

# The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship  
(in the Methodist Tradition)

## An Imaginary Visit to Lapland.



"Passport"

It seems to be travel season. Vince, Dominica and Antoinette have been off enjoying themselves and Marie is living it up in London.

Not to be outdone, a small group of eight from our fellowship decided to undertake a quick trip to Lapland. Passports were issued and we started on our journey. We began with some walking along trails in the Lapland countryside. This took us along rivers, around lakes, up mountains and enabled us to see reindeer close up. Luckily it was autumn and snow hadn't covered the ground. The rivers, lakes and vegetation were quite picturesque. The mountains, being blanketed in snow for much of the year were bare and rocky – not

much to look at but apparently much more attractive when covered in snow.

We were entertained by children singing about Uncle Frosty and one girl played a very pleasant piece of music on the piano for us and played it particularly well. I heard later that her performance was somewhat impromptu. Despite the best efforts of technology to prevent it, we were treated to a viewing of several short films hosted by Santa Claus from his Finnish Lapland home that dealt with elves, reindeer, reindeer food, reindeer races, the northern lights, snow and other topics.

Next on our itinerary was a stop at a Lapland tent dwelling that was commonly used up until around eighty years ago. We were told of how they were constructed and of some of the materials used. We saw how useful reindeer hides / fur were to Lapland people. The clothing worn by the inhabitants was very colourful and looked warm as it would have to be. While there we were lucky to hear the lady of the house singing a lullaby for an infant.

Further on in our travels we had the opportunity to enjoy seeing a collection of dolls and other items with a Lapland connection.



Our next Lapland encounter came as something of a surprise. We found ourselves face to face with Santa Claus himself all dressed up in his customary red costume. He was quite an animated type of character and seemed thrilled to show us his office. That highlight of our trip over, it was time to enjoy some Lapland delicacies. The shortbreadish biscuits that accompanied our cuppas were very edible, so much so that I went back for seconds.

Unfortunately our visit was nearing its end. Once we passed out of the refreshments room we were rapidly transported back to everyday life in Canberra. Perhaps one day we might be



able to get back to Lapland again.

PS I understand the Finnish School in Canberra has been studying Lapland quite closely this year. Thank you to Ritva for the use of her photos.

## Sunday, 1 November 2009 – Rev. Kevin Kim – Keep Yourself from Idols



In 2003 when Kevin came to Australia, he was living in Concord West, Sydney. Unbeknownst to him, there was a speed camera close to where he lived, and it had a habit of taking pictures of him passing by. One day when he was feeling slightly lonely, he received a letter from an unknown source. Happy at the thought of having a new friend who had taken the trouble to write to him, he opened the letter only to find that his 'new friend' was someone he really did not want to know. He had been driving too fast and there was a penalty to pay.

Something had to be sacrificed in order to pay the penalty for his offences. In that case it was money, or what the money would have got him that was sacrificed. The same principle applies much more widely. Sin is an offence against God and there is a corresponding penalty – death.

Fortunately for us, that penalty has already been paid. On the cross Christ made possible the restoration of our status to being God's children. This does not give us licence to do whatever we like after we have received salvation. Hebrews 10: 26 warns of the consequences if we deliberately keep sinning. By continuing to deliberately sin and disregard what God wants of us, we would in effect be rejecting the salvation and life God offers.

Our idols may appear very innocent but they are anything that causes us to sin if we pursue them. Deliberately sinning in order to achieve something or gain something is chasing idols and that is abhorrent to God. We do so at our peril.

We need to keep right away from idols, whatever they are. God is willing and able to help us achieve that.

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## Sunday, 8 November 2009 – Rev. Abraham Tang – Robbing God

Abraham preached from the text Malachi 3: 7-12. Robbery is taking something for yourself that rightfully belongs to someone else. In Old Testament times, God required the Jews to give a tenth of what they earned to Him. It was rightfully His. In practice the tithes provided for the needs of the levites who had not received land to work, unlike the other tribes of Israel. Tithing also demonstrated a faith in God and a recognition that the people were stewards for God and accountable to Him for everything.

How we use our money is an indicator of faith. Abraham mentioned a verse found on a gravestone, "What I spent, I had. What I saved, I lost. What I gave, I have." God challenged the Jews to give their tithes and see how He poured blessings on them once they had fulfilled their obligations to him.



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## Racing News – Bob Prior

The suicide of a man who did early morning track work with horses at a local course is one sad event that has highlighted the importance of Bob's racecourse chaplaincy work. The man was known by many to suffer from depression and he fell victim to it. Much of Bob's time in recent days has been taken counselling people who knew the man in their grief and guilt as they ponder what they might have done differently to help the man through the depression that led to his action.

## Sunday, 15 November 2009 – Rev. Bob Prior – A Profile of a God Pleasing Church

Bob used Mark 12: 28-34 as the evening's Bible reading.

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, Of all the commandments, which is the most important?

<sup>29</sup> The most important one, answered Jesus, is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

<sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.

<sup>32</sup> Well said, teacher, the man replied. You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

<sup>33</sup> To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.

<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, You are not far from the kingdom of God. And from then on no-one dared ask him any more questions." (NIV)



He suggested a God pleasing church needs to focus its attention and efforts in three directions.

1. Upwards in love, obedience and worship to God. See v. 30 and John 14: 23.
2. Inwards to the Body of Christ, the Church, to support and build each other up. See v. 31 and Ephesians 4: 25 which talks of others within the Church community as our neighbours.
3. Outwards to people who do not yet know Christ, so as to let them know of the love God has for them and to create opportunities for those people to join us in worshipping God. See v. 31 and Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan that indicates we are neighbours to everyone.

We can do these things through worship services together, small groups where it is easier to share our concerns, to encourage, pray for and support each other and active outreach activities where we interact with people outside the Church.

Many people inwardly see themselves as 'too evil for God to be able to love'. We know that God can and does love them. In love and obedience to God, supported and assisted by others in the Church, we should do all we can to pass that message on to them.

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## Wesley Quiz

I suspect if John Wesley was with us, he would shy away from the spotlight, unless the interest in him was associated with a greater interest in and devotion to the God and Saviour that he worshipped and served.

As we have a Methodist heritage, I thought it might be worthwhile to have a quick look at the life of John Wesley, remembering of course that all our loyalty belongs only to God and that John Wesley was merely someone who made himself available for God's use and who God did use in a very effective and noticeable manner.

**Question 1:** How many of John Wesley's ancestors in succession in the male line were preachers?

- a: One.
- b: Two.
- c: Three or more.

**Question 2:** Samuel Wesley, Rector of Epworth, and his wife Susanna (she was the last born of Samuel Annesley's 25 children) (they were John's parents) had how many children?

- a: Ten
- b: Eighteen
- c: Nineteen

**Question 3:** Samuel Wesley left his wife for about a year for what reason?

- a: To assist his dying father.
- b: Financial difficulties.
- c: Susanna refused to say "Amen" to a prayer prayed by Samuel for William of Orange, King William III.

**Question 4:** What was the date of John Wesley's birth?

- a: 17th of June 1703.
- b: 28th of June 1703.
- c: Both.
- d: Neither.

**Question 5:** The Old Rectory in Epworth was burnt down in 1702 and again in 1709. Samuel was not particularly well-liked and it is thought the fires were acts of arson perpetrated by Samuel's opponents. The 5 year old John Wesley was fortunate to be saved from the 1709 fire, being rescued from a first floor window just as the roof fell in. Subsequently his mother referred to him as what?

- a: "my gift from God preserved".
- b: "a brand plucked from the burning".
- c: "worth far more than all that was lost".

**Question 6:** Who was "Old Jeffrey"?

- a: The Wesley's servant whom John liked to play with.
- b: The ghost that haunted the Epworth rectory.
- c: The former rector at Epworth.

**Question 7:** John became a fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford in 1726, and joined a small group called the Holy Club. This group became known as 'Methodist' for what reason?

- a: Because the two brothers who originally began the group were named Merrick and Theodore Distane.
- b: Because of their prescribed method of studying the Bible.
- c: Because prior to their Holy Club involvement, several members had had severe alcohol problems and drunk metholated spirits.

**Question 8:** Both John and Charles Wesley were very devout men who studied the scriptures and applied what they learned to their lives to the best of their ability. Despite their study of the Bible, their positions in the church and their many charitable works, they both felt something was lacking. On Pentecost in 1738, Charles found the peace he was searching for. Three days later John had a similar experience when he felt his "heart strangely warmed". At the meeting John was attending at the time, what was being read?

- a: John Calvin's "Institutes of the Christian Religion".
- b: Martin Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans.
- c: The works of Saint Augustine.

**Question 9:** Although John Wesley was an ordained Church of England priest, he was not welcome in many churches due to his forthright preaching and the opinion held by many that he was a social threat, preaching suspect or dangerous doctrine. When he returned to St. Andrew's Church, Epworth, where his father had been rector for 40 years, the church doors were shut to him. He preached anyway. Where?

- a: In the town marketplace.
- b: From on top of his father's grave just outside the church.
- c: In the church ignoring the rebuff.

**Question 10:** George Whitefield was one of those who joined the Holy Club at Oxford. He and John Wesley later had a disagreement which led them to follow different paths, although their friendship was restored. What was the source of the disagreement?

- a: John Wesley believed George Whitefield spent too much time on administrative tasks and not enough on preaching.
- b: George Whitefield disapproved of John Wesley's open air preaching?
- c: George Whitefield believed that salvation was only available to those who God had previously chosen (a Calvinist predestination view) whereas the Wesleys believed salvation was available to anyone who accepted it through faith (an Arminian free will view).

**Question 11:** John Wesley is estimated to have preached 40,000 sermons and travelled 250,000 miles, many of those miles on horseback and many more by foot. What was his habit while riding his horse from one place to another?

- a: Instruct new converts who accompanied him.
- b: Doze lightly as he rode.
- c: Reading.

**Question 12:** John Wesley died on Wednesday, March 2, 1791, at the age of 87 with friends gathered about him. He had grasped their hands and said repeatedly, "Farewell, farewell." Finally he uttered one last sentence which he repeated. What was it?

- a: "My Saviour has no more for me to do here."
- b: "I thank God for all the blessings He has given me."
- c: "The best of all is, God is with us."

**Answers can be found on Page 7.**

## Derek and Carolyn

After church I began chatting with Carolyn and raised the topic of mini biographies for 'The Next Step'. She quickly responded "Is this where I volunteer Derek?". Eventually I got a two for the price of one deal with the promise of life stories from both Derek and Carolyn. As Derek volunteered first, even if it was while in absentia and with no knowledge of the conversation, let's start with him.

Derek's father came to Australia from Germany after the war to work as a carpenter in the Snowy Mountains Scheme. Eventually he moved to Canberra, met an Australian girl from Tumut, they married and before long had a daughter. Derek arrived on the scene a bit later.

Around the same period a bloke from Junee and a girl from Tumbarumba also bumped into each other in Canberra, (it must be the place to meet people) and from their marriage came two boys and a girl, Carolyn.



Reading between the lines of what he told me, I suspect Derek may have been one of those lads about town who know how to enjoy themselves but somehow manage to stay out of trouble. He says he used to "hang out with his mates" and "took an interest in the neighbourhood". For around 2 years his neighbourhood became Tumut when his parents had a motel there. Canberra was more to his liking. His schooling does not seem to have produced any particularly memorable moments. In any case he completed high school and undertook an accountancy course at TAFE. Money is one of those very useful things to a young bloke, and to get some Derek went through a string of casual jobs. He was for a time a pastry chef, a service station attendant, a waiter, a shop assistant and probably a few other things for good luck. All this experience culminated in him becoming the first manager of the first Priceline store in Canberra which happened to be in Belconnen. Obviously great things awaited him, so he did the Public Service exams and before too long was working for the Australian Archives. Retrieving boxes of files for researchers and then later returning them to the shelves may be the pinnacle of achievement for some people, but not Derek. He has been a gadgets type person for as long as I've known him (and I must admit to also being an Australian Archives 'old boy' and first meeting him there). Computers, which are basically sophisticated gadgets, attracted Derek, which in turn attracted the notice of the computer systems staff at Archives. Derek became a computer person! The desire for more time for himself eventually led to his 'escape' from Archives and the hands on work he had been doing, to a more supervisory role at Customs where he is now. While this transformation of a young southside lad into a computer professional was taking place, another transformation was occurring.

Carolyn's family abandoned Canberra about a year after she was born and headed off to the beach at Ulladulla. For around the next 15 years Carolyn grew up exploring rock pools at the beach or riding a horse. No doubt she probably visited home occasionally for meals or sleep and the school because it was necessary, but the beach and horses were her number one interests. Carolyn's schooldays (kindergarten) did produce one event that had community repercussions. Carolyn fell off the monkey bars in the playground! This resulted in EVERYONE being banned from using them. She ended up much disliked. Even her now best friend, didn't like her back then because of the ban. The family moved back to her mother's home town, Tumbarumba, when Carolyn was around 16. There Carolyn completed her secondary schooling when not wandering all over the place with a metal detector. She unearthed plenty of rusty nails and similar treasures but her really big and valuable discovery was a fairly old, shiny, silver, one shilling piece. University in Wagga Wagga beckoned and she became their first Jewellery Design course graduate. A jewellery design job brought Carolyn back to Canberra, but poor career progression prospects saw jewellery design slip back to hobby status and the Public Service and Information Technology take over in career terms.

Sporting achievements are not going to be a major component of this report although they cannot be totally eliminated. Derek discovered he had a liking for volleyball and snow skiing although his volleyball career may have ended prematurely when he managed to break his kneecap in a social volleyball game at work. (He has the X-rays to prove it).

Coming from a several generations of Australian farming family, it is perhaps understandable that Carolyn's sport of choice is horse related. She considers persuading her teachers to make horse riding a school sports day option an achievement. She was part of the local Pony Club and participated in the state level competition for mounted games seven times. Mounted games began as training for war with lancers attempting to stick dummies, that in combat would be opponents, and other disciplines of a similar nature. Nowadays it is balloons and ribbons that are at risk of injury. A more recent interest is indoor rock climbing. Caving, where you squeeze through tiny cracks in rocks for the fun of it, seems to interest her, but why I cannot comprehend. It seems like nightmare stuff to me. As she attended smaller schools, Carolyn had no option but to participate in team sports, however she wasn't attracted to them. Soccer she hated.

Derek's best mate is a friend from way back, someone he met in primary school. Their ways parted but they have kept in touch. That friend is currently living in Japan. Another more recent friend that rated a mention is from Derek's days at Archives. Of course a certain "beautiful wife" comes right at the top of the friendship / family list.

Carolyn, like Derek, makes friends and hangs on to them. She is still very close to her friend (apart from the infamous monkey bar ban period) from kindergarten days in Ulladulla and also another friend from Tumbarumba. Church friends are also important and “there’s him” nodding in Derek’s direction.

We have discovered much about both Derek and Carolyn so far, but how did they discover each other. Carolyn’s answer was quite simple, “You’re responsible!”. I must admit I did play a part in them getting together. Derek was a workmate and he expressed the desire to meet a girl of good character. The girls he had been meeting did not interest him. Although I had not been there myself, I suggested we both go along to Crossroads Uni Church. I knew many young people attended there and I couldn’t think of anywhere better than a church to find a concentration of people and girls in particular of good character. We went along together and after the service chatted to all sorts of people. Derek was chatting to one particular clump of people and a girl he discovered was named Carolyn happened to be in that clump. As we headed home, I discovered she was going to keep an eye out for him the following Sunday. I only went along that one Sunday but Derek kept going, joined in the different activities Crossroads provided and kept in contact with Carolyn. Carolyn explained that she was at first cautious as she didn’t want to become too involved with someone who didn’t share her Christian faith. That hurdle was removed as Derek found faith for himself through the teaching and witness of the Crossroads people. Carolyn found Derek persistent in his interest in her, but he didn’t ‘push’ her. Over time they fell for each other. Derek proposed and they were married.

Derek, when discussing his faith, says he felt a hollowness in his life before. Once he accepted Christ, just a few years ago, he experienced an immediate peace and calm. The hollowness left him and he was able to sleep soundly. He feels as if he is still finding his feet in a Christian sense, but he is confident he is heading in the right direction. Derek was challenged by the people he met through Crossroads. Many groups push an agenda for their own purposes, but these people had a genuine care and love for others. It was not a con. Theirs was a very different attitude to that of other people Derek knew. Up till then he had been surrounded by an ‘exploit everything to your own advantage’ mindset. Now he knew some very open and passionate people who made no secret of their allegiance to Jesus Christ. It took a while, but Derek saw in them something valuable and eventually accepted it for himself through faith.

Carolyn’s path to faith was somewhat different. Her family were active in the Anglican Church so she participated in church activities from her earliest days. When she was around 16, things she had heard taught in church began to make sense to her and the family faith she was part of developed into a personal faith of her own. She linked up with the Uni Church during her time in Wagga Wagga and participated in Summer Missions while she was there. On her move to Canberra she started attending Crossroads Uni Church. Derek came on to the scene and they continued to worship at Crossroads. When Crossroads changed their service time, the new time was less convenient for them and they visited several other churches. Eventually they ended up with us.

What of the future? Well only time will tell with any certainty, but a bit of travel might be a possibility. Both Derek and Carolyn mentioned a return visit to New Zealand (they went there on their honeymoon). Derek’s other preferred destination is Europe. Its attraction is the climate, beautiful scenery, history and some remaining family ties. Carolyn mentioned Thailand.

Until they head off into the wild blue yonder to explore the world, they have a home to maintain and hobbies to pursue. As mentioned earlier, Derek likes fiddling with gadgets and playing with computers. Sometimes he reads – escapism, fantasy or sci-fi type stuff, although a subsequent comment may shed more light on what he means by escapism. He reads a page and then falls asleep. Carolyn maintains her interest in jewellery design plus she too reads. Her reading material is varied but includes crime fiction.

It was very interesting chatting to Derek and Carolyn to compile this overview of their lives. I am very glad God has led them to be part of our Fellowship. ID

### **Sunday, 22 November 2009 – Pastor Steve Prior – A Pattern for Godly Living**



Speaking on “A Pattern for Godly Living”, Steve followed on from the previous week when his father, Bob, preached on “The Profile of a God Pleasing Church”. Steve used Colossians 3: 1-17 as the evening’s Bible reading.

Godly living starts with **faith** (Colossians 2: 12). Faith focusses on the power of God and Jesus’ resurrection in particular. We live in the light of the resurrection.

A Godly life is a life of **hope**. We are raised with Christ. While in this world things do decay over time and we often despair of things that occur, we can look to the spiritual world and a future with God the Father forever, where Jesus is already.

Having a new life in Christ, and journeying through life with a new heavenly perspective, we should live lives of **renewal**. We are told to put to death the evil that was part of our earthly nature and replace it with virtuous qualities in keeping with a Godly nature.

Chief of these Godly virtues is **love**. Love brings all our new Godly qualities together and gives them a unity and cohesion.

God has rescued us from our sin and provided us with renewed lives at a terrible cost to Himself. Everything we enjoy comes from Him and we look forward in faith and hope to an eternity with Him in heaven. As we ponder on God’s goodness to us, our hearts and minds should be filled with **thankfulness**, gratitude and an active desire to become more and more like Christ. ID



### Campbell High News –Chaplain Steve Lindner

At the regular meeting between Steve and Warren, Marie and myself, Steve advised us that an extra \$42 million of government money has been allocated to extend chaplaincy in schools until the end of 2011.

Focus on the Family has visited several A.C.T. schools and several weeks ago were the subject of much media attention concerning their supposedly radical views being promulgated to students. An investigation has been undertaken and Focus on the Family cleared of any wrong doing. They are still welcome in the schools although Andrew Barr has changed rules so that students must be granted permission before they can attend. The Australian Christian Lobby is following the matter up with Andrew Barr, considering his statements at the time of the news stories, the investigation and exoneration of Focus on the Family and Mr. Barr's subsequent silence.

Steve suggested that flack coming the way of chaplains and their work probably was an indication they were achieving something positive. No reaction would suggest nothing happening worth reacting to.

Steve mentioned again a Year 10 student who became a Christian earlier in the year. His enthusiastic faith is a real encouragement and witness. The change in him has been extraordinary and certainly noticed by school staff. Opportunities are opening up for this boy for next year (when he will have left Campbell High) and beyond.

The Thursday lunchtime group led by Nicole from St. John's is going well. They play games and look into Bible passages – currently the Gospel of Mark. Numbers vary but would average in the mid-teens. This last week they read the christmas story and were challenged to select five things that they thought were most important in the story.

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We were pleased to learn that Kevin Kim (pastor of the Korean Church at Reid) and his wife Kay, became naturalised Australians on Monday, 23 November. Their children, Wesley and Evangeline, are already Australian by birth.

Kevin has also recently been confirmed as the Reid Church minister for a further term.

Below: Four Aussies - Kevin, Evangeline, Wesley, Kay



## MALCOLM AND ELIZABETH RICHARDS, KINDU, DR CONGO

### Prayer Points November 2009

Dear Friends

A 3 month Bible School term doesn't sound long but we are always tired by the end. The third year students are starting to show real progress in their understanding of the Bible and in their use of Bible commentaries. Discussions about how to do ministry always end with "but...." In the parishes they come from a lot of what we teach is not happening and students need to be convinced it is possible.

First year students have spent most of the term just adjusting to being at Bible School. Most don't own a book and only saw a Bible on Sundays if they read a lesson in Church. Despite this we have seen them starting to understand salvation by faith not by works. This is the opposite to what they have been taught before.

The third year wives are making progress with literacy. One woman who had some literacy skills read aloud in church this week. They are also starting to understand the story of the Bible as a whole.

We have been to different villages each Sunday lately to visit students on placement. We have also been contending with car problems– nearly fixed we hope, and with the multitude of difficulties that make up life in Kindu.

We are looking forward to a holiday with some of our children in Kenya in December.

In Christ

*Malcolm and Elizabeth*



Cows to be sold as beef in the market are brought across the river in canoes.

The ferry has broken down so brave people put their vehicles on canoes lashed together and covered with planks.



#### Prayer

##### Please Thank God

- That the Bible School term has gone well and for all that the students have learned.
- That the Bible School team is working together well
- For good rain
- For the materials we have been able to finish writing and have printed to give our students

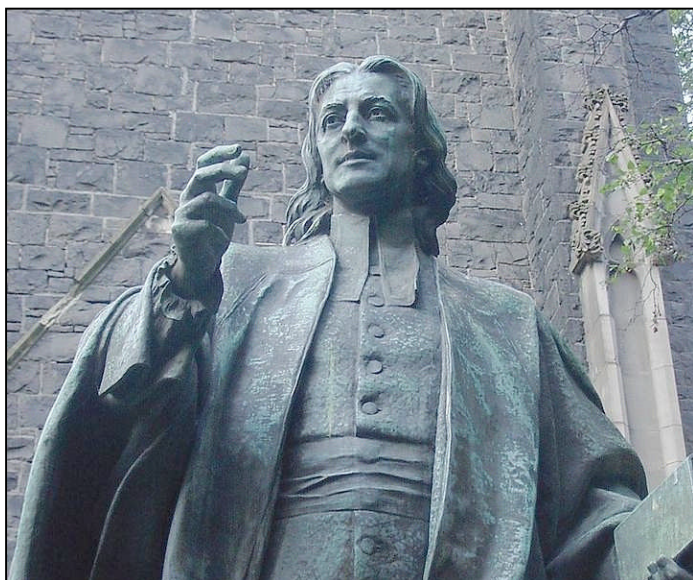
##### And Pray for

- The students as they sit exams at the end of the month
- That what the students learn at Bible School will be a stronger influence on their lives than their traditional culture and teaching.
- Patience as our car is gradually becoming roadworthy again
- Safe travel as we leave Kindu at the end of the term

## Wesley Quiz - Answers

**Question 1:** How many of John Wesley's ancestors in succession in the male line were preachers?

**Answer 1: c** Three: 1 - Bartholomew Westley (c1595-1680) took "holy orders" and became a Puritan clergyman in the Established Church. After around 20 years as rector of Charmouth, he lost his parish when Puritan rectors were ejected, but he continued to preach as a Nonconformist. 2 - John Westley (1636-1678) was the son of Bartholomew and Ann. He began ministering to a congregation at Whitchurch, as a Nonconformist preacher. 3 - Samuel Westley / Wesley (1662-1735) chose to leave the nonconformists and join the established church. While studying at Oxford, Samuel dropped the 't' from his surname to become Samuel Wesley. After several appointments he became rector at Epworth. • - The three brothers, sons of Samuel, Samuel (the younger), John and Charles all became Church of England clergymen, making them the fourth successive generation of preachers. • - In addition to his father, his father's father and his father's father's father being preachers, so was his mother's father (nonconformist Samuel Annesley) and his father's mother's father (Rev. John White).



**Question 2:** How many children did Samuel and Susanna Wesley (John's parents) have?

**Answer 2: c (or possibly b)** Some sources say eighteen, most say nineteen, but only ten survived infancy: 1 – Samuel (didn't speak until he was 5), 2 – Susanna (sickly and died while still a baby), 3 – Emilia, 4 & 5 – Twins who died after about a month, 6 – Susanna (Sukie), 7 – Mary (Molly, had a permanent injury from a maid's carelessness), 8 - Mehitabel (Hetty), 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 – (Five babies, including another set of twins, were born but all died very young), 14 – Anne, 15 – John Benjamin (Jackie), 16 – (accidentally smothered by a nursemaid), 17 - Martha (Patty), 18 – Charles, 19 – Kezia. \* Apparently Susanna had already buried babies named John and Benjamin when the John Wesley we remember was born, so their names were combined to form his, however he never used his second name Benjamin.

**Question 3:** Why did Samuel Wesley leave his wife for about a year?

**Answer 3: c** Unlike Samuel, Susanna recognised James II as King, not William III, so refused to say "Amen" to Samuel's prayer for William. Samuel left, only returning after Queen Anne, whom they both recognised as the sovereign, ascended the throne.

**Question 4:** What was the date of John Wesley's birth?

**Answer 4: c** Although it may seem impossible, the answer is both. England was using the Julian calendar when John was born on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1703. That date, according to the Gregorian calendar adopted in England in 1752, in use when John died and still in use today, is 28<sup>th</sup> June 1703.

**Question 5:** After the 1709 rectory fire from which John was saved, how did his mother refer to him?

**Answer 5: b** John's father praised God, saying, "Come, neighbors, let us kneel down; let us give thanks to God. He has given me all my eight children. Let the house go; I am rich enough." while his mother referred to John as "a brand plucked from the burning".

**Question 6:** Who was "Old Jeffrey"?

**Answer 6: b** The Wesley family gave the Epworth rectory ghost the nickname "Old Jeffrey".

**Question 7:** Why did the Holy Club members become known as "Methodists"?

**Answer 7: b** Charles Wesley began the Holy Club while John was away from Oxford, but when John returned he became its leader. The Holy Club members organised their time for study and religious duties and their methodical way of allocating their time, studying and doing things attracted the tag "Methodists".

**Question 8:** What was being read when John Wesley felt his "heart strangely warmed"?

**Answer 8: b** On Wednesday, May 24, 1738, John got up and read in his Bible the words: "There are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature." A short time later he read "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God." That evening he reluctantly attended a prayer and Bible study meeting. Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans was being read. About a quarter to nine, while Luther's text was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

**Question 9:** Where did John Wesley preach at Epworth when not able to preach in the church?

**Answer 9: b** John's offer to preach was not accepted and the curate preached himself. As the congregation left, they were told John Wesley, not being able to preach in the church, would preach outside at 6pm. By 6pm when John climbed up on his father's tomb and began preaching, the largest crowd Epworth had seen was waiting for him. John stayed there for a week preaching in Epworth and places nearby.

**Question 10:** What was the source of the disagreement between George Whitefield and John Wesley?

**Answer 10: c** George Whitefield was a very popular preacher attracting on occasions crowds of 10,000 plus. The churches could not accommodate these numbers so Whitefield began preaching outside. Although reluctant at first, John Wesley was persuaded by Whitefield to do likewise. Whitefield was considered by many as the better preacher of the two, however Wesley was a much better administrator and made sure converts were nurtured in their faith. Whitefield held Calvinist beliefs but Wesley followed Arminian doctrine and this difference led to a split between them. Despite their differences, John Wesley preached at Whitefield's funeral. He used the phrase "agree to disagree" in acknowledging their differences (the published sermon was the phrase's first use in print) but he highlighted the faith they had in common.

**Question 11:** What was John Wesley's habit while riding his horse from one place to another?

**Answer 11: c** John found he was able to read as he rode or walked. It gave him something he could do and caused no additional tiredness.

**Question 12:** What were John Wesley's last words?

**Answer 12: c** With the last of his strength, he cried out, "The best of all is, God is with us," He then lifted his arms and called out again "The best of all is, God is with us."

All the information in the quiz was found on internet sites about the Wesleys. Some had brief biographical details, others were much more comprehensive. Well over a dozen sites were visited so as to obtain and check data. Two of the more detailed texts are :

[http://wesley.nnu.edu/john\\_wesley/evangelist/index.htm](http://wesley.nnu.edu/john_wesley/evangelist/index.htm)

[http://wesley.nnu.edu/john\\_wesley/methodist/index.htm](http://wesley.nnu.edu/john_wesley/methodist/index.htm)

The photo, taken by Adam Carr, is of John Wesley's statue outside Wesley Church, Melbourne.

**DON'T FORGET: Our MultiCultural Carol Service is on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 5-00pm at Campbell Primary School.**

**Coming Up**

**Bible Study**

Tuesdays at 2-30 pm at Holy Trinity Finnish Lutheran Church, Turner.  
Currently studying Daniel  
All welcome - contact Joyce for more information

**Discussion Group**

Fridays at 2-00 pm at Holy Trinity Finnish Lutheran Church, Turner.  
Currently studying Prayer In recess until 2010  
All welcome - contact Ted for more information

**Thursday Evening Group**

Thursdays at 6-00 pm at Vince and Dominica's, Campbell.  
Currently studying John. In recess until 2010  
All welcome - contact Vince / Dominica for more information

**Prayer Meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie's.  
Next meeting – 2010  
All welcome - contact Alec for more information

**Services**

We meet at **Holy Trinity Finnish Lutheran Church, Cnr. Gould and Watson Streets, Turner**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm **at Campbell Primary School Hall** – Multicultural Carols Service

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm – Rev. Mark Warren

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm – Finnish Carols Service (in place of our own service)

**Christmas Day** – We have no service of our own, however our friends at the **Austral-Asian Church** at 36 Ringrose Crescent, **Isaacs** have advised us their **service is at 10am** and is followed by a **Christmas lunch**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm – Dr. E. Dennis

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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 5pm – Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm – Dr. Howard Bradbury

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm – Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm – Mr. Laurie Hockridge

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 5pm – Rev. Peter Nelson

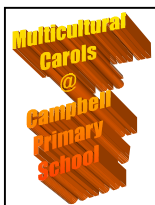
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm – Rev. Ray Hughes

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm – details later

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 5pm – Rev. Dr. Murray Earl

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm – details later

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Multicultural CAROLS**  
Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
5-00 pm  
Campbell Primary School Hall  
Chauvel Street,  
Campbell  
[www.canberracf.org.au](http://www.canberracf.org.au)  
**ALL WELCOME !!!**  
Refreshments after the service  
with contributions from Aboriginal, Austral-Asian, Chinese, Fijian, Finnish, Indonesian, Korean, Papua New Guinea, Samoan and Tongan people  
Organised by the Canberra Christian Fellowship (in the METHODIST tradition)



Multicultural Carols



Rev. Mark Warren



Finnish Carols



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