

NEXT WEEK, 28th March

10.00 am	Stephen Atkins—Gospel Music
Worship Leader	M. Waters
Communion Leader	D. Clark
Singers	M. Cameron, M. Cox
Band	N. Moritz, R. Fox, C. Waters
Lights/Project./Sound	R. Alabaster / C. Waters / C. Cole
Officer on Duty	S. A. Henderson
Welcome/Reception	D. Ferrett / R. Hawtin / M. Wright
Helpers	Volunteer C. Beasy, D. Ferrett, J. Ferrett, J. Rosenberg, D. Shields, E. Straub (reader), P. Leng
Crèche	R. Bekker
Children's Church	DVD M. Straub
Cuppa	G. Beruldsen, J. Bradford
Communion Prep.	P. Midgley
Flowers / Cleaning	A. Munro / S-A. Henderson
Grounds	I. Mansell
<u>6.00 pm</u>	YOUTH SERVICE
Worship Leader	C. Gardner
Communion Leader	J. Cole                      Prayer Leader    S-A. Henderson
Singers	R. Hawke, J. Gardner
Band	C. Gardner, M. Gardner, J. Waters, C. Waters
Project./Sound	J. Tonkin / B. Moritz
Reception	P. Midgley
Helpers	M. Cameron, J. Cooke
Crèche	R. Fox

The irate customer called the newsagency and loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was.  
“Ma’am, said the employee, today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until Sunday.”  
There was quite a pause on the other end of the phone, followed by, “So, that’s why no-one was in church today.”

*A Sunday School teacher was telling the children about Daniel and the Lion’s Den. She had a picture of Daniel standing, brave and confident, with a group of lions around him. Looking at the picture, one little girl began to cry. “Don’t cry,” the teacher said. “The lions aren’t going to eat Daniel.” The little girl replied, “That’s not what I’m crying about. That little lion, over there in the corner, isn’t going to get anything to eat.”*



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Last Wednesday I was crossing over 15<sup>th</sup> Street, and as I walked across the busy road I noticed a little green beetle trying to scurry across the road as well. A large truck was coming and as I stood safely on the median strip I turned to see if the little beetle would cross safely or end up squished flat. The beetle's little legs scurried him along as fast as he could. I don't imagine he had any idea that a huge truck was barreling down on him until the truck was almost on top of him. The wheels missed him by barely millimeters. The beetle looked a little startled. He staggered for a second or two, and then scurried along straight ahead as he continued to cross the road. Soon a car came speeding along and again the beetle only just survived being crushed. A second car quickly approached. Could this little beetle be so lucky a third time? The answer is 'yes' as the beetle finally made it safely to the other side of the road. I was absolutely fascinated by this little beetle trying to cross Mildura's busiest road.

As I walked towards the Plaza still thinking about the beetle, I felt like the Holy Spirit dropped a powerful thought in my heart. You see, the little beetle never stopped. He just kept on scurrying forward as fast as he could. If he stopped just once he would have been squished flat. But because he just kept on going, the little beetle safely arrived at his destination. There are times when we are heading towards our destination, but we allow so many things to distract and side track us. And that is when we run the greatest risk of being knocked flat.

HEBREWS 12:1-2 says, "Let us throw off everything that hinders and so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith."

Our path has been marked out clearly for us. Our destination is Jesus. Let's all make sure we are pressing forward in faith, and not being side-tracked by temptation and distraction, so we will receive our reward at the finish line.

# 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 21st March

10.00 am  
Theme

Andrew Tonkin  
**THE EARLY CHURCH**  
**A Church With Problems**

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader  
Reading  
6.00 pm  
Theme

Denis Ferrett  
Leonie Dunkley  
Acts 8: 1-3  
Andrew Tonkin  
**JESUS FOR DUMMIES**  
**How Do I Know God's Will?**

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader

Jillian Gardner  
Ruth Jackson

## Next Week, 28th March

10.00 am  
6.00 pm

Stephen Atkins  
**GOSPEL MUSIC**  
Andrew Tonkin  
**YOUTH SERVICE**  
**Easter—Why Did Jesus Die?**

## **EMAIL & TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN**

What a tremendous privilege we have as a church family to pray for one another. The email and telephone prayer chain give us the opportunity to do that for very specific needs.

When you put your name on either of these lists, you are committing yourself to pray for the needs that can come through. It is not an information hotline.

If you would like to be on the telephone or email list, please write your name down on the appropriate list.

If you no longer wish to be on the list, please cross your name off.



**“PRAYER RELEASES GOD’S POWER”**

## *This Week*

Sunday	21st	9.30 am 9.00 pm	Prayer Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	22nd	11.00 am 7.30 pm	Craft Group Board Meeting
Tuesday	23rd	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	25th	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	26th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	27th	6.30 pm	FAFFS



## **CRAFT GROUP**

Monday, 22nd March at 11 am  
Do Your Own Thing  
Come and enjoy the Fellowship

## **EASTER CARDS**

The library has a small selection of Easter Greeting cards for sale at \$1 each. Perhaps these would be good to send to your Peanut Pals!

## **FOUND**

In the Offering Bowl in an envelope last week, there was found a photo negative with a sum of money. See Robyn if you wish to claim it as yours.

## **Meet And Eat**

Come and join us for lunch at Jenny's Coffee Lounge in the Mall around noon next Thursday.

## **Billy Graham still counselling**

Dr Billy Graham has retired from preaching, but the 91 year old evangelist is still writing books and offering spiritual counsel to callers and visitors.

Rev. Franklin Graham says his father has spoken on the phone in recent months with President Barack Obama and former President George W. Bush, and was visited by former Alaskan Governor, Sarah Palin. "He's not offering political advice, but he will offer spiritual advice to anyone who comes to him," says Franklin. "He's in pretty good health. His mind is just as sharp as a tack." The younger Graham says his father recently finished updating his 1992 book Storm Warning, and is currently working on another book, but slowly—typically an hour of work followed by a nap.

## **F.A.F.F.S.**

Meeting at the

**Underwood's**  
**Saturday, 27th March**  
**At 6.30 pm**

For a barbecue tea

Bring meat, salad,  
dessert and drinks.





# Family News & Prayer



- \* Continue to pray for:  
Nancy McAllister, Vic Robinson, Jack and Norma Dean, Anne Beaufort's son, Colin, Marianne Haigh, Peg Furze and Natalie Moritz  
Norma Fechner, who is having her operation on Friday, 26th March.
- \* Allen Staley, father of Peter and Carole Staley, is very low in the Bendigo Nursing Home where he is being cared for. Pray for him and his family.
- \* We congratulate young Duncan Kelly on his baptism last Sunday night and welcome him into the membership of the church.
- \* Congratulations to Maxine King who celebrated her 50th Birthday last Friday, 19th March
- \* Congratulations also to Andrew Tonkin who celebrated his 40th Birthday on Friday, 19th March.
- \* Heather and Colin Hoskins celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary last Sunday, 14th March. Best Wishes to you both.

Russell and Suzanne Mansell have lost all their wedding photos in recent floods in NSW. If anyone has any photos in their collection taken on their wedding day, Alys Beasy would like to hear from you.

## CHURCH LUNCHEON

**30 + 10**

Today

Bring some lunch to share after the morning service to celebrate Andrew's birthday with him.



# youth Update

Friday, March 26th

**IGNITION** No Youth Group on Friday this week.

We're taking over the church on Sunday, 28th at 6 pm

**XLR8** End of Term Youth Concert

Loud Music Guest Speaker

# Mission Update



## Global Mission Partners

### Developments in Sudan

Ros Stafford-Green joined Joseph Mawein and Steve Blacket on their return visit to Southern Sudan in January. Ros, who has a medical background, has been involved in the development of the medical support program. She delivered birthing kits from Australia to traditional midwives and provided support to the new Church of Christ hospital at Malek Alel in Aweil South.

Pastor Paulino Malou is working to establish a new Church of Christ mission in Marialbai, Aweil West, on land provided by the chief. Because of its proximity to the northern state border, this region has been the front-line through decades of civil war. The need for aid and development here is great.

### Volunteer Voice in Haiti

Alex Morse is a Church World Service Volunteer and has provided an update regarding the work being done in Haiti. "It has been almost two months now since the earthquake struck Haiti. The last month has been interesting seeing how different non-governmental organizations are responding to the needs, and learning about all the different parts that go into responding to a massive disaster. I have also been involved in working with SSID's new project that they have with Church World Service and Christian Aid, where we are providing food, water and shelter to 2,000 people in addition to the other 23,000 people that we are supporting in five other camps."