

4th July, 2010

## GOD'S MISSION FINDS A CHURCH

Week Five:

Acts 10

The call of God for life and salvation is just plain bigger than any of us. Bigger than our family of origin, bigger than culture, bigger than our personal likes and dislikes, bigger than our own personal view of faith and what we might imagine God's holy interests to be. God is desperate that people will be raised up to a larger view of faith and to be reborn through his sovereign gift of the Holy Spirit into the full recognition of Jesus Christ. We are called to imagine beyond our sociology and historical frameworks into a new covenant life and mission.

*"God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only son so that everyone who has faith in Him will have eternal life and never really die" John 3:16*

(This has been the memory verse for 'Rocky's Plaice' Holiday program over the week)

The challenge for all of us is to move  
from belief to active faith, from  
faith to resili-

ent conviction and from conviction into a sustained passion for the mission we are all called into for the sake of the Gospel.

To go to Cornelius's house Peter had to cross an enormous barrier of his understanding of holiness and faith purity. He had to grasp that whomever God touched, no matter what their background, was clean and blessed.

God was already way ahead of Peter, he just had to let his life catch up. For some of us it's not these kind of barriers we struggle against ... sometimes it's just that we like our own comfort, our own kind of 'clever' company and our own sense of peace way too much. To the point where we disconnect from God and pull our heads in, lie down and either go all quiet or belligerent and become content with living yesterday over and over again.

For some of us the barrier is simply personality. The barrier of introversion and the difficulty we sense in being present to others or the barrier of extroversion that overly controls and allows less space for others. For some it is that we have enshrined a view of the mission, of church and of faith that God is actually pulling us beyond.

**John Sharpe**

**Welcome to Ringwood.** We are an ordinary group of people motivated and inspired by an extraordinary God. We work with people as they are – not as we would like them to be and ... we celebrate our multigenerational community and recognize the wisdom that comes from every age group.  
*We are in this together.*

### **WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

**Worship Leading:** Wendy & Tony  
Twining  
**Song Leading:** Chris Sharpe  
**Preaching:** Paul Cameron

### **NIGHT Church - 6.00pm BIG COUCH**

**'When Shadows grow -  
Supporting the Depressed'  
John will be speaking.**

**Our Special Guest this morning will be Paul Cameron, CEO of Churches of Christ in Victoria.**

### **SPECIAL COMMUNION SERVICE**

There will be a special Communion Service on **Monday, 5th July**. This is a service specifically designed for people who cannot make regular Sunday worship, and particularly those who may be frail aged, or find crowds difficult. The service goes for approximately 45 minutes and is followed by a light luncheon.



### **Thanksgiving for the life of Bert Hall:**

Thank you to the many people who assisted last Monday to honour Bert's family in setting up the chapel and foyer. The family were deeply appreciative and grateful. Until significant illnesses over the last 8 years Bert had been a regular and diligent member of Ringwood. In recent times he had been our longest serving Church Member. He has always been held in high esteem for his quiet wisdom, steadfastness, reliability and attitude of care in the tasks he undertook. There are many younger people at Ringwood with very fond memories of Bert and Gwen. We are grateful for the way they worked to shape so much of the heart of Ringwood Church of Christ as we appreciate it today. Please continue to pray for their family. In particular their surviving children; Wendy, Robert and Margaret. Give thanks for Bert's faith and the cloud of witnesses that he is reunited with; his lovely wife Gwen and daughter Jenny.

### **A Noodle Box Led Recovery....**

End of financial year Noodle Box cascade — **First Sunday of Term 3—July 18th**  
Bring your Noodle Box of loose coins.

If you don't yet have your Noodle Box, or you want another one, please collect one from the table near the pigeon holes.

## **SHAKING THE WORLD: PRAYER ACTION**

Give thanks for the incredible week we have enjoyed with the School Holiday program. Give thanks for the quality of leadership provided from so many individuals. Pray for the ongoing blessing of the insights given through the program for the fruitful lives of all participants.

Pray for the family of Bert Hall as they grieve his loss. Pray particularly for Margaret who has cared for her dad over many years and now has to adjust to a very different kind of life.

Continue to pray for our various levels of Government as the complexity of leadership and decision making in our world grows in its rigor, demand and scope.

Give thanks for the wonderful work done by schools and pray for those on holiday break at present. Pray specifically for teachers and other quality staff devoted to enhancing the life of children.

Pray for several of our congregation currently away on holidays overseas or on work commitments and conferences.

Give thanks and pray for Stephen Devenish and Ruth Davis who have recently announce their engagement. Congratulations!!!!

Pray for our ability to raise up co-ordinators and volunteers to ensure the quality of community outreach and connection generated by the 'Little Stars' Play group.

Continue to pray for Wendy and Michael Kavanagh as they make plans to move to Ballarat.

Pray for those considering Baptism and membership. Pray for the ongoing growth of faith maturity and discipleship in the life of the church for the sake of the mission we are called to.

Pray for Amy Nettelbeck and Ash Newnham as they acclimatize to the cold of Melbourne as they enjoy a brief break back home from Mission in Thailand.

Give thanks for Rosemary Goulding's safe return from mission in Africa, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Pray for those distressed by season flu and illness.

### **Baptism and New Membership Sunday: August 1st**

We have set aside the first Sunday of August to celebrate Baptism and the prayerful celebration of those who are being welcomed into membership.

If you have made a decision of faith or seeking a conversation about membership please contact any of the Elders, ministry team of the office.

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Will resume next term.



### SOLOISTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN JULY

July, 11th - After Church

COST \$12.00

All Singles over 40 welcome.

Please advise Judy Peters if attending.

### PAPERMATES

The next **Papermates** Session will be held on **Saturday, 17th July at 2.00pm..** The topic will be "**Eraser Carving**". For further details please contact Marion Evans on 9722-1707 or 0400 123 600.



### SENIOR'S GET TOGETHER

Crazy Whist And Lunch

Friday, 16th July 10.00am -1.30pm

At the church

Cost: \$5.00

Crazy Whist is a card game that is easy to learn and a lot of fun. We will play in groups of four and move around the room playing against different people each round.

Come along for a great morning of good company, fun and conversation.

We will enjoy a cuppa as we arrive and finish up with lunch together. Soup will be provided. Please bring along your own sandwich to have with the soup.

*So we know we have enough tables and soup, please RSVP by Tuesday 13th July on the sign up sheet in the church foyer or by phoning the church office 9870 8169 or Bruce & Pat 9870 4414.*



**"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into a flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light."**

## HELP REQUIRED

On Friday the 23rd July I am catering at Swanston St Church of Christ for The Dept of Veterans Affairs and require the assistance of 6-8 people from 9 am to 2.30 p.m. Duties include cutting of sandwiches, distribution of food and cleanup. Located 200mts from Museum Station, you will be paid cash for your time on the day.

Please give a call if interested Home 9808 4133 Mobile 0417303466.

**Norma James**

## **SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY JULY 18<sup>th</sup>**

A special meeting is being called for Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> following the 10am service. This will be an opportunity to consider the forward estimates and ramifications of the budget.

The results of the Ballot for the election of the Secretary and Treasurer will be announced.

**Please be sure to collect your Ballot Papers for the Election of the Secretary and Treasurer from the Pigeon Holes** for those who are Active Members over the age of 18.

Ken Morton is standing for Secretary and Russell Cheal for Treasurer. Whilst there is only one nomination for each position, they constitutionally require 2/3 of the vote. The Ballot Box will be available on the mailout table.

## UPDATE TO CHURCH DIRECTORY:

Neil and Glenys Fraser – new email address: [ngfraser@hotmail.com.au](mailto:ngfraser@hotmail.com.au)

## **RINGWOOD WELCOME CENTRE**

We're looking a a fresh group of volunteers for the Christian Welcome Center at Ringwood Library. This is an outreach ministry established by local churches that has been running for 15 years ... it is a remarkably long term ministry which seeks to provide a listening ear and support to people. The Welcome Center is open during the week.

Any interested people should contact John Sharpe

## **Prayer Meeting:**

An informal time of prayer for the Church on Saturday mornings. This meeting will start next Saturday morning 12<sup>th</sup> June, between 7.00am – 9.00am in the Chapel. Please come and go as you are able. For more information, please be in touch with John Sonsie. Phone 8802-0636.

## YOUTH NEWS

Thursday Night at 7.00pm

**Youth Band** - The band is open to all youth wanting to express their gifts of music. The plan is to meet every week during school term.

### YOUNG ADULTS: Choose Your Own Adventure Series Ver 2.0

The first 4 Tuesday nights in August we will be holding the CYOA series. Themes will be finalized soon, so watch this space. This will be our last major study event for the year so lock these 4 weeks away now and plan to be there. Sign up sheets will appear in the foyer towards the second half of July.

### Young Adults Retreat

Exams over, semester break nearly over, what better thing to do than have a BOYS WEEKEND or GIRLS WEEKEND away down at Philip Island????

July 16 – 18, time to hang out and have fun, good food, good studies, good times!! Shannon Cheal will be hosting the girls, and Glen Coleman will host the boys.

Cost for accom. and food is \$40. To RSVP (by July 9) and for more details see Glen or email [gleneth72@hotmail.com](mailto:gleneth72@hotmail.com) or phone 0414 524536

### **YOUNG ADULTS** **Short Film Festival 2010**

**Theme:** 'The Journey'...

**Conditions:** Your film should be short (surprise surprise!) around 5 minutes max (shorter is ok too). Each film should feature some sort of street signage somewhere in the footage. Feel free to film on anything you have – video camera, digital camera or even your phone. Also feel free to invite your mates to put an entry in.

**Prizes:** Some fun ones, but if we get a good response this year, we will look at making it bigger and better for next year!!

**Closing date:** July 20<sup>th</sup>

**Screening date:** TBA

So get thinking creatively and start filming...if you have any questions please talk to Glen Coleman.

To order copies of the **sermon on CD**, please find an order form in the attendance register. Leave in the register and these will be processed and available, usually within one week. If you would like to offer a donation to this ministry, please place this in the offering bowl.

## **Well there's good news and then there's a challenge!**

As Wendy and Michael Kavanagh prepare to move to Ballarat we are actively seeking to secure the ongoing work of the 'Little Stars' play group ministry. This has become a vital and fruitful part of our community ministry focus under Wendy's inspirational direction.

We are hoping that we might discover in God's gifted people resources of the church one, two, or three people who might form an active coordinating presence.

Currently there are 3 sessions over the week - each session runs for 2 hours (with obviously more time needed for setting up the activities, etc). Talk to either of us ASAP and pray!

**John Sharpe and Linda Mill**

## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: RAHAB'S ROOM FUNDRAISER**

Once again this year I have Entertainment Books to sell. They cost \$65.00 but if used regularly can save you hundreds. If you would like to see a book before buying that is no problem. I will have some at the church office. Thank you for everyone in the past who has purchased a book from me. It makes for a very easy fundraiser for Rahab's Room, the money made helping to pay for activities.

Please contact Nicole White 9870 3448 or you can buy one from the church office.



## **CHURCH HUMOUR**

- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water."  
The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

