

NEXT WEEK, 7th February, 2010

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	M. Waters
Communion Leader	W. Whitehead Prayer Leader H. Atkins
Singers	R. Turlan, M. Cox, K. Whitehead
Band	N. Moritz, C. Beasy
Lights/Project./Sound	R. Alabaster / J. Cole / C. Cole
Officer on Duty	R. Jackson
Welcome/Reception	D. Ferrett / J. Rosenberg
Helpers	H. Atkins, J. Bradford, M. King, V. Robinson, T. Wiffen, P. Wiffen, R. Mansell (reader), N. Cook
Crèche	J. Kelly
Children's Church	Puppets / S-A. Henderson
Cuppa	K. Underwood, B. Eaton
Communion Prep.	P. Midgley
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / S-A. Henderson
Grounds	D. Cox
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Pech
Communion Leader	S-A. Henderson
Singers	R. Hawke, W. Jemmeson
Band	J. Alabaster, C. Gardner, M. Gardner, B. Moritz
Project./Sound	N. Kelly / P. Kelly
Reception	R. Hawtin
Helpers	J. Cooke, P. Leng
Crèche	R. Fox

In Budapest, a man went to the local pastor and complained, "Life is unbearable. There are nine of us living in one room. What can I do?"
The pastor answered, "Take your goat into the room with you."
The man was incredulous, but the pastor insisted.
"Do as I say and come back in a week."
A week later the man returned looking more distraught than before. "We cannot stand it," he told the pastor. "The goat is filthy and makes the room smell terribly. What can we do now?"
The pastor then told him, "Go home and let the goat out and come back again in a week."
A radiant man returned to the pastor a week later exclaiming, "Life is beautiful. We enjoy every minute of it now that there's no goat—only the nine of us."



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31st January, 2010

Very early in my Christian walk I made a strong personal conviction to not drink alcohol. Temptation has certainly come my way, but thanks to the grace of God I have remained strong in that conviction. As you can imagine, over the years I have been called a wowser on many different occasions. Sadly, sometimes that accusation has come from other Christians. I have been teased, made fun of and joked about because of my conviction to not drink alcohol. Again, that has sometimes come from other Christians.

While I wouldn't say that drinking alcohol is a sin, drunkenness certainly is. It is mentioned many times within Scripture as a sin. Paul goes as far as saying that a drunkard will not inherit the Kingdom of God (1COR 6:10).

The Australian culture is one that promotes a very strong drinking culture. It is still seen as "cool" to get drunk. People boast of how drunk they get and how much they can drink. It seems that no one can celebrate or have a good time without alcohol. And where is this culture taking us? Deaths of our young people in horrific car accidents, violent bashings in our night clubs, assaults and rape against young women. Thursday's Sunraysia Daily reported that Australia Day was ruined for dozens of families due to drunken behaviour at Apex Park (many who were underage).

What is your attitude towards alcohol? Is your behaviour shaped by the declining Australian culture or by the timeless Word of God? Would you take a stronger stand for Biblical values, even if it means being labelled a wowser? Something needs to change and it must begin with the people of God. If we cannot control our attitude to alcohol then what hope does the rest of our country have?

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 31st January

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
Theme **FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS—Andrew the Apostle**
Worship Leader Denis Ferrett
Communion Leader Leonie Dunkley
Reading John 1: 35-42
6.00 pm **John Saulo**
Worship Leader Jillian Gardner
Communion Leader Diane Morrall

Next Week, 7th February

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
A GOD PROMPTED GIVER

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin
JESUS FOR DUMMIES
Who is Jesus?

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

Today, 31st January **Nominations and Notices of Motion** are due.
7th February **Voting** commences for two weeks

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

Secretary
Treasurer

This Week

Sunday	31st	8.30 am	Prayer
		9.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	1st	7.00 am	Prayer
Tuesday	2nd	7.00 am	Prayer
Wednesday	3rd	7.00 am	Prayer
		9.30 am	Story-telling Workshop
Thursday	4th	7.00 am	Prayer
Friday	5th	7.00 am	Prayer



CRAFT GROUP

Craft begins on Monday, 8th February at 11.am in the Church Hall. All welcome. Please bring something to do and lots of ideas so we can plan the year's activities. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee and afternoon tea supplied.

C.W.F.

The first meeting for the ladies' afternoon group will not be until March 4th, the day before World Day of Prayer which our ladies will be leading.

KYB Know Your Bible recommences

Wednesday evening, 3rd February at 7.30 pm
An Introduction to 'Psalms of Strength and Courage', Psalms 1-41, will be followed by supper. Newcomers Welcome.. Contact: Ruth Jackson on 5021 2201.

STORY-TELLING WORKSHOP

Story-telling is a valuable aspect of children's ministry. A workshop covering various styles of story-telling is to be held for anyone involved in this ministry and will be an ACCESS Ministries accredited PD for all CRE teachers.

When: Wednesday, 3rd February at 9.30 am
At: Mildura Church of Christ
Cost: no charge. Cuppa provided.

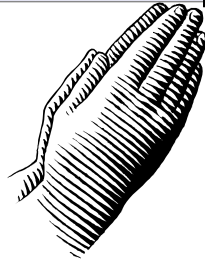
All enquiries and registration, please contact:
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PRAYER & FASTING

Do you -

- Want to know God more?
- Need direction for the future?
- Have health issues burdening you?
- Family who are heading in the wrong direction?
- Financial problems?
- Relationship hassles?
- Habits or strongholds which need breaking?



"Our greatest victories are won on our knees and with empty stomachs."

Julio C. Ruibal

"To pray is nothing more involved than to open the door, giving Jesus access to our needs and permitting Him to exercise His own power in dealing with them." Ole Kristian O. Hallesby

PLAN TO:

- JOIN WITH US FOR TWO WEEKS OF PRAYER AND FASTING 5th—27th February !
Fasting may not necessarily be food, but could be a television program or some other activity you give up for two weeks so that you might spend that time with God. (More information next week.)
- We will conclude our fast with a **"Prayer Retreat"** on the 27th February, led by George Warren from Doncaster Church of Christ.



PRAYER WEEK

First week of February already!

The holiday month is over. Life with all its busyness begins again.

GOD THROUGH PRAYER CAN HELP US NAVIGATE THROUGH.

Plan a time for prayer in your daily schedule.

The Church will be open between 7 am and 8 am from Monday to Friday and throughout the day on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am until 4.30 pm.

Choose a time that would suit you. Come and spend time with the Lord. Pray over the prayer points on the whiteboard and even add your own.

"Our prayers lay the track on which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, His power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails."

Watchman Nee



Family News & Prayer



- * We have been praying for John Cunningham who is in hospital waiting to start dialysis as his kidneys are failing.
Pray also for Nancy McAllister who is suffering an attack of shingles.

MRS GOODREM'S HOUSE

Would you like to see inside the house next door? You will all have an opportunity to do so after the morning service today.

Mission Update



Aussie in deed—Bruce Armstrong, Queensland

There are three modern marvels in Zimbabwe expressed in deeds that stand out to me. Australians have part funded these marvels and express Godly deeds that are changing the lives of many poverty stricken Zimbabweans.

1. Khayelihle Children's Village

In 1992, the AID's epidemic was crippling families, leaving large numbers of children orphaned. Church leaders began a farm on 20 acres. Today they have 89 resident children living in four homes.

2. Trail Bikes for the Pastors

There are over 1000 of our churches in Zimbabwe. Some of the pastors are responsible for up to 6 or 7 churches each. Australia has provided 22 trail bikes for pastors. Previously they had found it hard-going on foot or by bike.

3. Water Laid On

The wells are provided for everyone, no strings attached, churchgoer or not. It is opening the way for people to become real communities again. There are now 35 wells serving the needs of thousands.

ELDERSHIP

The Eldership's primary role is be the oversight of spiritual and pastoral care, and to deal with all matters of Christian ethics.

The Eldership is responsible for the oversight of the paid ministry:
making regular reviews of the members of the Ministry Team;
doing the research for the selection of ministers;
making recommendations to the church for the appointment of ministers.
managing problems which may arise within the Ministry Team, liaising with Vic/Tas Conference leaders as appropriate.

The Eldership sets its own schedule of meetings and management of ministry areas within its oversight.

Recommendations for leadership positions as chosen by the Ministry Team Leader is presented to the elders for response before submission to the Church Board

The Eldership may make submissions to the Church Board in relation to policy statements on vision and mission.

The Eldership submits a half-yearly report to the Church and a yearly report of its ministry to the Annual General Meeting.

Role Description – Deacon

1. To liaise closely with the relevant elder and minister(s) in the leadership of the functional group, ensuring a direction, consistent with the overall vision and mission of the church.
2. To co-ordinate and chair the bi-monthly meetings of the functional committee. This will include preparation of an agenda.
3. To prepare a **bi-monthly report for** Board meetings. This report will be in 2 parts. Firstly, details of issues relevant to the current business of the committee. (This could be the minutes of the last meeting). Secondly, recommendations to the Board. These are the matters that require discussion and decision by the Board.
4. To recruit members to the functional committee.
5. To be responsible for the pastoral care of those on your committee and of those involved in the wider area of your work.