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Canberra Christian Fellowship  
(in the Methodist Tradition)



## PLEASE NOTE !

**Canberra Christian Fellowship services resumption has been postponed due to ongoing COVID-19 uncertainty and the cold.**

**Canberra  
Aboriginal Church**



No, we haven't suddenly become commercially minded and started to take advertisements. Whatever drink you choose, whether it be Coca-Cola, Pepsi, fruit juice, milk, tea, coffee, sugar free soft drink or simply water, is fine by us.

Several of the men who founded and built up Coca-Cola had a Christian motivation in their lives and so it is interesting to see how that influenced what they did.



Dr. John Stith Pemberton gained a medical degree at age 19, his main talent being chemistry. Eventually he opened a drug store. Serving on the Confederate side in the American Civil War he was badly wounded by sabre and became addicted to morphine that was administered to relieve his pain. Trying to find a cure for his addiction he produced the drink Pemberton's French Wine Coca. This he modified, when Atlanta introduced prohibition, by replacing the wine with sugar syrup to sweeten it, - 'the ideal temperance drink'. It was first sold in 1836 'as a [soda] fountain drink rather than a medicine'.

I haven't been able to find information on Pemberton's beliefs however at his death, newspapers proclaimed him as 'the most noted physician Atlanta ever had'.

Frank Mason Robinson Pemberton, gave the syrup formula the name leaves used and Cola for the kola nuts. ... He was name in Spencerian script which ... remains one of world.'



who 'served as bookkeeper and partner to Coca-Cola, where Coca came from the coca also responsible for writing the Coca-Cola the most recognized trademarks in the

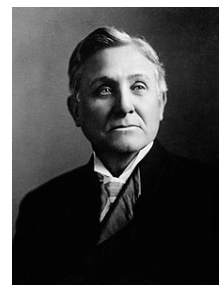
Robinson ... was responsible for the early Pemberton's control and continued when Asa 1888. In his day 'one of the best posted experts on residences which were occupied rent free by family

advertising of Coca-Cola when it was under Griggs Candler had bought the company in advertising in America', Robinson 'owned six and friends.

Robinson taught a large Bible class at the First stained glass window dedicated to his memory is above the pulpit of Peachtree Christian Church.

Christian Church of Atlanta. A large English

Asa Griggs Candler spent his youth in the Primitive Baptist Church, but later moved with his family into the Methodist Church. ... the Methodist Church of the late nineteenth century in rural Georgia was ... conservative, straight-laced, and evangelical.' 'this stern religious influence shaped Candler's character'



'Asa was religiously entrepreneurial and apparently successful in most things he tried.' This included a railway, banking and urban real estate. It was under his oversight that Coca-Cola expanded from a small operation to a national and international company.

'Asa Candler's great wealth enabled him to make large donations, frequently to projects sponsored by his Methodist denomination. His younger brother Warren Akin Candler, a Methodist bishop, advised him in these matters. Candler's best-known philanthropy was in the form of a personal check for \$1 million, donated to defray the costs of establishing Emory University in Atlanta as a Methodist institution ['so that Emory could serve as an antidote to the spiritual waywardness of Vanderbilt University.']. Over his lifetime his gifts to the university totaled about \$8 million. The Candler School of Theology at Emory was named in honor of the Candler brothers.'

It is interesting to note that a book by Mike Pendergrast about Coca-Cola is titled "For God, Country & Coca-Cola: The Definitive History of the Great American Soft Drink and the Company That Makes It".

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When a guy says he likes girls with a sense of humour, he doesn't mean that he wants a girl to be really witty and funny. He means he wants her to laugh at his jokes.

Canberra Aboriginal Church Worship Services are currently SUSPENDED.

**CAC services are planned to resume on Sunday, 6 September, 2020 at 5pm**

One day Max went to see Carl. Carl had a big swollen nose.

"Whoa, what happened, Carl?" Max asked.

"I sniffed a brose," Carl replied.

"What?" Max said. "There's no 'b' in rose!"

Carl replied, "There was in this one!"

### Prayer Points

Please pray

- for Aboriginal communities all over Australia.
- for Aboriginal pastors across the country.
- for Bible translators working to make the Bible available to Aboriginal people in their own language.
- for each other.

and give thanks for the Canberra Aboriginal Church virtual gatherings using ZOOM for around 40 minutes each Sunday from 5pm. - A time of fellowship, worship and delving into God's Word.

The Canberra Aboriginal Church currently intends resuming normal physical gatherings for worship services at Lyons on the 1st Sunday of September.



If you're tired of waiting at a restaurant, just call their number and ask if they also deliver to table 16.

### Chaplains

Please pray that as coronavirus restrictions are gradually lifted, the chaplains we particularly support will be able to follow the new paths You have set before them. - Mr. Owen Chadwick - Universities chaplaincy, Rev. Bob Prior - Racecourse chaplaincy, Rev. Paul Tabulutu - N.S.W. / A.C.T. Fijian churches



#### Devotional material



Prayer

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#### Bible Reading



Fellowship by Phone

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street.

"But, officer," the man began, "I can explain"

"Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."

"But, officer, I just wanted to say"

"And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"

A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."

While our normal services have been suspended, we have been able to look into God's Word with the assistance of printed / youtube video sermons each week by **Roy Dallos**, and another video sermon prepared for us by **Daniel Pennington of Compassion**. **Aubrey Newman** also sent us a sermon and information about **iAfrika** that was printed in The Next Step 117. Thankyou!



Mr. Roy Dallos



Mr. Aubrey Newman



Mr. Daniel Pennington