minister then asked his congregation, “What can you learn from this demonstration?”

A little old woman in the back quickly raised her hand and said, “As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won’t have worms.’



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17th January, 2009

I want you to think through the past week and ask yourself, “How have I been an encouragement to someone?” Can you think of a time in the last week that you deliberately encouraged another person?

Due to our human nature we can be way too quick to criticize rather than encourage. Criticism comes naturally, but it can tear people, families and churches apart. Is there a time in the past week where you have been quick to criticize rather than encourage?

Our task as Christians is to build one another up (1THESS 5:11), and one of the best ways to do that is by taking the time to encourage someone. It might be through a letter, a card, an email, a private conversation or a quick telephone call. You may even make the effort to give someone a small gift of appreciation. All these things can make a very positive difference in a person’s life, and in turn will bless them, their family and the Church.

Encouragement is a command of Scripture (1THESS 4:18, HEB 3:13, 10:25). Encouragement is listed as a gift of the Holy Spirit (ROM 12:8). Encouragement was a special ministry within the early Church (ACTS 15:32, EPH 6:22, COL 4:8, 2TIM 4:2). So let us all be better encouragers. Let’s build one another up through deliberate efforts to encourage one another.

ANDREW

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 17th January

10.00 am

Theme

Andrew Tonkin

FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS

Barnabas—The Encourager

Worship Leader

Ruth Jackson

Communion Leader

Ern Straub

Reading

Acts 11; 19-26

6.00 pm

Theme

Andrew Tonkin

THE CHURCH THAT SHAKES THE WORLD

Worship Leader

Clint Gardner

Communion Leader

Ray Alabaster

Reading

Matthew 16: 16-19

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Timothy—The Young Leader

6.00 pm

Mixed Speakers

“Why Am I a Follower of Jesus?”

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21st February, 2010

18th January
(Next week)

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 of Bible Studies.

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	17th	8.30 am	Prayer
		9.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Thursday	21st	7.45 pm	Admin. Committee
Saturday	23rd	4.00 pm	Church Picnic



JANUARY

Nine Modern Day Sins

- Booking a table in a restaurant and not turning up
- Taking coat hangers from motels
- Pledging money for a telethon, but not sending it
- Not clearing away your tray at McDonald's
- Taking ten items through the nine items or less checkouts
- Starting the bottom layer of a chocolate box before finishing the top layer
- Unfolding all the wind-cheaters in Target
- Phoning your cousin in England from work



FELLOWSHIP PICNIC

At the New Merbein Swimming Pool

This 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,
With Shade Sails to sit under.



Family News & Prayer



* 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.

Dance as though no one is watching you' love as though you have never been hurt before; sing as though no one can hear you; live as though heaven is on earth.

Alfred D. Souza

Mission Update



COCOA

Thank you so much for the wonderful response to the COCOA Christmas Offering. Your offerings totalled \$1193.60.

VIETNAM A small handing over Ceremony was carried out in an Loi village to celebrate COCOA's contribution of six wells.

For 8 months of the year, Food Aid is distributed to the poorest villagers.

SUDAN Steve Brackett, Joseph Mawein and Ros Stafford-Green left on 28th December with birthing kits and medical equipment for the Aweil hospital. They were to look into the possibilities of establishing an emergency feeding centre and support for orphans to provide practical care for Darfuri refugees.

ZIMBABWE Nine holes have successfully been drilled with a good supply of water from each. BJ Mpofu reports, "The joy of seeing people waiting to see the water shoot into the air can only be equated to parents waiting for the arrival of a newly born baby. This is one ministry where the church in Australia has truly blessed our people. May God richly bless all who have supported us this year."

One Thousand Marbles



The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. A few weeks ago, I was shuffling towards the kitchen with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it. I turned the volume up on my radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning talk show. I heard an older sounding chap with a golden voice, talking to Tom. He was talking about a "thousand marbles".

I was intrigued and sat down to listen. "Well, Tom. It sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from your home and family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's concert." He continued, "Let me tell you something Tom. Something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles".

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about 75 years. I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900 which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. It took me until I was 55 years old to think about all this in any detail", he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over 2800 Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be 75, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy. So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit 3 toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside a large, clear container right in my workshop next to the radio. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday then God has blessed me with a little extra time to be with my loved ones."

"It was nice to talk to you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your loved ones, and I hope to meet you again someday. Have a good morning."

You could have heard a pin drop when he finished. Even the show's moderator didn't have anything to say for a few moments. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about.

I had planned to do some work that morning, then go to the gym. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife with a kiss. "Come on honey, I'm taking you and the kids out for breakfast."

"What brought this on, she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special", I said. "It has just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles."