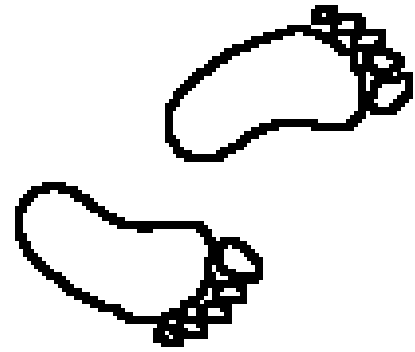


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# The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship  
(in the Methodist Tradition)

## Steve Lindner, chaplaincy, breakfast and the Order of Australia

We have been supporting Steve Lindner in his chaplaincy at Campbell High for some years now in various ways. We have prayed for him and the work with the school community, we have met with him for encouragement and prayer and we have provided some monetary support.

Recently three of us met with Steve at the school, chatted about the opportunities and challenges God is placing before him and everyday life working at the school.

As we were leaving Steve showed us the plaque awarded to the school by The Order of Australia Association in recognition of the activity of the Breakfast Club.

Steve has been running this for 2 days each week for a number of years to provide students who, for whatever reason, haven't eaten breakfast to have something to eat before lessons start. Students are more attentive and better able to learn if they have eaten. We have in a small way contributed to the Breakfast Club by providing money to enable Steve to purchase a special toaster that can meet the demands of high volumes of toast in a relatively short amount of time.

In a year roughly 8,000 breakfasts (cereal and toast) are provided.

The following Sunday Steve visited our service and spoke a little more about his chaplaincy work.



Warren and Marie  
with Steve holding the  
Order of Australia  
plaque



Some School Chaplaincy funding is now provided by the Federal government through State and Territory governments. This funding only covers enough hours for almost two days a week. School chaplains will need church and community support if hours are to increase or if the funding is for any reason diverted, reduced or stopped.

A Campbell High chaplaincy support group has been formed to assist Steve in making connections with churches and the community.

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**Sunday, 24th August – Rev. David McDonald – Why the Genealogy is the best news ever**



David McDonald had an unusual text (Matthew 1: 1-17) for his sermon on August 24.

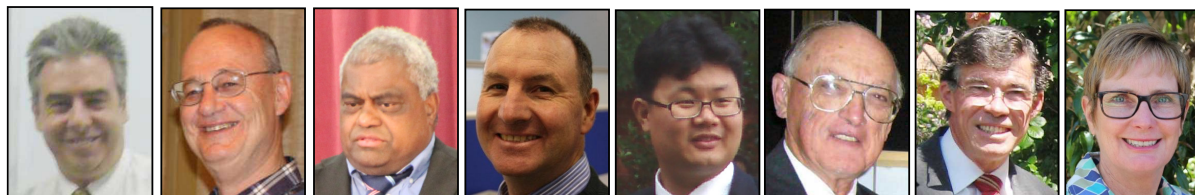
In the genealogy we find the key to what is important about Jesus. There is a pattern of 14 generations from Abraham to David, 14 generations from David to the exile into Babylon and 14 from the exile to Jesus. The period before Abraham (Genesis 3-11) was full of wickedness, except for Noah. The promises God made to Abraham and subsequently to David that his throne would be established forever, seemed not to be true because the kings who came after Solomon were nearly all bad, and the Jews were conquered and taken into exile in Babylon.

So what happened to God's promises? The Persians conquered Babylon and let the Jews go back and rebuild Jerusalem. GOOD NEWS! God's promises were fulfilled. God demonstrated His faithfulness by the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, who rules over everything (Matthew 28). God has been at work throughout history and He has kept his promises. Trust Him. HB

**Services over recent weeks have included the following:**



**Mr. Laurie Hockridge    Dr. Paul Ahn    Rev. Ray Hughes    Mr. George Huang    Rev. David McDonald    Rev. Peter Nelson**



**Mr. Zane Edwards    Rev. Bob Prior    Rev. Paul Tabulutu    Mr. Nick Cole    Dr. Paul Ahn    Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan    Mr. Jeff Mason    Mrs. Pam Lake**



**Rev. Jangwon Seo**

- Sunday 27th July at 5pm – **Mr. Laurie Hockridge** - What is the church for?
- Sunday 3rd August at 5pm – **Dr. Paul Ahn** - The parable of the Good Samaritan
- Sunday 10th August at 5pm – **Rev. Ray Hughes** - Faith
- Sunday 17th August at 5pm – **Mr. George Huang** - Living in Faithfulness
- Sunday 24th August at 5pm – **Rev. David McDonald** - Why the genealogy is the best news ever
- Sunday 31st August at 5pm – **Rev. Peter Nelson** - The eleventh commandment
- Sunday 7th September at 5pm – **Mr. Zane Edwards** - Encounters at the well
- Sunday 14th September at 5pm – **Rev. Bob Prior** - We are to be heroes of faith / grace
- Sunday 21st September at 5pm – **Rev. Paul Tabulutu** - In God we trust
- Sunday 28th September at 5pm – **Mr. Nick Cole** - The Risen Lord
- Sunday 5th October at 5pm – **Dr. Paul Ahn** - Confidence
- Sunday 12th October at 5pm – **Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan** - The Banquet of the Kingdom
- Sunday 19th October at 5pm – **Mr. Jeff Mason (Scripture Union)** - At the name of Jesus
- Sunday 26th October at 5pm – **Mrs. Pam Lake (Leprosy Mission)** - Integral Mission
- Sunday 2nd November at 5pm – **Rev. Jang Won Seo** - They decided and they did
- Sunday 9th November at 5pm – **Pastor Steve Prior** - Our Shepherd Jesus



**Pastor Steve Prior**

## Friends

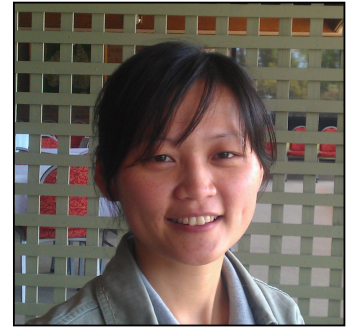
A short e-mail has been received from **Fanny** in Taiwan.

I got married in April. ...

I started attending a new church which my husband went to last year and I went with him since I came back. This is a quite big church whose congregation is around 2500 people. ...

I like the sermons and bible studies here, which are very nice, like the ones we had in Canberra.

With love,  
Fanny



Dale and Janelle have welcomed Saskia into their family. They write:

We are all doing well and enjoying the home here in Queanbeyan. We have also been going to the Uniting Church here in Queanbeyan which is only a ten minute walk away. We will be going to the Christmas carols at Campbell so we will see you there.

Dale, Janelle and Saskia

On a recent trip up the coast, Ian was able to visit Dinah and Stephen at Umina Beach.





We wish Paul and Natasha well in their move to Glasgow, Scotland.  
We will miss Natasha's playing for many of our services and Paul's preaching.



We were pleased to farewell them at a special meal following a recent service at which Paul preached.

Over the last 6 years we have come to know Bob very well and have been pleased to support his racing industry chaplaincy work.

We understand he will be moving to Destiny Haven on the Hunter River, Brookfield, NSW at the end of the year to take up a 3 year appointment as chaplain to women who have become involved with drugs. His wife Evelyn will assist the women with rehabilitation activities.

He will be preaching for us in December and there is the possibility we may still see him on visits back to Canberra.

The racing chaplaincy work will probably continue with someone taking up the work Bob has been doing.



### **Mission Aviation Fellowship news from the Purdeys at Elcho Island**

#### **Welcome Baby Josiah!!**

On Friday 3 October we welcomed into our family our newest little boy Josiah Elias Purdey! Happy and healthy at 3.1kg/6lb 8, he is growing well and sleeping lots, and a true MAF baby he's already had his first flight.. at 10 days old!

#### **Instructor Pilot Training**

The first two weeks of September saw us busy in Cairns and Mareeba– Ian, with three other pilots, underwent an MAF Instructor Pilot course



For more of the adventures of Ian, Adele, Jimmy, Edward and Josiah see [www.maf.org.au/purdey](http://www.maf.org.au/purdey)

### **Sunday, 2nd November – Rev. Jang Won Seo – They decided and they did**



Christians like to be noble people. What makes people noble? Nobility is not a result of appearance, wealth or social standing. Isaiah 32: 8 tells us "*But the noble make noble plans, and by noble deeds they stand.*" It is plain that nobility cannot be judged by outward appearance but is a matter of inner quality. Nobility doesn't end with noble thoughts and plans but is accompanied by action.

When the disciples in Antioch learned of the need of the Christians in Judea, they made the noble decision to assist as they were able. The Christians in Judea were of Jewish heritage, in Antioch they were Gentiles. The Judean church was the mother church, Antioch an outpost. The Judean Church would have had good financial resources. None of these considerations caused the Antioch Christians to waver. They had decided to help and they did.

The fact that this story is recorded in the Bible tells us that God regarded the Antioch Christians as noble. They made noble plans and put them into action.

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At our AGM the Barnabas Fund was mentioned. There was a desire for additional information. The following was sourced from the Barnabas Fund website - <http://barnabasfund.org/AU/Home/>



*The mission of the Barnabas Fund is to support Christians where they are in a minority and suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution as a consequence of their faith. Our goal is to strengthen Christian individuals, churches and their communities by providing material and spiritual support in response to needs identified by local Christian leaders.*

We do this by making their needs known to Christians around the world, by encouraging prayer and financial giving in support of these brothers and sisters in Christ, working with existing local Christian organisations, and by speaking on their behalf. The Fund channels this aid from donors to the needy recipients with minimum overheads. All gifts are monitored to ensure they are used in line with the stated need.

In accordance with Biblical teaching, we believe that Christians should treat all people of all faiths with love and compassion, even those who persecute them.

## Practical Aid for the Persecuted Church

### **We give**

The main ministry of Barnabas Fund is to send financial support to projects which help Christians where they suffer discrimination, oppression and persecution as a consequence of their faith. The projects aim to strengthen Christian individuals, churches and their communities by providing material and spiritual support in response to needs identified by local Christian leaders.

### **Encourage prayer**

We seek to encourage and facilitate prayer by providing prayer information, prayer requests and resources in many different forms and formats.

### **Raise awareness**

This ministry makes known the plight of the persecuted Church, particularly in the Muslim world, by a wide variety of means, in order to educate Christians and others about the current situation and needs as well as the background and causal factors.

### **Contest injustice**

When requested by Christians in the contexts concerned, we engage in speaking on their behalf. This can be by public petitions and letter-writing campaigns or discreet contacts behind the scenes.

## Tongue in Cheek

### **WORLD SURVEY**

Last month a world-wide survey was conducted by the United Nations from New York by telephone. The question asked: ***"Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?"***

The survey was a huge failure because:

1. in Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant.
2. in Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant.
3. in Africa they didn't know what "food" meant.
4. in China they didn't know what "opinion" meant.
5. in the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant.
6. in South Africa they didn't know what "please" meant.
7. in the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.
8. in Australia they hung up as soon as they heard the Indian accent.

Campbell High School chaplaincy – Rev. Steve Lindner  
 Racing Industry chaplaincy - Rev. Bob Prior  
 Institute of Sport chaplaincy – Rev. Peter Nelson  
 Universities 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.

**Coming Up**

**Tuesday Bible Study**

**Tuesdays at 2-30 pm.**  
 All welcome - contact Joyce for more information  
 Studying 1 Corinthians

**Friday Study Group**

**Fridays at 2-00 pm.**  
 All welcome - contact John M. for more information  
 Studying Acts

**Prayer Meeting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, usually at Marie's.**  
 Next meeting – 2pm, 17th November.  
 All welcome

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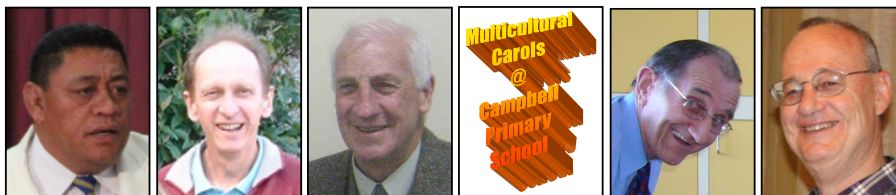
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**Services**

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

- Sunday 16th November at 5pm – Rev. Fred Vaalepu
- Sunday 23rd November at 5pm – Rev. Owen Chadwick
- Sunday 30th November at 5pm – Rev. Peter Nelson
- Sunday 7th December at 5pm – **Multicultural Carols at Campbell Primary School hall**
- Sunday 14th November at 5pm – Rev. Ray Hughes
- Sunday 21st December at 5pm – Rev. Bob Prior



Rev. Fred Vaalepu    Rev. Owen Chadwick    Rev. Peter Nelson    Multicultural Carols    Rev. Ray Hughes    Rev. Bob Prior

**11th Annual  
 Multicultural Carols**

**ALL WELCOME**

Sunday, 7 December 2014  
 5-00 pm  
 Campbell Primary School Hall  
 Chauvel Street, Campbell

Our guests include  
 Chinese, Fijian,  
 Indonesian, Korean  
 Tamil  
 & Samoan people.

*Refreshments  
 follow the  
 Carols*

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