

NEXT WEEK, 2nd May

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	M. Giddings
Communion Leader	R. Hawtin Prayer Leader R. Jackson
Singers	A. Corrie, M. Cox, D. Shields
Band	R. Fox
Lights/Project./Sound	J. Cole / C. Cole
Officer on Duty	W. Whitehead
Welcome/Reception	J. Firth / M. Wright
Helpers	G. Beruldsen, W. Duke, F. Duke, M. Haigh, M. King, I. Mansell, J. Ferrett (reader), J. Bradford
Crèche	L. Homfray
Children's Church	Puppets / M. Straub
Cuppa	B. Beasy, B. Eaton
Communion Prep.	P. Leng, J. Renfree
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / D. Ferrett
Grounds	C. Beasy
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	J. Pech
Communion Leader	B. Eaton
Singers	M. Christian, J. Gardner, W. Jemmeson
Band	C. Gardner, J. Waters, J. Pech, R. Fox, C. Waters
Project./Sound	A. Fox / A. Fox
Reception	J Gardner
Helpers	K. Gibbs, R. Jackson
Crèche	R. Hawtin

One Sunday afternoon, the Pastor's wife dropped into a lounge chair saying, "Boy! Am I ever tired." Her husband looked over at her and said, "I had to conduct two special services last night, three today, and give a total of five sermons. I'm the one who should be tired. Why are you so tired?" "Dearest", she replied. "I had to listen to them all."



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25th April, 2009



*They shall grow
not old, as we
that are left grow
old;*

*Age shall not
weary them, nor
the years
condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in
the morning
We will remember them.*

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 25th April

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
Theme **LESSONS FROM THE ANZACS**
Worship Leader Jillian Gardner
Communion Leader Wayne Whitehead

6.00 pm **DVD—LOUIE GIGLIO**
Worship Leader Clinton Gardner
Communion Leader Michael Waters



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10.00 am Andrew Tonkin
VICTORIOUS LIVING
Temptation Planet
6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin
FAITHBOOK
My Friends' List Part 3

The Women

In Luke 8: 1-3, Luke tells us something curious. Luke mentions 'The twelve disciples'—those familiar men whose names tend to crop up rather frequently throughout the Gospels. However, this time he does not mention their names. Luke then goes on to mention some women who follow Jesus and support his ministry financially. This time he uses names.

Mary Magdalene is the most familiar. Jesus removed several demons from her, and she was the first person to be commissioned as an apostle of the risen Christ. Contrary to popular belief, there is no evidence that she was a prostitute. This myth arose in the church, probably as an effort to discredit her as her popularity grew.

Joanna appears only twice in Luke's Gospel, here and as one of the women who went on Easter morning to find the tomb empty. Susanna is never mentioned anywhere else. The references seem meagre, and yet the simple fact that we find them here shouts volumes, reminding us that women have been part of the ministry of Jesus Christ from the very beginning.



This Week

Sunday	25th	9.30 am	Prayer
		9.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	26th	11.00 am	Craft Group
Tuesday	27th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	29th	7.15 pm	Worship Meeting
Friday	1st	7.30 pm	Youth Groups



Craft Group Monday, April 26th at 11.00 am
This is a Do Your Own Thing Day, so bring along your unfinished projects to do together along with lunch and a chat.

Worship Meeting Thursday, 29th April at 7.15 pm
There will be a short Worship Meeting on Thursday for all people involved in worship—worship leaders, singers, band members and sound room technicians. Supper to follow.

Kindness has converted more sinners than either zeal, eloquence or learning.

Dates for your diary

June 5th	Trivia Night
June 6th	Father's Day
June 19/20th	Leadership Weekend
August 7th	Ladies' Day
October 16th	"Induction Day"
October 22nd	Gospel Music Festival

Victory

In the original Olympic Games in ancient Greece, the greatest event was a race up and down mountains. Speed wasn't the most important issue, because the runners ran the race with a flaming torch. The winner was not necessarily the first person to reach the finishing line. It was the person who crossed the line with the flame still burning.

The moral? We need to run the race in such a way that we don't put out the flame. We might be later in crossing the line, not only because we are protecting our own flame but also because we are lighting the torches of others whose flame has gone out. Winning is about finishing well not finishing first.



Family News & Prayer



- * Continue to pray for:
Marianne Haigh, Peg Furze, Gwen Curtis, Des Hammond, Ern Straub, Janice Renfree, Jack & Norma Dean, and Jeanette Mason, Nancy McAllister, Norma Fechner, in hospital.
- * Thank you for all the donations we received for the Lane Sale.

Donations for Domestic Violence Unit

This year we are gaining a small Mother's Day gift to those women who have been separated from their families due to domestic violence. The Women's Ministry Team would like to invite the ladies of the church to donate a gift to the value of \$5 so that they can be passed on to the Domestic Violence Unit before Mothers' Day. Please give your gift to Kaye Underwood, Diane Morrall, Mina Straub, Janice Renfree or Lois Biggs by Sunday 2nd May at the latest or leave it at the Church Office during the week.

We are also donating items to be put into toiletries bags and donations of \$10 would be much appreciated. Please give this to Kaye as well.

Your generosity has always been appreciated and we thank you again for supporting this vital community service.

Family Directory

We have commenced work on the Family Directory for 2010. The draft pages will be in the foyer for the next couple of weeks before we commence printing. Could everyone please check that their entry is correct, otherwise write down any changes to your address, numbers, etc. If you have an email address, please include it as we find this is an easy way to contact you. This is not a Church Roll, just an address book of all our regular attenders to be used by our church family.

Swan Hill Church of Christ Centenary

June 19th—20th
At "The Grain Shed"
See the Notice Board for details
RSVP June 10th

Ladies' Day

Saturday, 1st May
10 am—2 pm
Murray River Baptist Church
Cost \$15
See Women's Notice Board

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Friday, April 30th 7.30—9.30 pm

IGNITION Blue Night
Everyone to come in BLUE clothes

XLR8 Games Night
Remember to bring some OLD clothes

Mission Update



It's Not Easy Travelling to Gandep

The tractor came after church and I was amazed as I watched them tie all the cargo onto various bars. They told us to sit on the fenders, keep our feet away from the tires and hold on for dear life because it was going to be bumpy.

Away we went on the rise of a lifetime. After getting whacked by various tree branches, I was almost at the point of wanting to walk. As I watched the packs with the computers in them bouncing up and down, I wondered whether the computers or I would be worse off.

Soon the tractor's fuel pump gave out and so we did walk. They found a way to hand pump fuel into the tractor and make it run in spurts, so about the time I was in bad shape from the sun and heat we were able to climb back up on the tractor and have another whacky ride.

After several times of hiking and riding, we finally walked into Gandep, and the tractor with the cargo arrived shortly thereafter.

At the end of the day, I wondered why I keep putting myself through these kinds of trips. But then the course started and I had the joy of working with students with various reading abilities from several different language groups. As usual, the students threw themselves into the work whole-heartedly. It's amazing to see their eagerness and excitement.

Martha Wade is one of the Pioneer Bible Translators who conducts two week courses for students studying at Gandep, Papua New Guinea