

NEXT WEEK, 23rd May

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	M. Waters
Communion Leader	R. Hawtin
Singers	M. Cox, D. Ferrett, J. Gardner
Band	R. Fox
Lights/Project./Sound	G. Dunkley / L. Dunkley / C. Cole
Officer on Duty	J. Kelly
Welcome/Reception	P. Midgley / P. Midgley
Helpers	L. Biggs, C. Meade, J. Wiffen, P. Wiffen, D. Beasy, A. Beasy, T. Wiffen (reader), M. Wright
Crèche	C. Waters
Children's Church	J. Hawke, E. Spangenberg
Cuppa	J. & R. Barthelson
Communion Prep.	R. Hawtin, J. Firth
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub . A. Munro
Grounds	I. Mansell, R. Firth
<u>6.00 pm</u>	YOUTH SERVICE
Worship Leader	J. Pech
Communion Leader	J. Cole Prayer Leader R. Jackson
Singers	W. Jemmeson, J. Gardner, Z. Stewart
Band	M. Gardner, J. Waters, J. Pech, I. Stewart
Project./Sound	J. Tonkin / B. Moritz
Reception	D. Kelly
Helpers	P. Midgley, I. Cross
Crèche	R. Hawtin

In his book, Folk Psalms of Faith, Ray Stedman tells of an experience H. A. Ironside had in a crowded restaurant.

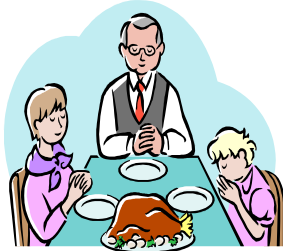
Just as Ironside was about to begin his meal, a man approached and asked if he could join him.

Ironside invited him to have a seat. Then, as was his custom, Ironside bowed his head in prayer. When he opened his eyes, the other man asked, "Do you have a headache?" Ironside replied, "No, I don't"

The other man asked, "Well, is there something wrong with your food?" Ironside replied, "No, I was simply thanking God as I always do before I eat."

The man said, "Oh, you're one of those, are you? Well, I want you to know I never give thanks. I earn my money by the sweat of my brow and I don't have to give thanks to anybody when I eat. I just start right in!"

Ironside said, "Yes, you're just like my dog. That's what he does too!"



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16th May, 2010

When Kylie got back last Wednesday afternoon from her holiday in America, she had a suit case that was almost bursting at the seams with all the goodies she bought. The whole family sat eagerly together in the lounge room as Kylie handed out some fantastic gifts from America. Joshua and Ethan got new NBA Basketball jerseys, Chloe got heaps of new clothes and a new Ken doll and I got a couple of great books that I have really been wanting. The presents were fantastic and everyone appreciated them so much.

But as much as the presents were so wonderful, they are not what made us the happiest last Wednesday evening. Having Kylie/Mummy home is what was most important to us all. Even if there were no presents at all, we would still have been completely happy to just have Kylie home safely with us.

As a Christian, where is your focus? Is it on the amazing blessings that Jesus gives or is it on Jesus himself? I heard a preacher once say, "*I believe that God answers prayers and that every good and perfect gift comes from Him. But if I never received one more blessing from God or answer to my prayer, I would still serve the Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart 'til the day I die.*"

Are you a disciple of Jesus because of the blessings He gives? Or are you a disciple simply because He is Jesus? Will you remain faithful as a Christian as long as God continues to answer your prayers? Or will you remain faithful because God has already done more than enough to prove that He is faithful?

Through His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus unlocked the gates of heaven so that ALL who believe in Him can pass from death to life eternal. What gift or blessing could Jesus possibly give to make you love him more?

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 16th May

10.00 am
Theme

Andrew Tonkin
VICTORIOUS LIVING
The Battle for Purity

Worship Leader
Communion Leader

Denis Ferrett
Joshua Cole
2 Samuel 11: 1-5; 2 Samuel 12: 1-9a

Reading
6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin
FAITHBOOK FRIENDS

Theme
Worship Leader
Communion Leader

Clint Gardner
Robyn Hawtin

Next Week, 23rd May

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin
VICTORIOUS LIVING
Battle Lines are Drawn

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin
YOUTH SERVICE

In a sermon at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, Gary Wilburn said, "In 1636, amid the darkness of The Thirty Years' War, a German pastor, Martin Rinkart, is said to have buried 5,000 of his parishioners in one year, an average of fifteen a day.

His parish was ravaged by war, death, and economic disaster. In the heart of that darkness, with the cries of fear outside his window, he sat down and wrote this table grace for his children:

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices;
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices.
Who, from our mother's arms, Hath led us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

Here was a man who knew thanksgiving comes from love of God, not from outward circumstances.

FAITH PROMISE FOR MISSIONS

Promised by Jan 2011 \$900
Received by May 2010 \$1,490

This Week

Sunday	16th	9.30 am	Prayer
		9.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	17th	10.15 am	Aged Care Service
Tuesday	18th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	20th	7.30 pm	Admin. Committee
Friday	21st	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	22nd	10.30 am	Share Group
		6.30 pm	FAFFS



Craft Group

Monday, 24th will be a free day, so bring along all your unfinished projects and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Church Family Directory

The new Family Directory is ready for collection for a small donation. If you have old directories at home you no longer need, please do not dispose of them in your re-cycling bin without shredding them first. A shredder is available in the church office.

SHARE GROUP

Saturday 22nd May

LUNCH CRUISE ON IMPULSE

Leaving the Buronga mooring
at 10.30 am

Bring a salad or sweet to share and
your own meat to barbecue.
Please put your name and what you will
bring on the list please.



FAFFS

Saturday, 22nd May

AN EVENING OUT

At the Wentworth Club
For a meal
and games over coffee.

Meet at 6.30 pm
In the foyer





Family News & Prayer



* Gwen Curtis remains in hospital in Melbourne recovering from a hip infection. If you would like to write to her the address is:

Cotham Private Hospital
2091 Cotham Road
Kew 3101

Youth Update

Friday, 21st May

IGNITION Food Games 7.30—9.30 pm.
At the Church \$3

XLR8 Camp Fire Tea
Meet at 7 pm and pick up from the church
at 9 pm \$2

Mission Update



WORLD VISION US President, Rich Streams writes:

"It is with a sad heart that I write to you about a terrible loss to the World Vision family. Six staff members were killed in a brutal and senseless attack on our offices in the Mansehra District of Pakistan. Additionally, eight employees are hospitalized with injuries after the unprovoked assault by gunmen. Our work in Pakistan is conducted by local citizens. We remember those staff who died as dedicated workers seeking to improve the lives of people affected by poverty and disasters. World Vision has temporarily suspended our operations in Pakistan, but we remain committed to helping children, families and communities in this country. World Vision mourns the loss of its staff and asks for prayers following the tragic situation."

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

May 16th—May 23rd
Concluding on Pentecost Sunday

This year's theme is:
"You are Witnesses of These Things"
(Luke 24:48)



- Sunday 16th May—7.30 pm—Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- Monday 17th May—7.30 pm—Merbein Uniting Church
- Tuesday 18th May—7.30 pm—Living Waters
- Wednesday 19th May—7.30 pm—St Margaret's Anglican
- **Thursday 20th May—12 noon—Church of Christ**
- Sunday 23rd May—7.30 pm—Anglican Catholic Chapel
This service will be hosted by the Combined Churches of Merbein at the Anglican Catholic Chapel of St Alban the Martyr, 40 Mena Road, Birdwoodton.

On Thursday, the half-hour service will be led by the Prayer Committee.
All are welcome.

Prayer for the Day

*Living Lord Jesus,
On the road to Emmaus you were the disciples' companion.
Be at our side on the journey of faith,
and help us to listen to the stories of others.
On the road to Emmaus you opened their hearts to understand the scriptures.
Illumine our minds to see wonderful things in your Word,
and help us bear witness to your truth.
On the road to Emmaus you made yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
Open our hearts to feel your heart-warming presence within us,
and help us live out your compassion.
We make our prayer in your name, Lord Jesus.
Amen.*