

**5th February**

<u>10.00 am</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	R. Jackson
Communion Leader	R. Hawtin Prayer D. Morrall
Children's Church	Puppets / J. Cooke
Singers	M. Cameron, A. Corrie, R. Fox
Band	M. Burrow, M. Waters, B. Moritz
Projector/ Sound	J. Corrie / J. Armstrong
Officer on Duty	W. Whitehead
Welcome/Reception	D. Homfray / J. Rosenberg
Helpers	J. Bradford, W. Duke, F. Duke, D. Shields, M. Straub, M. King, C. Staley, N. Dean
Crèche	M. Cox
Cuppa	P. Castleman, K. Underwood
Communion Prep.	S-A. Henderson
Flowers / Cleaning	M. Straub / S-A. Henderson
Grounds	C. Beasy / P. Booyesen
<u>6.00 pm</u>	A. Tonkin
Worship Leader	S. Armstrong
Communion Leader	B. Eaton
Singers	J. Gardner, P. Corrie
Band	M. Burrow, A. Tonkin, R. Jemmeson, J. Tonkin
Projector / Sound	T. Eaton / B. Moritz
Reception	J. Gardner
Helpers	S-A. Henderson, R. Hawtin
Crèche	R. Fox

Going to bed the other night, I noticed people in my shed stealing things. I phoned the police but was told no one was in the area to help. They said they would send someone over as soon as possible. I hung up. A minute later I rang again. "Hello," I said, "I called you a minute ago because there were people in my shed stealing things. You don't have to worry now, because I've shot them." Within minutes there were half a dozen police cars in the area, plus helicopters and an armed response unit. They caught the burglars red-handed. One of the officers said, "I thought you said you'd shot them." To which I replied, "I thought you said there was no one in the area."



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29th January, 2012

## GENEROSITY

The theme of today is Generosity. The call and challenge of today's sermon is to be a generous person. Consider how our Church would change and how our community would be blessed if you were a little more generous with your money, your talents and your time, to causes that really matter. Consider how you may better express your love for God and your love for people if you really committed to being Generous.

The most generous act in all the world – Christ taking on our sins and dying in our place, to be raised again on the third day – is the essence of Generosity. **ROMANS 8:32** tells us, "**Since God did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?**" God looked with compassion on us and provided a way that we might spend eternity with Him. And it cost Him everything – the very life of His beloved Son.

So we are all called to be generous, because God was and is the first and most generous giver.

Generosity is more than being kind, bighearted, or even charitable. It is an attribute that derives its power from the very nature of God (2COR 8:7). God's generosity must spill over into our lives and flow through every act, thought, and desire. A generous God gave to us His most precious gift. We must give generously back to Him to fulfil his purposes in the world and clearly proclaim that we love God and we love people.

**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.

WELCOME TO ALL  
MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

GODLY

### Today, Sunday 29th January

10.00 am Andrew Tonkin  
**Generous**  
Worship Leader Michael Waters  
Communion Leader Leonie Dunkley

6.00 pm Andrew Tonkin  
**Generous**  
Worship Leader Joshua Waters  
Communion Leader Michael Waters

### Next Week, Sunday, 5th February

10.00 am & 6.00 pm  
Andrew Tonkin  
**Generations**

### MISSION STATEMENT

This is our new Mission Statement

**Loving God - Loving People.**

Be aware of it and act on it.  
Let it be known that this is what our Church stands for.

Next Sunday evening there will be a café running in the hall after the service. Instead of going to Macca's on the first Sunday of the month, come to our church café for a snack meal. For the first couple of months, our youth groups will be preparing the meal. In future months, it will be up to other groups to come forward to do the catering. Meals will cost a small amount and all takings will be for the benefit of the catering group.

### This Week

Sunday 29th 9.30 am Prayer  
7.30 pm Ray on Radio 106.7 FM



**JANUARY!**  
**FEBRUARY**

*In order to be a leader a man must have followers. And to have followers, a man must have their confidence. Hence the supreme quality of a leader is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, on a football field, in an army, or in an office. If a man's associates find him guilty of phoniness, if they find that he lacks forthright integrity, he will fail. His teachings and actions must square with each other. The first great need, therefore, is integrity and high purpose. Dwight D. Eisenhower*

### Treasurer's Report

Budget Weekly Average \$2,635  
Actual Weekly Average \$2,854

### Faith Promise for Mission

Received \$1,913.50

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th February	Annual General Meeting
March 9th - 12th (New)	State Youth Games
April	Lane Sale
1st - 3rd June	Leadership Training Weekend
3rd - 12th July	Children's Holiday Program
18th August (Correction)	Ladies' Day

### DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura

NAB - BSB number 083-764 Account Number 51591-4637





# Family News & Prayer



- \* Congratulations to Fay Baldwin who is celebrating her 70th Birthday on Monday, 30th January.  
Another one celebrating a special birthday is Janette Cooke who turns 60 on Friday.
- \* We are leading up to our church elections of elders, deacons and officers. Pray for those who are committing themselves to the work of the church, that God will place them in the right positions.
- \* Jon Armstrong has made a decision to be baptised. Pray for Jon as we see him follow Jesus through the waters of baptism.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Sunday, 26th February

Nominations for positions on the Leadership Team need to be finalised before February 5th. Nomination forms are available from the Office.

Elders whose positions will become vacant are Wayne Whitehead and Michael Waters. Any number of Elders can be nominated and elected. Both have re-nominated.

Deacons whose positions will become vacant are Janette Cooke, (Children's Ministry) Sally-Ann Henderson (Mission / Outreach) and Diane Morrall (Women's Ministry). Diane has re-nominated.  
Janette Cooke and Sally-Ann Henderson are not re-nominating

Positions of Secretary, Auralie Munro, and Treasurer, Michael Corrie will also become vacant. Auralie will be re-nominating.  
Michael Corrie will not be re-nominating.

Following the Business Meeting we will be having a shared lunch in the hall.

**Bible quotes allowed in Egyptian Newspaper Ads - First Time in History**  
Inspire Magazine UK reports that for the first time, front-page advertisements by the Egyptian Bible Society in eight Egyptian national newspapers are being allowed to quote the Bible.

The report notes: 'The adverts, part of the Society's campaign called Rebuild Egypt, quote the prophet Jeremiah's call to "seek the peace of the city...and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace." (Jeremiah 29: 7)

Apparently the change is in response to the recent persecution and deaths of Coptic Christians in a 9th October incident.

Ramez Atallah, Bible Society of Egypt General Secretary, said, 'This is the first time we have been allowed to quote a Bible verse in any of our public advertising. Many people from all religious backgrounds have called the Bible Society to thank us for the timely message and positive role. One prominent political figure, the editor of a major newspaper, called to say that he is grateful for all we are doing to promote peace and unity in these difficult days.'

Teresa Neumann

## Mission Update



### **Australian Churches of Christ indigenous Ministries Inc.**

- Praise God for the commitment of Yvette Councillor and friend Stephanie Lawrence to the development of a ministry to women in Port Hedland.
- Thank God for all meeting in Dareton services today. Pray for John Saulo as he leads and reaches out into the local community through the week.
- Somewhere today, John Saulo will be seeking to develop contacts in Dareton, Mildura and Wentworth. Thank God for his initiatives in reaching others.
- Remember Ruth Saulo through this day as she works in the Dareton area supporting children and their families through her position with DOCS in NSW.
- Ross Norling has been appointed to a chaplaincy role with a major iron ore company in Hedland. Pray for Ross and Jenny in their new ministry roles.
- Pray with the Hedland folks as they plan for this year. A men's breakfast and youth group development are part of those initiatives.
- Pray with the Hedland folks as they ask God for more teachers for the growing Sunday School. Numbers attending are consistent each week.
- Thank God for all involved in the translation of the Scriptures into the various indigenous languages. It is a vital and demanding ministry.
- Continue to pray for all who battle addictions of many kinds and for those who work to help them overcome. The temptations confront - the results often tragic.