

NEXT WEEK, 14th February

<u>10.00 am</u>	D. Morrall—Dorcas
Worship Leader	D. Ferrett
Communion Leader	C. Beasy
Singers	A. Corrie, M. Cameron, K. Gibbs
Band	J. Alabaster, R. Fox
Lights/Project./Sound	N. Underwood / J. Cole / P. Kelly
Officer on Duty	S-A. Henderson
Welcome/Reception	P. Midgley / N. Dean
Helpers	W. Duke, F. Duke, M. King, I. Mansell, R. Mansell, C. Meade, R. Jackson (Acts 9:36-42) , G. Beruldsen
Crèche	B. Beasy
Children's Church	M. Straub
Cuppa	J. Barthelson, P. Castleman
Communion Prep.	R. Hawtin
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / S-A. Henderson
Grounds	C. Beasy
<u>6.00 pm</u>	R. Jackson
Worship Leader	B. Moritz
Communion Leader	R. Hawtin      Prayer Leader—W. Whitehead
Singers	Z. Stewart, M. Whitehead
Band	N. Moritz, N. Christian, c. Gardner, R. Fox, I. Stewart
Project./Sound	A. Fox / A. Fox
Reception	I. Cross
Helpers	R. Hawtin, G. Muller
Crèche	J. Cooke

The young couple invited their aged pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their young son what they were having to eat. "Goat", replied the little boy. "Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth. "Are you sure about that?" "Yep", said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mum last night, 'Might as well have the old goat for dinner on Sunday as any other day.'"



A minister delivered a sermon in ten minutes one Sunday morning, which was about half the usual length of his sermons.

He explained, "I regret to inform you that my dog, who is very fond of eating paper, ate that portion of my sermon which I was unable to deliver this morning."

After the service, a visitor from another church shook hands with the preacher and said, "Vicar, if that dog of yours has any pups, I want to get one to give to my minister."



# Mainstream

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7th February, 2010

In Wednesday's Herald Sun, I read a small story that really saddened me. It was about a university student in New Zealand who sold her virginity on an internet auction site for \$35,000. She said she will use the money to pay off her university fees and other debts she had. Although he was mercilessly attacked by the media for his opinions, Tony Abbott is absolutely correct. A person's virginity is the most precious gift that you can ever give, and the Bible tells us that the person who should be given that gift is your husband or wife.

Our sexuality is a gift from God. God created it to be a beautiful thing that we are to enjoy in the confines of the marriage relationship where it can be shared and expressed with love, trust and faithfulness.

My comments in last week's Mainstream regarding alcohol spoke of a culture that is ripping off our young people and drawing thousands into a pit of destruction and misery. The same thing is happening with sexuality. There is a growing culture that accepts and even endorses experimentation, infidelity, promiscuity, and all sorts of perversion, while those who promote a stricter moral code (Mr. Abbott for example) are looked down upon and ridiculed.

The Bible clearly states that we are to keep the marriage bed pure (HEBREWS 13:4). We are called to flee from sexual immorality (1CORINTHIANS 6:18). We mustn't allow today's worldly culture to continue ripping off our young people and tearing apart marriages. We need to cling to and boldly proclaim the higher way, God's way, that leads to true satisfaction, enjoyment and life to the very full.

**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 7th February

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin  
Theme **A God Prompted Giver**  
Worship Leader Michael Waters  
Communion Leader Wayne Whitehead  
Reading Exodus 25: 1-9  
6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin  
Theme **The Church That Shakes the World**  
Worship Leader Clint Gardner  
Communion Leader Ray Alabaster  
Reading Matthew 16: 16-19

## Next Week, 14th February

10.00 am Diane Morrall  
**Dorcias—The Servant Heart**  
6.00 pm Ruth Jackson  
**Jesus for Dummies—How Should I Pray?**

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

After morning worship

NOTICE OF MOTION received from the Elders.

*"The Elders recommend that the church endorse Denis and Joan Ferrett for a further 12 months (to the next AGM) for the Lay Ministry of Pastoral Care to Seniors."*

The voting for this recommendation is the same as the election of Deacons, Officers and Elders, via a ballot process over two Sundays, 7th and 14th February.

Voting for the Notice of Motion and the nominated deacons will commence today and run for two weeks. Denis Ferrett and Wally Duke, who are our two scrutineers, will be in the foyer with voting slips.

## *This Week*

Sunday	7th	8.30 am	Prayer
		9.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	8th	11.00 am	Craft Group
		7.45 pm	Elders
Tuesday	9th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Friday	12th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups



## **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.

## **PRAYER AND FASTING TIME AND PRAYER RETREAT Prayer Releases God's Power—Stormie Omartin**

Please read carefully the Brochure on Prayer and Fasting and consider how you might be able to participate in this time, which has the potential to be life changing. Plan to take part in the Prayer Retreat day on the 27th February—led by George Warren.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**FRIDAY, 5th MARCH**

**At the Mildura Church of Christ  
At 10.00 am**

**Speaker: Ruth Jackson**

***"Let everything that has breath praise God"***

## PROFILES (continued)

### **Wayne Whitehead**

Married to Kaye with 3 adult children and 5 grand-children. Works as an Employment Consultant with Centabrace Employment. Has been a member of Churches of Christ, for 30 years, 25 in Mildura. Wayne is on the Pastoral Care Committee and has been an Elder for a number of years. Re-nominating as an Elder.

## NEWS FROM CONFERENCE

The Queensland Conference has appointed Dean Phelan as executive Director of churches of Christ in Queensland. Under the new structure that has been put in place this is the most senior role within the Queensland Conference. Dean concludes in his role at our Community Care on Thursday February 11th. Let's keep Dean and Janette and family in our prayers during this time of transition.

Have you ever watched kids playing on a merry-go-round  
Or listened to the rain lapping on the ground?  
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight  
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?  
Do you run through each day on the fly?  
When you ask, "How are you" do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed  
With the next hundred chores running through your head?  
Ever told your child, "We'll do it tomorrow"  
And in your haste, not seen his sorrow?  
Ever lost touch? Let a good friendship die?  
Just call to say "Hi"!

When you worry and hurry through your day,  
It is like an unopened gift ... thrown away ...  
Life is not a race. Take it slower.  
Hear the music before the song is over.

## PROFILES OF NOMINEES

### **Janette Cooke**

Married to John with 3 adult children, and 2 grand-babies. Part-time teacher involvement. Grew up in Portland Church of Christ. Involved in Children's Ministry for many years. Member of FAFFS group. Past Deacon on Board. Re-nominating as Deacon of Children's Ministry.

### **Sally-Ann Henderson**

Sally-Ann has been attending Mildura Cof C ever since moving from Melb. in 1998. She works for the Dept of Primary Industries in Irymple and is currently working with horticultural industries to assist them adapt to climate change and low water allocations. Sally-Ann has a strong interest in missions and did 6mths with SIM in Ethiopia and has been to China and the Middle East on short term trips. She assists at Adventure Club, is a youth group leader and helps out where ever else she can around the church. She is on the prayer committee and attends KYB on Wed nights. She leaves things until the last minute, is often late and is a very bad housekeeper. Sally-Ann is re-nominating as Mission/Outreach Deacon.

### **Diane Morrall**

Diane has been a Christian for 20 years. Married to Michael with 3 grown children, Ben, Catherine and Natalie. She is a Science Laboratory Technician at Chaffey Secondary College. Diane is a Lay Preacher and has enjoyed working with Women's Ministry for some years. Re-nominating for Women's Ministry. Deacon.

### **Michael Corrie**

Grew up in Mildura C of C. Married to Andrea with 3 young children, Jaydan, Paige and Tiarna. A Trained Accountant he is the Office Manager with Foreman - Sheean Electrical. Past Treasurer. Re-nominated as Treasurer.

### **Dennis Homfray**

Married to Lisa with 3 grown children, Reece, Abbey and Sophie. A paramedic at the Irymple Ambulance Station. Involved in the Property Committee, and Meet and Greet as well as on the Grounds Roster. Willing to learn on the job. Recently baptised in this church. Nominating for Property Deacon.

### **Ruth Jackson**

Ruth has been attending Mildura C of c since 1991 when she began working as a Nurse/Midwife at the Mildura Private Hospital. Ruth is a KYB (Know Your Bible) Study leader, a member of the missions committee and occasional lay preacher. A past Deacon with Missions and Prayer Ministry. She is being re-nominated as Prayer Deacon.

### **Auralie Munro**

Grew up in Mildura C of C. Married to Brian with 3 adult children and 4 grand-children. Past teacher and Admin Office worker. Volunteer office worker and Mainstream typist. Worked many years as Church Secretary and now as Elders Secretary. Re-nominating as Church Secretary.



# Family News & Prayer



- \* Prayer Needs: Nancy McAllister, Lois Bean, John Cunningham, Vic Robinson, Anne Beaufort, Alan Bean, Heather Atkins, Jack Dean
- \* Congratulations to Clinton Waters for his 21st Birthday last Wednesday, 3rd February.
- \* Grace Pang sends her love and regards to the church. Here is some of what she writes:

“ I am having a fab time in Sudan...it has been quite an eventful trip...the leader of my team was stopped on 2 occasions from getting into Sudan but eventually arrived 2 days after the original date. I have has lots of divine appointments here– making contacts with various mission teams...you won’t believe it but there was a team of 21 Koreans in Khartoum intending to do long term missions here and it was amazing to worship and pray with them during my time in Khartoum. Am now in Wad Medani, just finished my 1st day of teaching English to the lecturers, including the Head of the English Dept. of the University of Gezira. ...my whole team was brought to the police station on the 1st night here in their truck on account of someone reporting me for taking photos at the market—most which the people themselves asked me to take of them. Anyhow, God turned it around and now I have contacts with the Brigadier and Colonel ..Great way of evangelism. Please pray because I’m going to raise \$30,000 US to buy land and the house at the orphanage centre housing street kids in Khartoum. It’s called Emmanuel Centre, currently having 7 kids and the leader Justin. He has the vision of raising the kids to become missionaries and is hoping to get more kids in.”

### **MORNING TEA**

Morning Tea this morning is provided by Diane and Natalie Morrall as a way to thank our Church Family for your love and support. Natalie is off to University in two weeks time.

**ADVENTURE CLUB** is looking for an old lap top computer that can run Microsoft Excel. It is to help with a new computerised roll. If you have one you can give, loan or even sell to Adventure Club, please see either Josh Cole or Andrew Tonkin.

Thank you to Mina Straub who has offered to help out with the Craft work.

# youth Update

Friday, 12th February 7.30—9.30 pm

**IGNITION** SWIMMING NIGHT  
462 Walnut Avenue \$2

**XLR8** GROSS NIGHT  
A fully-sick night of grossed out fun. \$2

What a huge encouragement it was to read that Mildura Church of Christ has agreed to continue to support us in our new ministry to Nationals in the front line of ministry in Asia Pacific. This will be a wonderful blessing. Please convey our deepest thanks to all Church Members. We continue to enjoy the great fellowship we have with you all and the visits to Mildura have been a highlight of each year.

We leave Melbourne tomorrow for a ministry visit to India, with a stopover in Singapore to catch up with Christian friends. In India we will be spending time with some wonderful Christians who are involved in sacrificial service for the Lord, who, in many cases do this in very difficult circumstances. We would appreciate prayer as we meet with the following:

1. HCJB India leaders – Christopher and Dolly Kirubakaran. This young couple do a great job in developing radio ministry. It will be good to encourage, support and pray with them as we discuss the ongoing ministry.
2. Program Producers in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. This small group serve the Lord in the midst of strong anti-Christian sentiment. We want to sit with them, listen to their story, pray with them and bring encouragement. Pray that through the Holy Spirit we may be able to enrich their lives and ministry.
3. South India HCJB Follow-Up Coordinator and broadcaster – Pastor Charles Inbaraj and his wife. This is a vital role in which they serve the Lord. Pray that we will be a blessing to them.
4. A Pastor, teacher and broadcaster in Rajasthan (sorry can’t mention his name). This man has been threatened by anti-Christian groups, but he faithfully continues in service. It will be a privilege to encourage and pray with this man.

Our thanks again for your prayers, friendship and fellowship. We are truly blessed! With our Christian love and greetings to all,  
Dennis and Jan Adams—HCJB