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The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship
(in the Methodist Tradition)

Sunday, 6th July – Combined Service



Some months ago a meeting was called by the Finnish Lutherans for users of Holy Trinity Church. A number of things were discussed including their suggestion of a combined service for users of their church. That service finally eventuated this month.



The Lutherans normally meet at 11am so we joined them at that time. Also participating were the Koreans who normally meet before us early on Sunday afternoons. Samoan Seventh Day Adventists who meet on Saturdays had other commitments and were unable to be there.

All three participating to the service and the Korean languages were all

Janne preached in translation so the rest of us the different countries of those at the service. to different emphases in basic beliefs that bring us God that unites us. The big we are all heading in the way we do things is not develop our faith doctrine is secondary to

Following the service a were able to eat, chat and much better over the meal. afterwards were valuable as commonality of faith and strengthened us.



Together:

Korean Presbyterians, Australian Methodists, Finnish Lutherans

congregations contributed Finnish, English and used at times.

Finnish (with an English could understand) He noted origin and denominations of Unsurprisingly that has led belief but it is our shared together and The Spirit of picture is what is important - same direction even if the uniform. We want to relationship with God and that.

feast awaited us and we get to know each other The service and time they emphasised our developed and friendships between

(It was agreed that the offering collected at this service would be given to Compassion Australia.)

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Paddy took 2 stuffed dogs to Antiques Roadshow.

"Ooh!" said the presenter "This is a very rare set, produced by the celebrated Johns Brothers taxidermists who operated in London at the turn of last century. Do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

"Sticks?" said Paddy.

Sunday, 22nd June – Rev. Phil Anderson – Winners and Losers



We live in a world where it seems 'winning is everything'. It feels good to be a winner, but what about the loser?

Abraham's first son, Ishmael, made his mother, Hagar, a winner - his mother was a slave and Ishmael would be Abraham's heir - then Sarah had a son, Isaac, and Hagar and her son were expelled from the family and nearly died in the desert - losers. God heard Hagar's cries, an angel was sent and said to Hagar "God will make a great nation of his descendents" - their eyes were opened and they saw a well full of water - winners.

Abraham's descendents through Isaac eventually settled in Egypt and became slaves - losers. Moses rescued and led them to the promised land - winners.

David was the youngest child but was later made King - loser to winner.

Jesus promised the meek they would inherit the whole earth - losers to winners.

Real losers fail to be what they should be.

The world argues losers have little, winners have a lot, but God says we are all sinners (losers) but can become winners.

We here are losers - we must accept that we need a saviour - we are called to be slaves of Christ!

Matthew 16: 25 says "For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it." Trusting and serving Christ is how we become winners.

God uses losers. Christ crucified appeared a loser but in fact was the only true winner and through Him we can all be winners and receive blessings.

JM

A Summary of Life

GREAT TRUTHS THAT CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:



- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polk-a-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

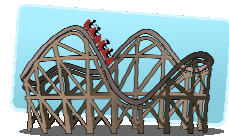
GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge... mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise... It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy.



GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD:

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.



THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.



Rev. Don Purdey



We have been praying for Don for quite some time as he battled Motor Neurone disease.

We have received news that he lost his battle on Wednesday (23-7-2014). This was quite unexpected, even considering his condition.

Annette, his children, their families and other family and friends need our prayers at this sad time of loss.

Sunday, 13th July – Rev. Owen Chadwick – The Servant and the Word

Isaiah 49: 1-7 was the Bible passage Owen used as the basis of his sermon.

God had the servant's role preplanned before the servant's birth.

God prepared the servant for the task He had for him, keeping him hidden away until he was ready.

The servant trusted God despite the appearance of pointlessness.

The servant's mission was to restore God's people, however in addition to his ministry to Israel he was to be "a light for the Gentiles".

Who is this servant? From what Isaiah says we can recognise Jesus. Luke 2: 30-32 records the words of "a righteous and devout" man, Simeon, when the child Jesus was taken to the temple:

*"For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."*

These words echo the words of Isaiah 49: 6

*"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."*



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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, 20th July – Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan – The parable of the weeds



At our service last Sunday, July 20, we were hosts to our friends from the Tongan Wesleyan Church. Accompanied on the guitar, two of them sang two really nice modern hymns. Our visiting preacher, Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan reminded us of the great visit that we had to the olive grove some weeks ago and referred to some references to olives in the Bible. He particularly mentioned the ancient olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane, which lies at the foot of the Mount of Olives.

In his sermon on the parable of the weeds (Matthew 13: 24-30) and its interpretation by Jesus (Matthew 13: 36-43), Campbell explained that the wheat and the tares (weeds) refer to good and bad people. The bad people will be weeded out at the end of the age and the righteous will be welcomed into the kingdom of heaven.

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Services over recent weeks have included the following:



Rev. Phil Anderson Rev. Peter Nelson Combined Service Rev. Owen Chadwick Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan

Sunday 22nd June at 5pm – **Rev. Phil Anderson - Winners and Losers**
 Sunday 29th June – **Rev. Peter Nelson - God's Overflowing Grace**
 Sunday 6th July – **Combined Service for congregations using Holy Trinity Church**
 Sunday 13th July at 5pm – **Rev. Owen Chadwick - The Servant and the Word**
 Sunday 20th July at 5pm – **Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan - The parable of the weeds**

Coming Up

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 2-30 pm.
 All welcome - contact Joyce for more information
Winter recess until early September
 Studying Jeremiah

Friday Study Group

Fridays at 2-00 pm.
 All welcome - contact John M. for more information
Winter recess until early September
 Studying Acts

Prayer Meeting

3rd Monday of each month, usually at Marie's.
 Next meeting – 2pm, 18th August.
 All welcome

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Services

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

Sunday 27th July at 5pm – **Mr. Laurie Hockridge**
 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**
 Sunday 7th September at 5pm – **Mr. Zane Edwards**
 Sunday 14th September at 5pm – ?
 Sunday 21st September at 5pm – **Mr. Nick Cole (Bible Society)**
 Sunday 28th September at 5pm – **Rev. Paul Tabulutu**



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