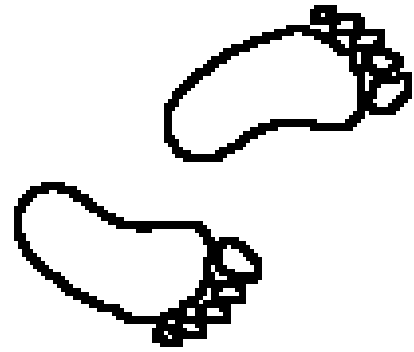


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The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship
(in the Methodist Tradition)

Bible Study Dinner

A new Bible study group started meeting on Wednesdays at 5pm a few weeks ago as the result of interest from a number of students from overseas.

After last week's study, the group had dinner together which provided a wonderful opportunity for getting to know each other better.



'Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!' Proverbs 6: 6 (NIV)

The Ant and the Feather

'One morning, I wasted nearly an hour watching a tiny ant carry a huge feather across my back terrace. Several times it was confronted by obstacles in its path and after a momentary pause it would make the necessary detour.

'At one point the ant had to negotiate a crack in the concrete about 10mm wide. After brief contemplation the ant laid the feather over the crack, walked across it and picked up the feather on the other side then continued on its way.

'I was fascinated by the ingenuity of this ant - one of God's smallest creatures. Here was a minute insect, lacking in size yet equipped with a brain to reason, explore, discover and overcome.'

Can you imagine God telling us to learn from an ant? So what can we learn? Ants are determined, they are not afraid to work to achieve their goals, they work as a team, they think through and work to overcome the challenges thrown in their pathway, and they never give up. But most of all they teach us about the marvels of God's creation.

Thanks to Maurine for passing this on and sharing it with us



Sunday, 10th May (Mothers' Day) – Rev. Ray Hughes – The influence of love



We were pleased to welcome Ray Hughes as our preacher on this Mothers' Day. To celebrate Mothers' Day we used a special litany that Ray had composed. It was thought provoking and meaningful so is printed below with Ray's permission.

Mothers' Day Litany

Ray: The Bible is full of real people; people just like us. People with hopes and dreams who experienced disappointments and joys. People with faults and characteristics worthy of praise. People who tried and succeeded and people who tried and failed.

Today on Mothers' Day, we focus on the mothers in the Bible. Although they lived so long ago, they experienced the same joy and pain that mothers of today experience.

Leader A: I am **Eve**. My son Cain killed his brother Abel because he was jealous.

Leader B: We remember mothers whose families are torn apart by jealousy, fighting and misunderstandings.

(The first flower is added to the vase at the front)



Leader A: I am **Sarah**. I was an old woman when I gave birth to my son Isaac.

Leader B: We remember mothers who are older, but who still bear the responsibility of raising children and grandchildren.

(The second flower is added to the vase)

Leader A: I am **Rebekah**. I helped my favourite son Jacob to trick his brother Esau out of his birthright.

Leader B: We remember mothers who mean well, but make mistakes.

(The third flower is added to the vase)



Leader A: I am **Moses' mother**. I hid my child so that he would not be taken by the government authorities.

Leader B: We remember mothers whose children are taken or stolen from them because of commercial interests or government policy.

(The fourth flower is added to the vase)

Leader A: I am **Pharaoh's daughter**. I found a baby in a basket and adopted him, raising him as my own child.

Leader B: We remember mothers who have adopted children and mothers who have had their children adopted..

(The fifth flower is added to the vase)



Leader A: I am **Hannah, the mother of Samuel**. I am one of many women who had difficulty becoming a mother.

Leader B: We remember mothers who, after many disappointments, are finally successful in being able to conceive and give birth to a child.

(The sixth flower is added to the vase)

Leader A: I am **the mother of David**. I watched as my son grew from being a shepherd boy to become a great king.

Leader B: We remember mothers who rejoice in the achievements of their children.

(The seventh flower is added to the vase)



Leader A: I am **the widow of Zarephath**. When my bowl of flour and oil is gone, my child and I will die because our land is gripped by famine.

Leader B: We remember mothers who watch their children suffer and die from malnutrition because of famine, drought, flood or war.

(The eighth flower is added to the vase)

Leader A: I am **one of the mothers from Bethlehem**. King Herod's soldiers murdered our children for no reason.

Leader B: We remember mothers whose children are tortured and murdered by soldiers and militia for political reasons.

(The ninth flower is added to the vase)



Leader A: I am **a mother of Salem**. I wanted to take my children to meet Jesus, but His disciples said not to bother Him.

Leader B: We remember mothers who would like their children to know Jesus but are discouraged by modern day disciples who don't like annoying kids.

(The tenth flower is added to the vase)

Leader A: I am **the Syrophenician woman**. Even though Jesus referred to me as a dog, I pestered Him to cure my daughter who was very ill.

Leader B: We remember mothers whose children are sick or disabled and who will try anything to cure or help them.



(The eleventh flower is added to the vase)

Leader A: I am **the widow of Nain**. Jesus raised my son from the dead so I would not be left destitute.

Leader B: We remember mothers who, as widows, or for other reasons, raise their children alone.

(The twelfth flower is added to the vase)

Leader A: I am **the mother of James and John**. I asked Jesus if they could have a special place next to Him in heaven.

Leader B: We remember mothers who believe their children can do no wrong and deserve special treatment.



(The thirteenth flower is added to the vase)

Leader A: I am **Mary**. I watched my child suffer and die on a cross.

Leader B: We remember mothers who watch their children suffer and die.

(The fourteenth flower is added to the vase)

Leader A: I am **Lois**. Eunice and I taught Timothy, our son and grandson about Jesus.

Leader B: We remember mothers who teach their children about Jesus.



(The fifteenth flower is added to the vase)

Leader A: I am **one of many nameless women**. I was not able to be a mother, even though I would have liked it very much.

Leader B: We remember women who, because of various circumstances, are unable to become mothers.

(The sixteenth flower is added to the vase)

Ray: Before us is a vase of flowers, a symbol of the mothers we have remembered today. The flowers are different colours and varieties and at various stages of development, because mothers are not all the same. They are all different and all special.



Church Meeting

Our church meeting took place on Tuesday evening, 19th May.

It was difficult finding a date that suited as many as possible and even after several changes, the final date still was impossible for some. The weekly newsheet seemed to always lag behind the latest proposed date, however that didn't stop a good number of our people turning up.

We began with a meal of pizza and apple crumble.

In the meeting itself, we progressed steadily through the agenda.

The treasurer's report indicated we are in a healthy financial position. We confirmed donations approved by the executive, discussed and approved some additional donations and chatted about several other matters.

The interest in the Wednesday Bible Study started for students encouraged us.

The lectern we use each week was discussed. It has several features which make it less than ideal. We will investigate a possible new lectern or what can be done to overcome the deficiencies.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Thanks to the Bradburys for again welcoming us to their home for our meeting.

Allan

Allan was part of the Aboriginal Church in Canberra and sometimes, when they didn't have their own service, he and wife Christine would visit us.

He passed away just over a week ago.

Allan was born in Condobolin, New South Wales, a member of the Wiradjuri people.

Allan's schooling ended at age 14 and he started doing labouring jobs. He was keen on sports, playing hockey and cricket.

In 1962 he began seeing a young lady, Christine. Their attraction developed into love and they were married. Eventually their family increased in size when Geoffrey was born to them.

Allan continued his labouring work with the shire council and continued to play hockey.

In 1974 Allan and his family moved away from Condobolin to Canberra where he and Christine managed an Aboriginal hostel in the suburb of Turner for quite a few years.

A daughter, Carmel, joined the family and a few years later Allan and Christine became grandparents to Geoffrey's daughter Kiesha.

Allan proved to be a good story teller to his grand-daughter, weaving his own stories around the pictures in the story books he was given to read for her. When she was older and could read enough to tell he was not sticking to the stories as written, he protested that a story was no good without some imagination.

Sadness came when son Geoffrey died but so did happiness when his daughter was married and too when he became a great grandfather to Andre.

Allan was a quiet man whose actions spoke volumes about him. He was a loving and greatly loved family man who was ready to welcome others into his home. During his life he developed many different skills which made him a very versatile handyman. He liked cars, he followed the Wests Tigers rugby league team and enjoyed country music.

Allan was also a man of strong faith. He believed the words of John 3: 16 "*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*". Allan knew that 'the world' included him and so did the words 'whoever believes'.

I left Allan's funeral service glad to have known him and wishing I had got to know him better.

Allan's story was mostly gleaned from the eulogy delivered by Larry at Allan's service



Sunday, 3rd April – Mr. Mark Warren – A new High Priest / How to get rid of your dirty laundry



Mark based his sermon on Zechariah 3. Zechariah was writing around 20 years after the Jews returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, approximately 450 BC.

The Jews' disobedience to God had caused Him to allow the Babylonians to conquer them however He was now ready to restore the Jews to Jerusalem and bless His people.

How would God bless His people? God had chosen Jerusalem for a special relationship and was again coming to its people. His holiness could not countenance the sins committed by the people so He provided a High Priest, Joshua, whose role was mediator between God and the people. There was still a problem as Joshua was also sinful. God caused Joshua to be cleansed so Satan could bring no accusation against him.

Joshua was to be obedient to God and do what God required of him. If he did that God promised he would have a position of authority and free access to God's presence.

God explained that Joshua and his role were a sign of things to come. God would bring His servant, the branch, to achieve His purposes. A stone with seven eyes symbolised God's seeing and knowing everything and His permanent intent to "remove the sin of this land in a single day."

We can recognise that Jesus, a branch of the family of King David, was the one who truly purified the promised land, filled the High Priest role of mediator between God and man, and perfectly obeyed God and achieved what He wanted. Jesus has all authority and He, the Father and the Spirit are one.

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Sunday, 17th May – Mr. Revin Blanchard – Selling blessing for food

Revin's sermon looked at the story of Esau selling his birthright to his brother Jacob for a meal when he was hungry. Esau didn't value the birthright, however when his father Isaac was nearing death and Jacob tricked Isaac into giving him the blessing, Esau wanted a blessing from his father. It was too late. Isaac was unable to give Esau the blessing he wanted.



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From that story we can recognise that the blessings we receive from God are valuable and should not be given up.

We should value the blessing (eternal life He gives through faith) that we receive from Jesus and not give that blessing up for the temporary pleasures of this world (sin).



Revin chatting with Joyce



Murray Earl (who joined us while back visiting Canberra) with Warren

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

Rev. Owen Chadwick - Universities chaplaincy

Rev. Steve Lindner - Campbell High School chaplaincy

Rev. Peter Nelson - Institute of Sport chaplaincy

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



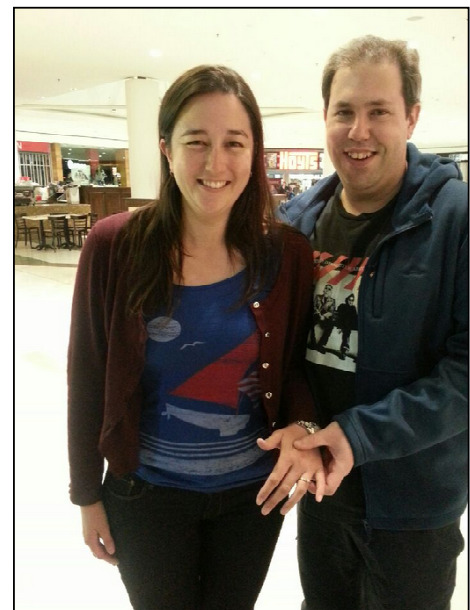
Jason and Natalie

Jason hasn't worshipped with us for some time as he now attends Crossroads Church at Belconnen. We have to agree his change of church address has proved good for him.

Not only has he found a worshipping community that has helped him grow his faith, but he also discovered Natalie.

Jason and Natalie are now engaged to be married.

Congratulations to you both !



For our newer members who don't know Jason, he is Warren and Heather's son.

Elsie

In the relatively short time we have known Elsie, we have discovered she is a good piano player and that she likes to bring her friends along to church with her.

She is soon to return to China having completed her studies here, so before she heads home, let us get to know her properly.



Elsie was born in Jiang Xi province, China, where her grandmother and other relatives still live. It is an agricultural area and her family visit there regularly. While she was quite young, Elsie and her parents moved to Guangzhou, a city in the south of China. Their home was in the grounds of the university where her father was the Professor of Chemistry and conducted research into environmentally friendly paints. Elsie's mother worked as a teaching assistant, a job from which she has only recently retired. Elsie's friends were neighbours. She still keeps in touch with three friends from those days although they are widely spread around the world; Elsie in Australia, one friend in China, one in France and the other in New York, USA. The

friends, all animal lovers, came across a homeless dog and as children often do in such circumstances, gave it a feed. Lil Lil, as they named it, would walk with them to school and return to wait for them to finish in the afternoon.

Elsie's first year at primary school at age 7 was a little uncomfortable for her. Having just moved to Guangzhou, she didn't speak Cantonese which the teachers used for some lessons. The following year a new student arrived from Elsie's old home town which meant she was no longer an odd one out and it gave her more confidence. The secondary school that she later went to was not the best school as many students with troubled backgrounds attended and several gangs formed. Despite that, Elsie progressed on to superior school where she got the results she needed to attend university. Elsie at that time was interested in biology and had thoughts of becoming a vet. Her parents suggested that becoming a medical doctor would be a better goal. For 5 years Elsie studied clinical medicine which included 1 year as an intern. Wanting to broaden her horizons and see how things were done elsewhere, she came to Canberra to study towards her Masters Degree in Public Health at the Australian National University, a 2 year course. Now that is complete, she wants to return to China to help improve the system there using all the knowledge she has gained. Many epidemics plague China and infectious diseases are rife. Elsie believes procedures used in China to tackle those problems can be improved.

Elsie's youth was not all school and study. She played netball and also some badminton. It took her some time to learn to swim but she succeeded and swims regularly. While at university she learned the martial art Tai Chi.

Art was an interest for Elsie, however her mother's interest was music. Elsie's mother had been an actress in the local opera society. Although not keen, Elsie began to play the piano at her mother's insistence. She has learned to love music and finds it useful to be able to play. Pianos are not common in brass bands, so she played trombone during a time as a brass band member.

When Elsie finds time to read, she likes to read philosophy (nothing too deep), or works by Yujie (christian commentary on society) and Yuhua (novels and history).

Collecting stamps is another interest.

Various friends have come into Elsie's life over the years, but the girlfriends from her younger days are the ones she tends to keep most in touch with. When she returns home to China in just a few months time, Bingle will be there waiting for her. Bingle is her pet dog that she got when she was 17.

We got to know Elsie as we needed a pianist and she was suggested by Lifang of the Chinese Methodist Church.

How did Elsie come to be part of the Church?

In 1997 Elsie's mother was seeing some sights with a friend when they saw a statue of Buddha. The friend refused to have her photo taken with the statue. Subsequent conversations revealed that the friend was a christian. Elsie's mother began attending the church and became a christian herself. Elsie's father also came to faith a little later. For Elsie church was boring as it can be for a young person listening to adult discussion. Things changed while Elsie was in superior school. An assignment discussing UFOs initiated a discussion between Elsie and her mother and resulted in Elsie getting serious about christianity. She was baptised when she was 17.

Elsie's confidence in her faith grew and she was willing to discuss it whenever the opportunity arose. Her house church has 10 to 20 people attending. It is one of several such churches in that area. More and more people are becoming christians however they make up only a small proportion of the population. Some house churches are quite open, others keep a low profile. Hong Kong is relatively close and that gives the house churches a point of contact with the church worldwide and a source for christian materials. Many christians are well educated with experience of overseas study and participation in foreign churches. This lessens any isolation the Chinese church may feel.



When Elsie came to Australia, she located the Chinese Methodist Church by searching on the internet. As she expected she quickly became part of a caring, worshipping community. Elsie was keen to serve the church and using her musical skills was one way of church provided her supportive group of fitting in to local life wanted to share that so invited friends to with her.

Elsie has enjoyed It is relatively small, scenery and the in summer, but not winter, but not too has known have been helpful.

We have been play piano for us for a glad to welcome her brought along. It has Bible Study for those knowledge and Chinese Methodists.



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Elsie says she has learned a lot from us. She recognises a desire to serve God that can be seen in the readiness to run Bible Studies, bring food for after church meals, the friendship of our people and the invitations to dinner she has received.

We will miss Elsie when she heads home.

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School Chaplaincy at Campbell High

A School Chaplaincy Support Group meeting was held at Campbell High during May.

Scripture Union have chaplains at 21 schools in the A.C.T., 20 of them government schools.

The \$20,000 funding for each chaplain (which has not been increased since funding was introduced in 2007) covers 10 hours a week of chaplaincy work. SU have boosted hours to 12 a week and would like to increase that to 15.2 hours (or 2 full days). Steve Lindner at Campbell High is working the 2 days a week as chaplain. Fund raising to cover the shortfall has had some success however additional funds would allow more to be done and the chaplains to be better supported.

Steve Lindner at Campbell High (and other chaplains) works within a 'model of care'. That model encompasses 8 aspects:

- **Social and Emotional Support** (supporting members of the school community as needed)
- **Spiritual Support** (providing support when requested including a lunchtime group)
- **Mentoring and Role Modelling** (meeting with some students regularly and facilitating a mentoring program)
- **Community Development** (running the breakfast program with community help and organising voluntary work opportunities)
- **Educational Support** (participate in some classes and programs and organise others)
- **Extra-Curricular Activities** (attend school camp and help as needed)
- **Promotion and Partnership** (liaise with and inform the school community, church groups, businesses and other supporters of the chaplaincy work being done and its value)
- **Professional Development and Self Care** (update and refresh skills so as to be as effective as possible as chaplain)

Steve will visit our Fellowship on 14 June and give us a fuller report on his work.

KONZO

Cassava (tapioca) is the major food crop in the tropics after rice and maize, and is the staple food of tropical Africa. Like a number of other plants, cassava produces a poison which deters bugs and animals from injuring the plant by eating it. The poison found in cassava is a cyanide compound.

Unsurprisingly, people who eat cassava are at risk of poisoning themselves, and it does happen. Symptoms of non fatal cyanide poisoning include dizziness, headache, nausea, stomach pains, vomiting and diarrhea.

Howard developed a simple kit to measure the amount of cyanide in cassava roots and cassava flour, which are given away for free to scientists in developing countries and sold in first world countries. The funds go towards preventing konzo.

The most debilitating cassava related disease is konzo. Konzo is a neurological disease that causes permanent paralysis of the legs, which comes upon victims quite suddenly. Children and women of child bearing age are the most vulnerable. It is caused by high cyanide intake from bitter cassava and malnutrition. Konzo occurs in six countries in tropical Africa and is worst in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The obvious solution is for the people to change their diet, but cassava is easy to grow and drought resistant. Drought causes cassava to more than double its cyanide content and war drives people from their homes and makes them more reliant on high cyanide, bitter cassava varieties. It is the poorest of the poor who have few options in living their lives who suffer most from konzo and other cyanide poisoning.


Howard has developed an easy, no cost method of processing the flour made from cassava roots so the amount of cyanide in the flour is reduced to safe levels, see poster on wetting method. The method is a gift from God.

In 2010 the women in one konzo village were taught the wetting method and they used it on a daily basis and this reduced their cyanide intake and prevented any new cases of konzo. Furthermore, the women kept using the method long after our intervention ceased and the method spread by word of mouth to other villages. AusAID funded work in twelve more villages over three years and use of the wetting method has now prevented new cases of konzo amongst nearly 10,000 people.

Unfortunately Australian Aid to Africa has been cut by 70% and Howard's work with colleagues in the DRC is currently at a standstill. The cost of introducing the wetting method is \$16 per person and there are many, many thousands of people affected by konzo. More funds are sorely needed to remove this scourge from amongst the poorest people of tropical Africa.

I (Howard) thank members of our church very much for the gift of \$500, which will be used towards the prevention of konzo in the DRC. I particularly thank Ian Denton, who over a number of years has helped me on a voluntary basis in this work at ANU. With God's help and inspiration, the successful prevention of konzo for the first time ever by me and my colleagues in DRC, has been the culmination of more than 20 years work, since my retirement from active teaching and research at ANU. My hope for the future is that finance will become available to eliminate konzo altogether from the world.

English



How to remove the poison from cassava flour

WHAT DOES THE POISON IN CASSAVA FLOUR DO?


When you eat flour made from bitter cassava that has not been properly processed, you can get :

- poisoning soon after you eat it, which causes dizziness, headache, stomach ache, diarrhoea, vomiting and sometimes even death
- konzo, which is permanent paralysis of the legs so the person cannot walk. It occurs after several weeks of eating too much bad cassava.

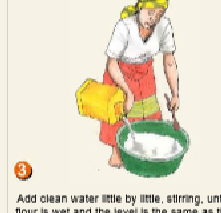
HOW TO REMOVE THE POISON?




1
It's very easy. Take the quantity of flour that you want to cook.




2
Put the flour in a pan or basin, smooth out the surface of the flour, and then mark the height of the flour with the point of a knife.



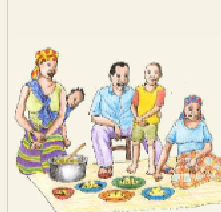
3
Add clean water little by little, stirring, until the flour is wet and the level is the same as that of the dry flour (already marked inside). The flour must be completely wet, but NOT like porridge and also NOT with balls of dry flour.




4
Spread the flour on a sieve, mat, or any clean flat surface using a spoon or your hand, so that the thickness of the flour is no higher than a fingernail. Afterwards, leave the flour in the shade for five hours.



5
Put water in the pan, boil it, and add the treated flour until you get the right consistency. It is important to use less water than usual because the water used to wet the flour also counts, because it has not dried out.



6
Now you can be sure that you are giving good food to your family, and that it won't cause poisoning or paralysis.



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You must never eat raw cassava roots, (peeled or unpeeled) because they contain poison

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PROGRAMME NUTRITIONNEL
(PRONANUT)

Gordon Moyes

In the 11 years our church has existed, we have welcomed a large number of different preachers. The most high-profile of those preachers would be Rev. the Hon. Dr. Gordon Moyes A.C..

Flipping through the 'Eternity' paper I noticed a report that Gordon passed away on Easter Sunday.

Gordon was a dedicated church leader with a passion for evangelism. He was for 27 years the superintendent of Wesley Mission, Sydney, building it up from an organisation with a yearly expenditure of \$5m to one with a yearly expenditure of \$150m.

He was a popular radio broadcaster, hosting a weekly Sunday night show on 2GB for 18 years. He also initiated a weekly TV show that ran for 20 years.

Gordon was also able to provide a Christian voice in the NSW parliament, being elected to the NSW Legislative Council.

In Gordon Moyes we saw a man with a devotion to his Lord who used his talents in serving Him to great effect.

When Gordon visited us, he helped us celebrate 200 years of Methodism in Australia, giving us a short history lesson in the process.

for a fuller report see <http://www.biblesociety.org.au/news/gordon-moyes-preacher-and-politician-passes-away>

We have contacted Gordon's son David and passed on our Fellowship's condolences



Sunday, 24th May – Rev. Paul Tabulutu - The power of The Holy Spirit

On this Pentecost Sunday Paul helped us think more about God, The Holy Spirit, part of The Trinity.

Jesus promised The Holy Spirit would come to us once He left us. At Pentecost The Holy Spirit did come in a mighty way to empower the Church. The Greek word 'dynamis' which can be translated 'power through God's ability' is used in connection with The Holy Spirit in the Bible and is the source of our word dynamite.

The disciples were directionless after the crucifixion but at Pentecost, empowered by The Holy Spirit, they went out and spoke confidently to the crowd of people that gathered about Jesus. The people were from many different backgrounds and spoke different languages however The Holy Spirit enabled them to hear about the wonders of God from the disciples in their own languages. About three thousand people accepted the message they heard that day.

Peter explained that God promised the gift of The Holy Spirit to all who were called by God.

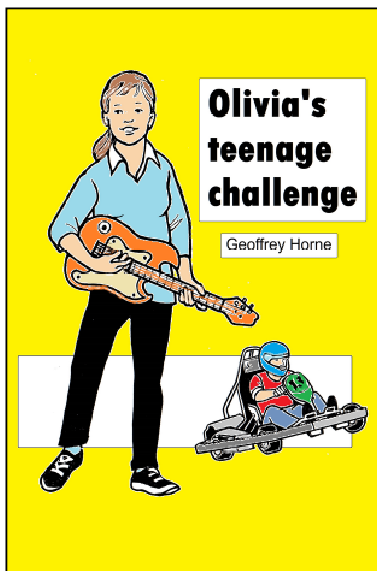
How do we receive The Holy Spirit?

Peter told the crowd they should repent of their sins and be baptised.

We can believe Peter's message and be obedient to God and do what He wants, not relying on our own reasoning. We should be unified, together in will and purpose, with God and each other.

Let us resolve to follow our Lord and let The Spirit work in and through us.

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Olivia's teenage challenge by Geoffrey Horne

Geoff Horne is a name that might sound familiar to people in Canberra. That is not surprising as he is a former Director of Scripture Union in the A.C.T..

Now retired, he has written this book, "Olivia's teenage challenge".

Olivia is just turning thirteen, the oldest child in a family of four children living in Canberra, Australia. At her birthday party her father issues her with a challenge. The story follows Olivia through her first year as a teenager and how she responds to that challenge. We read about her adventures, disasters, struggles and successes at school, with her family and with her friends. Coping with her eleven-year-old brother is one of her struggles, and the reader will be amused by the pranks he plagues her with and how she responds. The book is aimed at girls aged 9 to 13 and deals with many of the issues faced by girls growing up in Christian families.

The book is available free online at <https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/511929> .

Sunday, 31st May – Rev. Peter Nelson (Church 11th Anniversary) - Bible Christians

This was our 11th Anniversary service and we were glad to welcome our friends from the Indonesian Christian Fellowship. Their choir sang "He hideth my soul" for us.

Peter wished us a happy birthday.

271 years ago John Wesley preached on Scriptural Christianity at Oxford University. The Methodists aimed to live their lives in line with what they learned from The Bible and so can be thought of as Bible Christians. One group of Methodists was actually known as Bible Christians.

Every Christian is a sinner who is saved through God's grace. Bible Christians are loved by God and know they are loved (Romans 8: 38,39).

Bible Christians love God and have received The Holy Spirit in their hearts. God becomes everything to them. Coupled to loving God is loving their neighbours.

Bible Christians are humble not proud (1 Corinthians 13: 4,5). The saying "There but for the grace of God, go I" illustrates the reliance on God they feel.

Bible Christians depend on God (John 15: 5).

Jesus went about doing good. As Bible Christians, so should we.

Society today does not want to hear sermons or pronouncements but are more likely to take notice when they see the Christian faith lived out.

Christians everywhere, including those "in the Methodist Tradition" should aim to be Bible Christians, following the New Testament pattern for living. All Christians need The Holy Spirit all the time. ID



The Indonesian Choir



Chatting after most people had gone

Services over recent weeks have included the following:



Mr. Mark Warren



Rev. Ray Hughes



Mr. Revin Blanchard



Rev. Paul Tabulutu



Rev. Peter Nelson

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 Sunday, **10th May** (Mothers' Day) - **Rev. Ray Hughes** - The influence of love
 Sunday **17th May** – **Mr. Revin Blanchard** - Selling blessing for food
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 Sunday **31st May** – **Rev. Peter Nelson** - Bible Christians

Coming Up

Tuesday Bible Study

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

Wednesday Bible Study Group

Wednesdays at 5-00 pm.
 Catering for Uni. students - contact Howard for more information
 Studying Mark

Friday Study Group

Fridays at 2-00 pm.
 All welcome - contact John M. for more information
 Studying "The Cross"

Prayer Meeting

3rd Monday of each month, usually at Marie's.
 All welcome
 Next meeting 15th June

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Services

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



Mrs. Joyce Hall



Pastor Steve Prior



Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan



Miss Lil Hardwicke



Mr. Ken Mansell



Rev. Owen Chadwick



Mr. Phil Ng



Rev. Phil Anderson

Sunday, **7th June** at 5pm - **Mrs. Joyce Hall**
 Sunday **14th June** at 5pm – **Pastor Steve Prior**
 Sunday **21st June** at 5pm – **Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan**
 Sunday **28th June** at 5pm – **Miss Lil Hardwicke** (Compassion)
 Sunday **5th July** at 5pm – **Mr. Ken Mansell**
 Sunday **12th July** at 5pm – **Rev. Owen Chadwick** (with Finnish Lutherans)
 Sunday **19th July** at 5pm – **Mr. Phil Ng**
 Sunday **26th July** at 5pm – **Rev. Phil Anderson** (Communion)