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The Next Step



A New Congregation of God's People

Pentecost Sunday, the day when the Church celebrates the coming of The Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers following His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension and which is regarded as the birthday of the Church, was the day 30 of us met together for the first time as part of a new congregation to worship God.

The occasion was a joyful time and a great encouragement to us after the difficulties we have faced in our Christian lives and witness in recent times. As it was Pentecost Sunday, the service focussed on The Holy Spirit and His role in our lives. We noted the fruit of a spirit filled life – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

We thank all those who were a part of our first gathering. Ian Denton led the service and gave the children's talk, Howard Bradbury preached, Jason Clendenning read the Bible for us and Joyce Hall led us in prayer.



Music played an important part in our service and we are grateful to Rodney Johnston for playing the organ and Myra Law for her preparation. The Fijian Methodists who joined us inspired us with their singing. Many others also contributed by providing supper and cleaning up afterwards. It was heartening that several people volunteered to help in various ways for future services.

Our thanks also goes to the people of The Campbell Gospel Chapel who have been very welcoming and supportive and who were very willing for us to use their chapel for our service.

Our **next service** will be held at **5-00pm** on **Sunday 27th June** at the Campbell Gospel Chapel, **Chauvel St., Campbell**. Rev. Abraham Tang will preach for us.

Ian Denton



A learning experience

Over the last couple of months I have worshipped with a good number of different congregations from several different denominational backgrounds. After many years of worshipping with the one congregation apart from just an occasional special service, this has been a very interesting and rewarding experience.

I have been used to a fairly conservative and traditional style of service which has been meaningful to me and allowed me to give my worship to God along with those I worshipped with. I have certainly been aware that others conducted their worship differently but it was largely outside my experience. In the last few weeks as I have moved between churches I have been part of very informal and modern worship but also of very structured and liturgy rich worship plus a range of worship forms in between. I have experienced God's very real presence in all these services. It has been a very valuable reminder to me that God isn't limited by the way we do things. God accepts our worship however we express it providing it is genuine. He uses His people in the surroundings in which they live and He works through those people in all manner of ways.

It is SO encouraging to see so many faithful Christian people actively living their faith in our city. Instead of just knowing that the Church embraces people all around the world, I feel God has given that intellectual knowledge of mine a reality by showing me a little of what He is doing in Canberra through some of the many congregations of His people.

While I have been blessed by visiting a number of congregations, I believe God wants me to be part of one Church family and that He will lead me to where He wants me. ICD

Service at Reid

On Sunday 23rd May, a number of people returned to Reid Church for a special service to acknowledge their departure from Reid. Rev. John Wakefield and Rev. Ross Kingham led the service with Ross Kingham preaching.

Those who attended appreciated the fellowship, Ross's message and the opportunity to chat over morning tea. It was an opportunity to wish each other well for the future and to together offer our praise to God for all He has done and will do in our lives. ICD

A Christian Fellowship in the Methodist tradition

Join us to Worship God

5-00pm, Sunday 27th June 2004

Preacher: Rev. Abraham Tang

**We meet at the
Campbell Gospel Chapel,
Chauvel St., Campbell
on every 4th Sunday at 5-00pm**

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