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The Next Step



Fellowship Tea

Back in July, a number of people suggested it would be good for us to meet together between our monthly services. As a result a fellowship tea was organised for the second Sunday in August.

While previous commitments kept a number of people from attending, reports suggest a good time of fellowship was enjoyed by all those able to be present.

Due to the success of this evening, future activities are planned.

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August Service

We were pleased to welcome Rev. Ron Peters as our preacher for August.

Ron spoke on Joy in Troubled Times.

We were glad that members of the Korean Uniting Church were able to be with us and they contributed greatly to our worship with their singing.

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Bible Study Group

It is good to gather together for worship, but it is also good to get together to study God's Word.

A Bible study group led by Joyce Hall has started meeting at the Gospel Chapel on Tuesday mornings at 10am. The study is followed by a cuppa.

I am sure that anyone wishing to join that group would be most welcome.

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A Christian Fellowship in the Methodist tradition

Join us to *Worship* God

5-00pm, Sunday 26th September 2004

Preacher: Rev. Abraham Tang
Communion Service

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

Preachers

Rev. Abraham Tang will preach on 26 September

Basket Tea / Hymn Singing – 10 October

Mrs. Mary Hawkes will preach on 24 October

Rev. Ross Kingham will preach on 28 November

A combined activity with the Campbell Gospel Chapel congregation has been suggested for December

Evening Bible Study Group

It is encouraging that a daytime Bible study has commenced, however not everyone is able to attend that group. To address the desire for an evening Bible Study, a group that will meet on Thursday evenings is planned. We had hoped to commence a few weeks ago however illness and people away on holidays has delayed the starting date.

We will announce details of the group when they are known.

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A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

Hymn Singing Evening

Our second 'between services' gathering took place on Sunday, 5 September.

After enjoying sandwiches and other goodies we gathered near the piano, got out our Methodist Hymn Books and started to sing. We rediscovered quite a few old favourites that have been neglected during The Australian Hymn Book era and heard a few stories why particular hymns have a special significance for some of us. (I hope we shall be able to share some of those stories in future 'Next Step's.) Some notes proved elusive as we exercised our vocal chords, however with a few more hymn singing sessions I'm sure the standard of singing will improve from good to even better.

I believe everyone enjoyed the singing a great deal. We certainly had no shortage of suggestions for the next hymn. The hardest task was to find the number of the hymn you wanted before someone requested something else.

We owe June our thanks for the great job she did in playing all our requests for us.

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PS As the Hymn Singing was so popular, we will be singing again on Sunday, 10 October - 5pm at the Campbell Gospel Chapel for a basket tea followed by singing.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation leans on the bell.

Reforming Alliance Meeting



A meeting, for everyone interested in the activities of 'The Reforming Alliance within the Uniting Church in Australia' and the issues they are tackling, will be held at **O'Connor Uniting Church hall** on **Friday, 22 October at 7-30pm**. Mrs. Mary Hawkes will speak on "Where we are now".

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Mrs. Mary Hawkes

We are grateful to Mrs. Mary Hawkes for agreeing to visit us from South Australia and preach for us on **Sunday, 24 October**.

Mary is the National Chair of EMU (**E**vangelical **M**embers of the **U**nitng **C**hurch in **A**ustralia) and has impressed a great many people who have heard her speak with her focus on God and His will and her determination to do His bidding.

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Peace starts with a smile.

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It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
