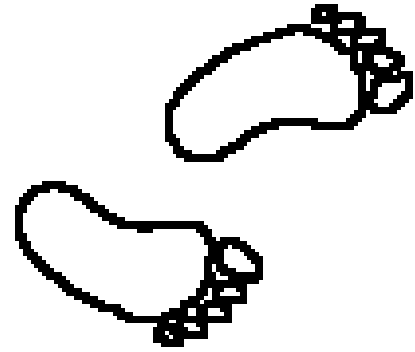


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The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship
(in the Methodist Tradition)

Sunday 29th July – Midwinter Hymn Festival

Methodism was born in song and with our Methodist heritage we seem to have inherited the enjoyment of a good sing.

We were glad to have four choirs join us for this service. The first was the Chinese Methodists. They set a very high standard of singing and the actions of the younger members and some of the oldies added an extra dimension to their music.

The Indonesian Christian Choir sang two songs, both with a joyous rhythm interwoven into them. Their young musicians did a great job with their instruments.



Above: Chinese Methodists
Left: Indonesians Christians
Below: Young Indonesian musicians



Tongan Wesleyan Methodists



The Tongan Wesleyan Methodist choir were different to the previous choirs but equally enjoyable. The Polynesian harmonies were very evident.

Our last choir was the Fijian Methodists. A number of their people were unable to attend due to conflicting commitments so they were also our smallest choir.

Their numbers didn't diminish their singing.



Fijian Methodists

All choirs uplifted our worship with their music and although the words were sung in languages unfamiliar to us, we were all able to share in praising God together.

There were also four congregational hymns and a message delivered Rev. Peter Nelson.

A time of supper and fellowship followed the service.

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Rev. Peter Nelson – The One Thing Athletes Can't Understand

The Olympics are underway in London and Peter is following them with interest. As a chaplain to The Institute of Sport, he knows a number of the participants. Gift packs, which included a stick-on Australian Flag 'tattoo' and a Gospel of Mark were distributed to some of Australia's Olympic athletes. (Money donated by our Fellowship to his chaplaincy work was put towards these gift packs).



Athletes understand and learn a lot through their training.

Athletes understand sin. They train to achieve the highest standard in their sport and are very aware when they fail to achieve that goal. What may look a great performance to observers to them can contain a collection of failures to do the best they are capable of. Sin is our failure to meet our own and God's standards. It separates us from God. Athletes understand sin.

Athletes understand judgement. Their performances are scrutinised by the media, the public, their coaches and their peers. They are able to try again and improve after a poor performance but God's judgement of our performance is final. Athletes understand judgement.

Athletes understand suffering. The saying 'no pain, no gain' is well known. They even understand putting others first in a team environment, Their effort and suffering often benefits their team more than themselves. Jesus suffered and died on the cross, not for Himself but for all of us. Athletes understand suffering.

Athletes understand victory. When they win they experience the thrill and elation of victory, but that 'high' gradually fades. Only Jesus' victory over sin and death doesn't lose it's impact. Athletes understand victory.

Athletes **don't** understand grace. Grace is getting something for nothing. To athletes 'achievement never exceeds effort' but God's grace springs from His inexhaustable generosity. Even though we don't deserve it, Jesus gives us righteousness and eternal life.

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Farewell service for Rev Kevin and Kay Kim at Reid Korean Uniting Church

Several of our members attended the farewell service for Kevin, Kay, Wesley and Evangeline at Reid Korean Church on Sunday 24th June. The service was followed by a Korean meal in the church hall which we all attended. At the conclusion of the meal a presentation was made to Kevin.

That evening, June, Ken, Ruth and Howard were invited to a special farewell meal at the home of Mr and Mrs Lee in Deakin. RB



Services over recent weeks have included the following:



Pastor Paul Tabulutu



Mr. Laurie Hockridge



Mr. Ron Dawes



Pastor Mark Warren



Rev. Owen Chadwick



Pastor Paul Noble

Sunday 10th June - Pastor Paul Tabulutu – The Power of God

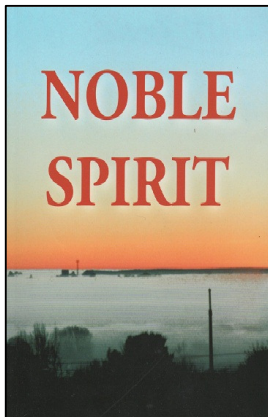
Sunday 17th June - Mr. Laurie Hockridge – The Well within the Soul

Sunday 24th June - Mr. Ron Dawes (Leprosy Mission) – Using the resources you have

Sunday 1st July - Pastor Mark Warren – Knowledge puffed up

Sunday 8th July - Rev. Owen Chadwick – Prepare for the Coming King

Sunday 15th July - Pastor Paul Noble – Fool for Christ



Paul Noble's book, Noble Spirit

Pastor Paul Noble preached for us recently and I'm told gave a brief outline of his life with it's ups and downs.

For those, like me, who were not able to be present on that Sunday, we can follow Paul's life journey through his book "Noble Spirit".

Paul's early days included a fair share of difficulties and upsets for him and his family. He was a 'guest' in several institutions on occasions.

Skipping to the end of the book, we find Paul pursuing Bible College studies and graduating.

In between we discover the events and people who helped bring Paul to where he is today.

Sunday, 22nd July - Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan – A Day in the Life of Jesus



Jesus' life is the best documented in ancient history.

There is much we can learn by examining His life. From Mark 6: 30-34 & 53-56 we can see

- Jesus was Popular. He attracted very large crowds. People came to hear Him teach and for healing.
- Jesus, like we do, needed times of quiet so He could renew His spirit.
- Jesus had compassion. When crowds came to Him, He recognised they were like sheep without a shepherd. He taught them about the Kingdom of God, fed them and healed the sick.

Why is all this important? Mark 1: 1 gives us a clue: "[this is] ... the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the

Son of God".

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Campbell High School chaplaincy – Rev. Steve Lindner
Racing Industry chaplaincy - Rev. Bob Prior
Institute of Sport chaplaincy – Rev. Peter Nelson
Airforce chaplaincy – Rev. Dr. Murray Earl



Please remember Steve, Bob, Peter and Murray and their chaplaincy work in your prayers.

Coming Up

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 2-30 pm. In recess for several weeks
 All welcome - contact Joyce for more information
 Studying Luke

Friday Study Group

Fridays at 2-00 pm at Alec's.
 All welcome - contact Alec or Howard for more information

Weekend Monthly Study Group

2nd Saturday of each month at Vince and Dominica's, Wamboin.
 Next meeting – 11am, Saturday, 11th August.
 All welcome - contact Vince or Dominica for more information
 Studying "The Bible in 10"

Prayer Meeting

3rd Monday of each month, usually at Marie's.
 Next meeting – 2pm, 20th August.
 All welcome - contact Alec for more information

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Services

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

- Sunday 5th August at 5pm - **Rev. Rachel Tonga**
- Sunday 12th August at 5pm - **Rev. Bob Prior**
- Sunday 19th August at 5pm - **Rev. David Moyes**
- Sunday 26th August at 5pm - **Pastor Steve Prior**
- Sunday 2nd September at 5pm – **Mr. Ben Lattimore**
- Sunday 9th September at 5pm - **Rev. Dr. Gordon Moyes AC**
- Sunday 16th September at 5pm - **Rev. Dr. Murray Earl**
- Sunday 23rd September at 5pm - **Rev. Janne Pekkarinen**
- Sunday 30th September at 5pm – **Rev. Peter Nelson**
- Sunday 7th October at 5pm – **Pastor Paul Tabulutu**
- Sunday 14th October at 5pm - ?
- Sunday 21st October at 5pm - **Mr. Zane Edwards**
- Sunday 28th October at 5pm - **Mr. Jeff Mason**



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