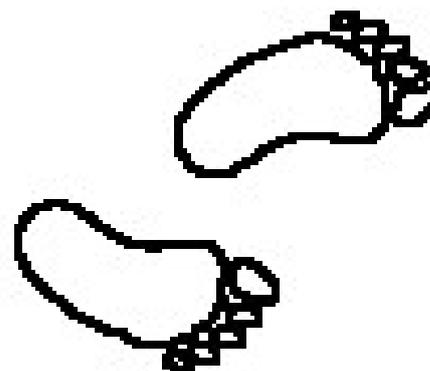


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The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship
(in the Methodist Tradition)

Sunday, 2nd July – Rev. Paul Tabulutu – Wait upon the Lord

From time to time all of us encounter difficult times and feel alone - helpless. It is easy to ask 'Lord, where are You?'

At such times we should pray to God as David did (Psalm 6). God is our heavenly Father and He knows what is best for us.

God sees time differently to us. His ways are not our ways. God sees and knows all, we are limited in our thinking. We must stick with God as David did. As we wait on God we build up our faith.



We can have faith in who God is. God is there and He is mighty, powerful, merciful and He heals us. Have faith! He will hear us. He will stay with us and He will have all that we need.

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After the service L to R:
Maurine, Mereoni, Paul, John M.,
Denis, June, Coral, Alec and
Laurie.



It was great to have Ashley with us, back from Korea together with husband Daniel and baby Eden Cho.

Sunday, 9th July – Rev. Ron Reeson - Prevenient Grace



Ron told us he had always believed there was a God, even though he didn't always know Him well. His mother died when he was 14. That didn't make sense to him, but he did what he was told by his father.

One Saturday he watched an enthralling rugby match against Fiji. The result was a draw. The following day he saw a choir formed by the Fijian team at church. God was trying to get his attention.

Pre (before) **venient** (come). Prevenient is preceding / preparation. God calls us - we respond.

God is watching over us, protecting us even before we are aware of it.

Prevenient Grace is with us from birth, preparing us for life with Christ - we love Him because He first loved us.

The Fijian rugby team encounter Ron saw as God speaking to him saying 'I love sport too, we have a common interest'. God was making the first move in their relationship.

John Newton had lived a wild un-Godly life but God 'found' him.

C.S. Lewis said he came into Christianity 'kicking and screaming'. It wasn't his intention but God's.

God always makes the first move, not us. He prepares us for his approach and we can then accept or reject.

Ron worked as a missionary in Papua New Guinea for a period. He was helped in that work by the natives understanding that their ancestors had thought about a 'bigger spirit' and that sometime someone would come to tell them about that spirit. God had prepared them too.

Prevenient Grace can come to us through our parents, spouse, grandparents, friends, church minister, camps, dreams, books, circumstances, events and other means.

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Services over recent weeks have included the following:



Mr. Robert Nicholls



Mr. Roy Dallos



Hay family



Mr. John Carroll



Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan



Rev. Peter Nelson

Sunday **24th September** – **Mr. Rob Nicholls** - You cared for me: Healing Community

Sunday **1st October** – **Mr. Roy Dallos** - The ten Words of God part 10: The 9th Commandment

Sunday **8th October** – **Hay family (David, Janenne and Rachel)** - iKhetelo Children's Village

Sunday **15th October** – **Mr. John Carroll** (Barnabas Fund)

Sunday **22nd October** – **Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan** - Rocks

Sunday **29th October** – **Rev. Peter Nelson** - The message that shook the world

Sunday, 30th July – Rev. Bob Prior - Follow God's example and be an example

Rev. Peter Nelson was to have been with us but due to a family berevment he arranged for Bob to come in his place.

Since we last saw him, Bob has been the chaplain at Destiny Haven - a very rewarding but also very demanding position. He has also undergone medical treatment and been very ill.



He is now back in Canberra and has resumed his racetrack chaplaincy work.

A common saying is 'Do as I say, not as I do'. This recognises that people often act wrongly but want others to act correctly. Unfortunately another saying illustrates reality - 'Actions speak louder than words'.

Jesus obeyed His Father totally and so provided a perfect example for us to follow. We need to follow Jesus' example of right living and in doing so provide an example of goodness and truth to those who look to us.

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Choral Afternoon



2pm
 Saturday 12 August 2017
 St Andrews Church Canberra
 1 State Circle, Forrest

Programme:

Featuring the pipe organ, congregational singing,
 three choirs and performances by youth groups

Finale:

Iconic "Highland Cathedral"
 performed on bagpipes and organ

Afternoon tea will follow in the Church Hall

A donation would be appreciated to assist missionaries
 supported by the Church of Andrew

Back in August, following an invitation from our Indonesian friends, several of us went along to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for a choral afternoon held to raise money for several missionaries St. Andrew's support.

Together we sang hymns, listened to musical items (including the Indonesian choir) and learned something of the work of the missionaries.

The afternoon concluded with refreshments.

A number of our people attended a hymn singing afternoon at Mosaic (Belconnen) Baptist Church in October.

All reports I have heard say it was a wonderful time of singing and praise.

**An invitation to all who
love singing hymns**

Sponsored by Mosaic Baptist Church

#Saturday October 21st 2017 at 2pm

#NOTE: This year Hymnfest is Saturday, not Sunday afternoon

Venue:

18 Dallachy Street, Page, ACT

mosaic
BAPTIST CHURCH
(Formerly Belconnen Baptist Church)

Featuring

Visiting Soloist	Special Items
Mosaic Choir	Quiet pre-program music

Free Admission...Adequate Parking...Afternoon Tea

For more information please contact
 Mosaic Baptist Church—Phone 6254 6565 OR Look up details at www.mosaicbaptist.org.au

Many of us have been a part of the Reid Church story in the past and of course we continue to share activities with the Korean congregation that now meets there from time to time.

It was a joy to return to Reid to celebrate the opening of that church 90 years ago and remember the people who had worshipped and served their Lord there over those years.

The present Korean congregation had worked hard to make the occasion one to remember and to include as many former Reid people as they could.

Ian was invited to open the celebrations with prayer and Ruth cut the 90th Anniversary cake together with a Korean lady from the present congregation.

Other contributors to the program included former ministers and church members.

The people of Reid Church have played an important part in the spiritual (and secular) life of Canberra and we pray that they will continue to provide a strong witness for God in days, months, years and decades to come.



CELEBRATING
THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF
**REID UNITING
CHURCH**

TIME: SATURDAY, 7TH OF OCTOBER 2017,
2:30 PM

VENUE: CANBERRA KOREAN UNITING CHURCH
56 CORANDERRK ST, REID ACT

RSVP: Helene.Shin@inet.net.au by the 30th of September, 2017
or Contact: 6251 0019 or 0431 443 257 (after hours)
(please RSVP for catering purposes)

Come celebrate and share memories of our
wonderful church!





Operation Christmas Child boxes

Our OOC boxes were dedicated during our service on 3 September.

The contents of two boxes were on display at the back of the church so everyone could see the type of items children would be receiving.



Sunday, 8th October – The Hay family – iKhethelo Children's Village

We were to have welcomed Mark Warren to our service on that Sunday however he became ill and was unable to attend.

Various options were quickly considered before the suggestion was made that we contact the Hays and see if they could come and speak. They were to have come a fortnight later and to speak briefly during that service, but by coming earlier, they would have the whole service to tell us about iKhethelo and it would fill our empty preaching slot.



Janenne, Rachel and David Hay

It became clear as they each spoke that they are doing valuable work and they have established very close bonds with children living at iKhethelo - God's love in action.

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On a recent October Sunday evening we had reason to celebrate a special birthday.

Ken had recently chalked up one more year and so attained the grand old age of



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Oops. As Mr. Squiggle would say "Upside down Miss Upside down!"

By the time our photographer was ready to photograph the actual pavlova used for the celebration, it had been reduced to crumbs. It must have been a good one!



From Natasha in Glasgow, Scotland

"I am well.

We have a boy called Andrew Doyun Ahn on 7th of September. He was 3.5kg when he was born. Andrew is growing well.

Paul is the best supporter for me to recover. Paul and I, both of us are so happy to have a baby. We thank God to give us the greatest opportunity to be parents."



African BBQ
at Yarralumla Uniting Church
Denman Street

When: Saturday 28 October 2017 at 18:00
How much: Adults \$25, Kids 6-12 \$15, Kids under 6 - free
Why: Fund raising in support of Opi's work at iAfrika, offering total care and education for street boys in Nairobi, Kenya.
How to book: phone Willem at 02 6281 1406 or email at kokwil@gmail.com at the very latest by Monday 23 October for booking and payment details.



Opi Nduati from I Afrika in Kenya is visiting us on Sunday, 5-11-2017. He is in Australia telling people of the work being done in Kenya, seeking support and thanking existing supporters.

An African BBQ was arranged at Yarralumla Uniting Church to raise funds and to provide an opportunity to meet Opi and find out more about his work.

Several of our people attended, enjoyed the BBQ and fellowship and came away better informed of conditions in Nairobi, Kenya and what I Afrika is doing to address the problems of street kids there.

It was an enjoyable and informative evening.

Eating in the Fifties:

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.
Curry was a surname.
Taco? Never saw one till I was 18. Taco Bell opened.
Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.
Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.
All chips were plain.
Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking .
Tea was made using a teapot and was never green.
Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
Chickens didn't have fingers in those days. Quite often it was clucking in the yard that morning.
None of us had ever heard of yogurt.
Healthy food consisted of anything edible!
Cooking outside was called camping.
Seaweed was not a recognized food.
'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.
Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.
Prunes were medicinal and stewed.
Surprisingly Muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed. Came in fifty pound bags and the bags were printed cotton so country women could sew clothes for their kids.
Pineapples came in chunks or were round with a hole in the middle, in a tin; We had only ever seen a picture of a real one.
Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it, they would have become a laughing stock.
There were three things that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties ... Elbows, hats and mobile phones!
.....and there was always two choices for each meal...
"Take it" or "Leave it"

Chaplains

Rev. Phil Anderson - Army chaplaincy

Rev. Owen Chadwick - Universities chaplaincy

Rev. David McDonald - A.C.T. Brumbies Rugby Union team chaplaincy

Rev. David Bob Prior - Racecourse chaplaincy

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



A man on his Harley was riding along a Victorian beach road when suddenly the sky clouded above his head and, in a bounding voice, God said, "because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish."

The biker pulled over and said, "Build a bridge to Tasmania so I can ride over anytime I want."

God replied, "Your request is materialistic; think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required reaching the bottom of Bass Strait and the concrete and steel it would take! I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind."

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, "God, I wish that I, and all men, could understand women. I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means when she says nothing's wrong, why she snaps and complains when I try to help, and how I can make a woman truly happy."

God replied: "Do you want two lanes or four on that bridge?"

Thanks to Marie for finding this insightful story for us.

INDONESIAN CAROLS SERVICE

Once again we have been invited to join the Indonesian Christian Fellowship for their carols service.

It is at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Forrest, with the service first followed by a meal on Saturday, 2nd December (the day before our own carols).

It has been a wonderful time of fellowship each time we have attended which is quite a few years now.

Mark the date in your diary!



Coming Up

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 2-30 pm.

All welcome - contact Joyce for more information
Studying John

Prayer Meeting

3rd Monday of each month at 2-30 pm, usually at Marie's.
All welcome

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Coming Services

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



Pastor Opi
Nduati



Rev. Owen
Chadwick



Rev. David
McDonald



Mr. Jonathan
Harris



Rev. Michael
Pailthorpe



Rev. Bob
Prior



Mr. George
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Mr. Roy
Dallos



Rev. Phil
Anderson



Mr. Ken
Mansell



Rev. Paul
Tabulutu



Mr. Revin
Blanchard



Rev. Owen
Chadwick



Pastor Steve
Prior



Mr. Roy
Dallos



Sunday 5th November at 5pm – Pastor Opi Nduati (I Afrika, Kenya)

Sunday 12th November at 5pm – Rev. Owen Chadwick

Sunday 19th November at 5pm – Rev. David McDonald

Sunday 26th November at 5pm – Rev. Jonathan Harris (Bible Society)

Sunday 3rd December at 5pm – Rev. Michael Pailthorpe - Carol Service

Sunday 10th December at 5pm – Rev. Bob Prior

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

Sunday 24th December at 5pm – no service of our own

Sunday 31st December at 5pm – no service of our own

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Sunday 7th January at 5pm – Mr. Roy Dallos

Sunday 14th January at 5pm – Rev. Phil Anderson

Sunday 21st January at 5pm – Mr. Ken Mansell

Sunday 28th January at 5pm – Rev. Paul Tabulutu

Sunday 4th February at 5pm – Mr. Revin Blanchard

Sunday 11th February at 5pm – Rev. Owen Chadwick

Sunday 18th February at 5pm – Pastor Steve Prior

Sunday 25th February at 5pm – details later

Sunday 4th March at 5pm – Mr. Roy Dallos

Sunday 11th March at 5pm – details later

Sunday 18th March at 5pm – Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 25th March at 5pm – Rev. Jangwon Seo



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