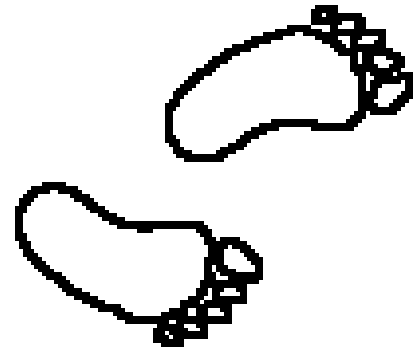


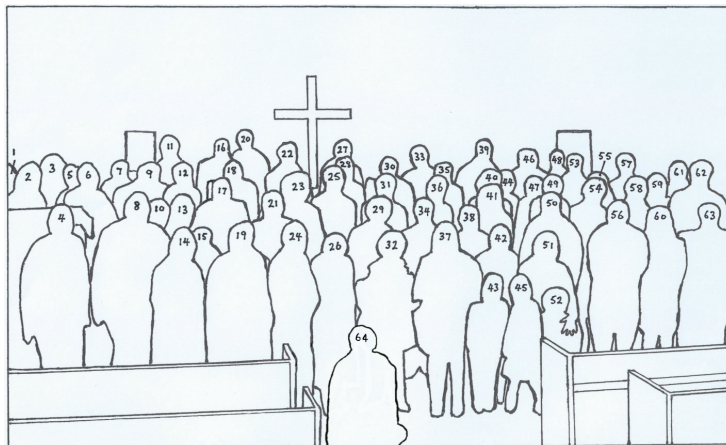
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The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship
(in the Methodist Tradition)

10th Anniversary Service



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P = Preacher

I = Indonesian

CM = Chinese Methodist

FL = Finnish Lutheran

CGC = Campbell Gospel Chapel

V = Other Visitor

Sunday, 18th May (10th Anniversary Service) – Rev. David McDonald – Who are we?

We are all interested in our identity and our name is a large part of that identity.

The name Canberra Christian Fellowship (in the Methodist tradition) says we are located in Canberra, are united as followers of Christ and meet together in fellowship. Methodist tells us something of the journey those before us travelled to bring us to the present time.

Some aspects of our identity are fundamental to who we are, others are not.

Peter wrote to people who were where they didn't belong. He describes them as scattered and exiles. As Christians, they belong to God and in His time he will take them to their true home with Him.

We can rejoice for those who have passed on. They are now at home with God receiving the inheritance guaranteed by Jesus' resurrection.

Peter was realistic about life. Becoming a Christian is difficult. Those who confess Christ are open to all sorts of things. Trials we face help prove if faith is genuine. Suffering can produce a greater good. We can look forward into the future with anticipation.

Ultimately our identity is given by God. Our future is God guaranteed. He will take us to our home.

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The Indonesian choir sang at our service

Campbell High School chaplaincy – Rev. Steve Lindner

Racing Industry chaplaincy - Rev. Bob Prior

Institute of Sport chaplaincy – Rev. Peter Nelson

UniLodge chaplaincy – Rev. Owen Chadwick

Army & A.C.T. Emergency Services chaplaincies – Rev. Phil Anderson

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



Sunday, 25th May – Mr. Robert Nicholls – Seek Justice

Christian Blind Mission (CBM) are working to end the cycle of poverty. Their work spans treatment, intervention and education.

Robert mentioned a mother in Lusaka, Zambia. She had been deserted by her husband and was in desperate circumstances. Family lived just across the road but offered no assistance or sympathy. Cheshire Homes (a CBM associate organisation) did help. The family claimed to be christian but their actions said otherwise. Isaiah 1: 15 came to mind:



*"When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;
even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.
Your hands are full of blood!"*

Signs of and actions pointing to God's holiness have on many occasions been turned into empty rituals. God's justice is concerned with how we relate to each other.

Robert mentioned a murderer who had been sent to prison. He was a hard man who displayed little emotion. He needed ongoing medical treatment so over time got to know the prison doctor. The doctor, unknown to the prisoner, knew the victim's family well. After two years he informed the prisoner the family forgave him, as he had been asked to do 'at the right time'. This forgiveness offered by the victim's family had a massive impact on him and totalled changed him.

Justice the world offers is imprisonment. God offers justice and forgiveness.

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Grandma's Little Bakery and Fedra Olive Grove



It was a while since our last social outing and Ruth decided a trip to the Olive Grove might appeal to our people. It did.

Very quickly a trip was arranged and on Monday, 2nd June, twenty-one of us set off up the Federal Highway and met at Grandma's Little Bakery, just on the Goulburn side of Collector. We ordered our lunch time meals and then were shown the equipment used for processing olives and had it explained to us. After a good look around, a question and answer session and the opportunity to sample their olive oil, we returned to the bakery to eat. Comments I heard agreed with my opinion that the meals were rather good.

Thank you to Ruth for organising such an enjoyable visit.



Top left: Olive press at left, twigs, leaves / olive separator and olive washer at right.

Top right: Questions and answers.

Below left: Our tour guide in front of the press.

Below right: An interested audience.



Above: Chatting after lunch

Bottom four photos by John D.

Sunday, 8th June – Miss Lil Hardwicke – Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name



Christ's body and do His work in this world, Lil quoted Jim Elliot, an evangelist who was killed while taking God's message to people in Ecuador, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

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Many of the 2,200,000,000 children in today's world are not valued like Jesus values them. Half of them live on \$2 / day or less in poverty or extreme poverty.

Why should we care? Jesus cares and as Christians we should love with Jesus' love.

Compassion is a Christ centred organisation, focused on helping children through their local churches.

It addresses the spiritual, social, physical, emotional and economic aspects of children's development.

In encouraging us to fulfil our role as part of

Canberra Korean Uniting Church 30th Anniversary

Once upon a time, 30 years ago when we were all somewhat younger, those of us then worshipping at Reid Uniting Church saw the start of a Korean congregation that used the Reid buildings for their services and activities. Over the years we have witnessed the progress of that congregation, participated in joint activities and got to know many of the Koreans quite well.

They held their 30th Anniversary service on Sunday, 15th June.

I arrived for the service a few minutes early, was warmly welcomed and went to the seat I usually occupied when attending Reid Church. Moments later a helpful church member suggested I move to the opposite side of the church where translation headphones were available.

The service began with

a congregation of around 70 present. There was plenty of singing: some more modern music to start, a choir item, a solo singer plus some congregational hymns (I was loaned a hymn book that included English words). After the sermon, visitors were introduced and given small gifts. A new member was accepted into the congregation and the service ended. We were assembled outside the church for a photograph and then everyone moved over to the large hall for lunch to which I was invited.

I was able to chat to several of the Koreans and in particular the new member who had earlier been welcomed.

It was a special day for that church and I was pleased I could represent our Fellowship at their celebrations. Their contribution to our activities over the years has been appreciated and it has been a joy to join with them every so often as well.

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주일 예배 순서 (Order of Sunday Worship Service) 교회창립 30주년 기념주일 Church Opening 30th Anniversary Sunday		
오전 11시	▲포시는 일어소서	집례: 서정원목사
경배와 찬양Worship & Praise		KAIROS찬양단
예배로의 부름Call to Worship		집례자
▲입례찬양Opening Hymn	찬송가 559장 All year in our home the spring breezes blow	다함께
회중기도Public Prayer		손은영집사
주기도문송Lord's Prayer Song	찬송가 635장	다함께
▲성경봉독 Scripture Reading	사57:19, 엡4:22-25 Isaiah 57:19, Ephesians 4:22-25	김종임집사 송석진학장
찬양Anthem	시온성과 같은 교회	다윗성가대 David Choir
말씀선포 Sermon	"부부 갈등과 치유요" *Healing for Couple in Conflict II*	유정현목사
봉헌Offering	특별찬양- 김대원청년	서성민집사, 황산덕집사
▲봉헌기도Offering Prayer		집례자
알림과 나눔Announcement		집례자
▲파송찬양Closing Hymn	찬송가 210장 Glorious things of These are spoken	다함께
▲축도Benediction		유정현목사

Sunday, 15th June – Rev. Bob Prior – Jesus wants to take you home

Jesus is God

Who is Jesus? He is God!

That may seem self evident to us but how do we show that to others who don't have our Christian background.

We believe in one true, creator God, however that God has a plurality which is evident in Scripture. Jesus says "*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. ... Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.*" (John 14: 9, 11) Jesus was claiming He is God.



We easily quote Genesis 1: 1 which says "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*" but rarely continue to verse 2 which ends "*the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*" Genesis also records "*Let us make mankind in our image*" (v. 26)

John 1: 1-4 reads "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*" From that, together with John 1: 14 "*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*" we get another indication of the plurality of God.

Jesus will come back

Jesus left heaven to be a part of this world. Here He suffered and died, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. The Bible teaches He will come back again. 1 Thessalonians 4: 16 tells us "*the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God*" That is not all. "*the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.*" (1 Thessalonians 4: 16,17)

Why did Jesus die?

God loves us and wants us to be with Him, but we are just not good enough. "*Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures*" (1 Corinthians 15: 3). "*By this gospel you are saved*" (1 Corinthians 15: 2).

Who will go home with Jesus?

John 3: 16 tells us "*God so loved the world ...*". It doesn't say "God so loved the rich, the poor, the educated or criminals ...". Does this mean Jesus is coming back for everyone? John 3: 16 goes on "*... whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*" It is believers in Jesus who will go home with Him - those who have already 'fallen asleep' and those still alive at the time of His return (1 Thessalonians 4: 16,17). "*God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*" (1 John 5: 11,12).

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Campbell High School Chaplaincy and Steve Lindner

We have been supporting Steve Lindner in his chaplaincy at Campbell High since 2008. This has meant praying for him and his work, supporting Scripture Union which oversees the chaplaincy program and visiting him at the school every so often for a time of sharing and prayer. These visits suffered a lull for quite some time recently but have now resumed. We have arranged to meet Steve at the school usually on the third Thursday of each month at 3-15pm. **Please let Ian know if you would like to participate in these meetings** even if only on an occasional basis.

In addition to his chaplaincy work, Steve is employed by the school to fill other roles. He will be visiting China in late June, early July as part of his work with international students.

Many students turn up for school not having had any or sufficient breakfast. On Tuesdays and Thursdays Steve organises breakfast for whoever wants it. Approximately 60 to 80 students turn up. Breakfast provides Steve with a chance to mix and get to know students better.

A Wednesday lunchtime group is run for Christian students with the help of Steve Prior. This group is quite variable in attendance.

The Thursday lunchtime group sometimes has up to 20 attending but is adjusting to a change of leadership. The former leader is unable to continue as he is becoming a chaplain himself elsewhere and Ben has just taken over. This group has an activity focus and includes a "God spot".

Steve is preparing to run a "Seasons for Growth" course which deals with grief and loss. This course caters for around 8 students. A female student died several days ago, shocking the school community, which has meant a busy time for Steve. This sad event also points to the value of such a course.

Steve sees his role as being someone at the school who is trusted, not judgemental, supportive and approachable.

He requests prayer for wisdom, the best usage of his time and discernment as to how best to interact with the school community. He would welcome more opportunities to speak about matters of faith but must work within restrictions that limit the way such discussions can be initiated.

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Several weeks ago, Scripture Union (Qld.) organised a chaplaincy support meeting. Part of the evening was to provide information to supporters of school chaplaincy but another goal was to initiate the formation of support groups for each chaplain to act as a go-between between the chaplain and local churches and the wider community. Chaplains are only employed for 2 days each week so have little time to create or maintain such links despite their value. The support groups will probably meet 3 or 4 times a year. People from Steve's church are keen to create such a group for Steve.

Chaplaincy funding was included in the budget however there is a funding shortfall of \$2,000 for each chaplain. Funding was only made available for the existing number of chaplaincies however additional schools also want to get chaplains.

Since then the High Court has upheld an appeal against chaplaincy funding so some changes are likely. We don't yet know what they will be but chaplaincy will probably continue for now. Funding arrangements will have to be modified.

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Oops!

In the last "Next Step" Lil Harwicke was listed as our preacher for 8th June. That information was correct, but the picture was not. A picture of Lil taken at our service is shown below in 'Services over recent weeks'. That picture is Lil.

Services over recent weeks have included the following:



Rev. David McDonald

Mr. Robert Nicholls

Mr. Mark Warren

Miss Lil Hardwicke

Rev. Bob Prior

Rev. Phil Anderson

Sunday 18th May – Rev. David McDonald (10th Anniversary) - Who are we?

Sunday 25th May – Mr. Robert Nicholls (Christian Blind Mission) - Seek Justice

Sunday 1st June at 5pm – Mr. Mark Warren - How long will you have no mercy?

Sunday 8th June at 5pm – Miss Lil Hardwicke (Compassion) - Releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name

Sunday 15th June at 5pm – Rev. Bob Prior - Jesus wants to take you home

Sunday 22nd June at 5pm – Rev. Phil Anderson - Winners and Losers

Coming Up

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 2-30 pm.

All welcome - contact Joyce for more information
Studying Jeremiah

Friday Study Group

Fridays at 2-00 pm.

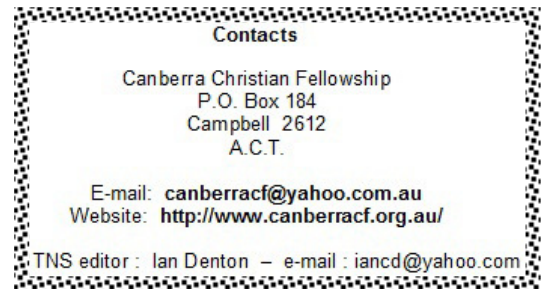
All welcome - contact John M. for more information
Studying Acts

Prayer Meeting

3rd Monday of each month, usually at Marie's.

Next meeting – 2pm, 21st July.

All welcome



Services

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

Sunday 29th June at 5pm – Rev. Peter Nelson

Sunday 6th July at **11am** – Combined Service for congregations using Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 13th July at 5pm – Rev. Owen Chadwick

Sunday 20th July at 5pm – Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan (Tongan Choir + Communion)

Sunday 27th July at 5pm – Rev. Paul Tabulutu (Fijian Choir + Steve Lindner chaplaincy)

Sunday 3rd August at 5pm – Dr. Paul Ahn

Sunday 10th August at 5pm – Rev. Ray Hughes

Sunday 17th August at 5pm – Mr. George Huang

Sunday 24th August at 5pm – Rev. David McDonald

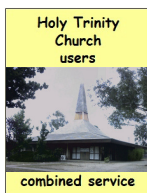
Sunday 31st August at 5pm – Rev. Peter Nelson



Rev. Peter Nelson



Rev. Peter Nelson



Combined Service



Rev. Owen Chadwick



Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan



Rev. Paul Tabulutu



Dr. Paul Ahn



Rev. Ray Hughes



Mr. George Huang



Rev. David McDonald