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Issue 28

The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship
(in the Methodist Tradition)

5th Annual MultiCultural Christmas Carols

Sunday **7th December 2008**

at 5pm

Campbell Primary School hall

Campbell High

Following a visit to our fellowship by Scripture Union earlier this year, Ian and Warren contacted the Campbell High chaplain, Steve Lindner, with a view to learning more of his work there and offering the support of our fellowship.



Campbell High

- Steve showed us around the school and explained how he fits in to the school staffing structure.
- The school has around 600 to 650 students with a high proportion coming from New South Wales.
- The school places great emphasis on the welfare of the students and wants to help them as much as is possible.
- There is a special needs area in the school which is quite an 'intense' place for the staff there.
- During our tour Steve was greeted by a number of students and staff, which showed that he has established a rapport with many in the Campbell High community.
- Steve told us of a 'Tough Talk' program he had run (and plans to run again) that allows students to bring up any subject (e.g. drugs, sexual orientation, family concerns, etc.) for discussion.
- Steve mentioned a small survey where students were asked "If you could change one thing in your life, what would it be?" A number of students answered "My Father".

Our visit closed with prayer for the school community and Steve's chaplaincy work there.

We made clear our Fellowship's desire to support his work there prayerfully and in whatever practical ways we are able to assist.

We have recently received a prayer request from Steve for one particular student.

This boy is vulnerable to depression and needs encouragement. He needs a right sense of self (he views himself as a failure) and an appreciation of his uniqueness.

He has tended to be a loner and has been very isolated. He needs friends.

As Steve said "If he were to discover Christ and how God sees him, I believe this would transform him".

Based on notes taken by WC



Warren with Chaplain Steve Lindner at Campbell High



Sunday 2nd November, Pastors Dan Muwanguzi and Andrew Kiwanuka (from Uganda) visited us
 Pictured standing L to R: John, Pastor, Beryl, Pastor, Marie, Joyce

5th Annual Multicultural Carol Service

Sunday, 7 December 2008
 5-00 pm

Campbell Primary School Hall
 Chauvel Street,
 Campbell

ALL WELCOME

*With Aboriginal, Austral-Asian, Chinese,
 Fijian, Indonesian, Korean,
 Papua New Guinean and
 Tongan contributions*

*Refreshment
 after
 service*

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Marie with Rev. Abraham Tang

Rev. Abraham Tang preached on “The full life during the financial crisis” on 9 November. The best we can do is to give our undivided loyalty to God and simply trust in Him.

Dr. Howard Bradbury – The Disciples Prayer – 23 November 2008

We know The Lord’s Prayer so well, that it could be easy to fall into the ‘familiarity leads to contempt’ trap. This prayer is one we should never treat with any contempt. It is a prayer Jesus gave his disciples as a guide and framework for prayer.

It begins by glorifying God first. This order is important as it gives a proper perspective to the prayer.

Next the prayer focusses on OUR needs. It doesn’t say ‘give me this day my daily bread’ but ‘give us this day our daily bread’. This suggests community and sharing.

Our debts, sins, or tresspasses are dealt with next. Matthew’s Gospel adds a subscript saying that God will act as we do, forgiving us if we forgive others, which is of course what the prayer asks.

Finally the prayer asks for God’s guidance for our lives.

The early church added the last sentence to the prayer as we usually repeat it today, again recognising God for who He is and acknowledging His primacy for all time.

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Q: What kind of man was Boaz before he Married Ruth?

A: Ruthless.

(Those who were thinking Howard was once ruthless too, are forgetting he has a sister Ruth.)

I was thinking the other night how the standard of television programs had improved then I realised that my wife had rearranged the furniture and I was watching the fish tank.

Racecourses

On his last visit to us, Rev. Bob Prior shared with us his hope of expanding his racecourse chaplaincy work to Queanbeyan and Goulburn.

A short time later at our Annual General Meeting, we agreed to give him some money towards that work in part to help with petrol costs incurred as a result of the travelling involved.

11th November, 08

Dear Howard,

I am sorry that it has taken me so long to respond to your letter and very encouraging gift of \$500 to my ministry on the racecourses.

I would like to not only thank the members of your church, but to let them know what a blessing that it has been already. I have been trusting the Lord to show me if it was His will to approach the Queanbeyan Racing Club to see if they wanted me as their chaplain as well as being at Canberra. When your church showed your support for my ministry I did approach the Queanbeyan Club believing that God had given me His answer and assured me again that His work will always have His provision.

The CEO of the club welcomed me with open arms. He told me that I did not have to convince him of the impact chaplaincy might have, he just wanted to know when I could start. He also said that the Race Club would do what it could to raise some money to give a small donation to offset some of my expenses. Isn't our Lord wonderful? He shows us His love and power as we go forward in faith in Him.

I started the ministry immediately and it has been great to see some doors opening up already. I have been able to have a couple of sessions helping a trainer who is suffering from depression due to alcohol abuse. He has intern introduced me to others on the course. At the first meeting I was at their course one of the jockeys spoke to me about whether I would take a wedding service for he and his fiancée who is an apprentice at the course.

God's timing has been perfect once again.
Thank you so much once again, yours in His service,

Bob Prior.



Thoughts for Financially Troubled Times

Q: Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A: Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q: Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Coming Up

Bible Study

Tuesdays at 2-30 pm at the chapel, 17 Chauvel St., Campbell
All welcome - contact Joyce Hall (6241 2085) for more information

Discussion Group

Fridays at 2-00 pm at the chapel, 17 Chauvel St., Campbell
Currently discussing Romans
All welcome - contact Ted Dennis (62593487) for more information

Services

Sunday 30th November at 5pm – Rev. Peter Nelson →



Sunday 7th December at 5pm (in Campbell Primary School Hall) –
5th MultiCultural Christmas Carol Service



← Sunday 14th December at 5pm – Rev. Kevin Kim

Sunday 21st December at 5pm – Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan →



← Sunday 28th December at 5pm – Dr. E. Dennis

Sunday 21st December at 5pm – Mrs. Joyce Hall →



Sunday 4th January at 5pm – Mr. Laurie Hockridge

Sunday 11th January at 5pm – Rev. Ron Peters →



Sunday 18th January at 5pm – Dr. Howard Bradbury

Sunday 25th January at 5pm – Rev. Bob Prior →



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