

11th July, 2010

**KEEPING THE MAIN THING THE
MAIN THING**

1 Corinthians 1:10-31

Jesus poured out everything to live a life of honour, covenant fidelity, love and holistic commitment to His Father and to the lost, scattered and confused people of the world around him.

When people questioned him, challenged him or sought to somehow expose, ridicule or dismiss him he always acted and spoke to uphold the core understanding of faith, hope and life. Jesus simply refused to let anything destroy, clutter, misdirect or torpedo the mission that he came to accomplish. He held no personal interest in his reputation, he paid no attention to opinion polls, and gave no ground to factional groups or even close friends who might take his focus, time and purpose in to other directions.

Salvation in all of its dimensions is just too important.

At the core of that salvation is a new way of life. A way of life that is

energised by Holy Spirit rebirth and by an exercise of obedience to keep discovering the nature of what it means to live out of a Trinitarian understanding of life.

The trinity is not an easy concept to grasp, but at its core it highlights the mutuality, humility, love and trusting community of a God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At once separate and yet so close as to be one. Finding the way of love and a new sense of community through the way of sacrifice is the core expression of Christian life. As Paul heard of the way that the Corinthian church was drifting, he understood that it was quickly losing its Christ centeredness and manifesting the divisive, argumentative, popularity contests of a divided world.

Paul amplifies from section to section a hope that this little church, this outpost of grace and mercy in a pagan world, might actually keep the main thing the main thing and not lose sight of its new creation in Christ Jesus. That is still the hope today!

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: Jenny Willetts
Song Leading: Jenny Willetts
Preaching: Dave Moody

NIGHT Church - 6.00pm
'Tastes of Ringwood'
Brian will be leading the service.

Guest Preacher today: Dave Moody

For those who don't know Dave, he has served as an Elder in the church and Chair of Eldership in the past and while growing up here has exercised many forms of leadership. He is married to Robyn and has two young children Daniel and Chelsea. At Ringwood we are committed to encouraging the gifts that God has placed in the body of believers here and are blessed to see a number of people growing in their ability to preach. It is good to hear from the many different 'voices' that form this spiritual community.

THANK YOU:

Ringwood Church of Christ is much more than just the worshipping communities that meet on Sunday. Many people who connect through Oasis Meals or other key points of connection see the church as vital to their lives and often seek ways to contribute to our witness and service.

We are grateful to **Frank and Kath Thomas** who recently **donated a Freezer** to the church after hearing that our old one had given up. The new freezer is now happily at work storing emergency relief meals in the kitchen.

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks for the safe arrival of Marlena Maya McMaster, another beautiful daughter for Gary and Ewa McMaster serving in Poland.

A Noodle Box Led Recovery NEXT WEEK

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.

Current Financial Position

June 2010

Income	\$50,929.40
Expenses	\$54,838.69

Please note: We are only paying interest on our mortgage.

SHAKING THE WORLD: PRAYER ACTION

- Pray for our national sense of balance, decency and compassion in determining the proper course of action over refugee boat arrivals. Pray that opinion polling is not allowed to drive humanitarian action.
- Pray for our national sense of the biblical world view that places hospitality, justice and mercy in the foreground of life orientation.
- Uphold those in our community who work toward lowering the propensity for violence and erratic dangerous behaviours. Pray for the moral and ethical foundations in the heart of our nation.
- Uphold those deeply affected by the significant loss of tomatoes and other crops through alleged mass poisoning. Pray for the well-being of those who provide food for the nation and for export.
- Uphold those returning to school over the next week. Pray specifically for those beginning the final sprint toward VCE year 12.
- Continue to give thanks for the fruitfulness of the recent school holiday program. Give thanks for the close working relationship of multiple generations working together. Give thanks for the 'gift' that children made to encourage older folks in our network and for the delight these simple gifts of love brought to the folks at the Special Communion Service last Monday.
- Pray for Libby and Glen as they continue to study at CCTC. Particularly for Libby as she continues with the Supervised Filed Education process.
- Uphold all of the Youth Club team as term 3 launches.
- Uphold those who are preparing for or considering Baptism and membership at present.
- Pray for the ongoing community work and encouragement provided by Oasis Meals (resuming this week) and the Op-Shop. Give thanks for the dedicated volunteers who give life to these practical areas of support, encouragement and love each week.

Grow Group Leaders Training

Sunday July 18th - After church - 12.00-2.00pm

Topic: Resources

This event is for all Grow Group Leaders, co-leaders or those commencing a new group in the near future. The focus is on resources and we will be sharing with each other resources we have found really helpful over a soup and roll lunch. We will then be learning how to use an online page through our church's online database to access resources and to network with each other. This will be a very practical training event where we can learn from each other and discover some new tools.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Please RSVP by emailing Libby or by contacting the Church Office.
Contact Libby if you have any questions or have any special dietary requirements.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY -
See Breaking Waves Training Institute Item**

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 on 9870 4414.



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.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY JULY 18th -
NEXT SUNDAY**

A special meeting is being called for Sunday, July 18th 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.



**BREAKING WAVES
TRAINING INSTITUTE:
An Education Ministry of
Ringwood Church of Christ**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Returns this week.

Theme this Term: Philippians - A New Attitude for Life

This Bible study is open to anyone who is available on Wednesday afternoon. It is an interactive study designed for a variety of levels of exposure to scripture from the seeker to long term believer.

It is an inductive learning environment focusing on the questions that emerge from our reading.

An overview of the history, culture, socio-political back ground and other pertinent information is given to extend the full grasp of the Bible in context. Typically participants discover a greater depth in their Biblical reading and a heightened level of personal application.

Philippians: Philippi is the first place in Europe where the gospel was preached. The first convert, Lydia, as exhibited by her conduct in offering her house and hospitality to Paul and his entourage, was a generous and kind woman, and her actions set the tone of generosity for this church. In this text you will find a rich spirituality of generosity, perseverance and joy in the face of adversity and persecution.

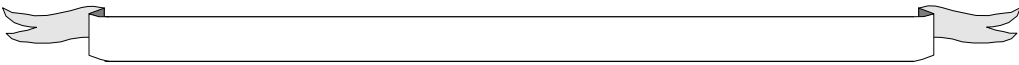
DADS AND SONS: GROWING HEALTHY SEXUALITY
2 nights: Monday August 9th and Monday August 16th:
7.30pm- 9pm

A short course designed for teenage boys and their dads. We realize that some boys do not have male role models at home for various reasons and they are welcome to attend.

This course will provide insight and helpful pathways for the development of a healthy expression of sexuality in a world dominated by sexualized images and often unhelpful expressions of relationship formation. This 2 night seminar will provide processes for good healthy practice into the young adult years.

Cost: \$5 students \$20 for others to cover photocopying and supper.

Sign up via the office: office@ringwoodchurch.org.au or on the sign up sheet in the foyer. For more information contact : John Sharpe.



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 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 20th

Screening date: TBA

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

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.

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

NEW ROSTERS

New rosters are now available for collection in the pigeonholes. Please collect yours today.

Nursing Home Volunteers Training 'The Master's Call'

If you are, or want to be, a volunteer in a Nursing Home and want to make a difference in the lives of those living there, then sign up for a training day run by Maroondah City Church.

When: Saturday July 31st, 10.00 am – 3.00pm.

Cost: \$20.00 which includes morning tea and lunch.

Where: MCC, 320-340 Wonga Rd, Warranwood

If you would like more info about the speakers and topics being covered or a registration form, please see Libby Murray.

Embrace Conference for Women -

Take some time out to embrace all that God has created you to be and to do ... A time of inspiration, learning and affirmation for all women to come and share, to be encouraged, renewed and equipped to serve God and others better! Helen Meyer and Nicole Connor are keynote speakers, and there is a wonderful range of workshops available. "Embrace" Women's Conference, One Community Church of Christ Blackburn, 27th and 28th of August 2010. See the Church mailout table for registration forms, or check out www.missionandministry.com.au/

Prayer Meeting:

An informal time of prayer for the Church on Saturday mornings, 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.



Birthday Greetings - July

Wednesday	14th	Benjamin Alsop
Thursday	15th	Enzo Privitera
Friday	16th	Kevin Murray
Saturday	17th	Christopher Iles, Keith McKinnon, Lorraine Kay
Sunday	18th	Rachel Wright, Karlene Thomas

Next Week - 18th July, 2010

KEEPING THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING - WEEK 2 **1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-23**

Speaker:	John Sharpe
Worship/communion:	Greg Carroll
Song Leader:	Virginia Broadbent
Bible Reading:	Marion Evans
Communion Helpers:	Peter Thomas, Carolyn Burnett, Leah Burnett, Janet Woodlock, Ern Darbyshire, Joe Kutka, Julia Fullerton
Band:	Chris Sharpe, Luke Broadbent, Andrew Guy, Michael Meng, Sandra Punithan
Singers:	Rachel Broadbent, Sandra Devenish, Marg Goddard, Gina Herft
Audio:	Ron Thomas
Projection:	Penny Galbraith
Morning Tea:	Barbara Harrison, Sue Woodroffe
Communion Preparation:	Marg Kittelty
Flowers:	
Welcome :	Glenda & Brent Allred, Cheryl Mullens, Lillian Burns
Creche:	Moody, Graham-Prowse
Offering Counters:	Ian Hughes & Greg Carroll
NIGHT CHURCH:	'The Spirituality of Children' Speaker: Linda Milne Leaders: Annora & Ben Hummerston

Op Shop: **Wednesday/Thursday**
(10.00am - 3.00pm)

Oasis Meals: - **Thursday**
(12 midday)

NOTICEBOARDS:

- 'Sacred Garden: A Christians response to caring for the earth'. July 28th, Aug 4th and 11th.
- Accommodation to Share - see Noticeboard
- Help required for catering at Swanston St. Church of Christ - see general board

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8.30am Communion/Study

10.00am Worship

4.00pm Rahab's Room

6.00pm Evening