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The Next Step

Canberra Christian Fellowship
(in the Methodist Tradition)



Canberra Aboriginal Church

Also distributed to

Sunday 7th February - Mr. Revin Blanchard - Upside down ministry

To someone observing our Fellowship, we may appear as an aging congregation and it is certainly true we have plenty of people who have racked up many years of experience during their lives, however on this Sunday we had a much more youthful aspect. Kelly, Sharon, Joanne and Nikki ran the service with Revin (from Crossroads Church) preaching. Joanne's children's talk (which only lacked children) focussed on the fruits of the spirit.



Using the reading Mark 9: 30-50, Revin began by mentioning a pastors' conference. What you might imagine to be a very good and harmonious environment can be a source of sin as pastors perhaps unconsciously compare their church with those of other pastors - 'My congregation is much larger', 'we are more active in the community', 'we attract more young people', 'I'm not getting as good results as them'. Pride, smugness or a feeling of inadequacy can result. As people we want to be great and receive recognition.

Jesus redefines greatness. He told His disciples "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." [Mark 9: 35] Recognition for what you do is not His badge of greatness but servanthood.

Revin posed three questions.

Who should we minister to? - Everyone, especially the lowly.

Who should we minister with? - Jesus told his disciples "whoever is not against us is for us." [Mark 9: 40]. Ministry can take different forms and may be as simple as providing a glass of water. Ministry is not done to bring glory but to serve.

What makes quality ministry? - Our ministry should not lead others to sin, rather lead them to life and we ourselves should repent of our sin. Our ministry is not about us. We should all work together for the sake of the gospel.

We can choose between Cross-shaped ministry (serving others) and worldly, human ministry (recognition).

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Sunday 14th February - Mr. Daniel Pennington - The nature and purpose of the Church

Daniel travelled from Newcastle to represent COMPASSION and while here preached at our service.

He spoke about the Church, inspired from a study in Ephesians he did recently.

It was fascinating to hear of how God is using COMPASSION and local churches in the work of His Kingdom.



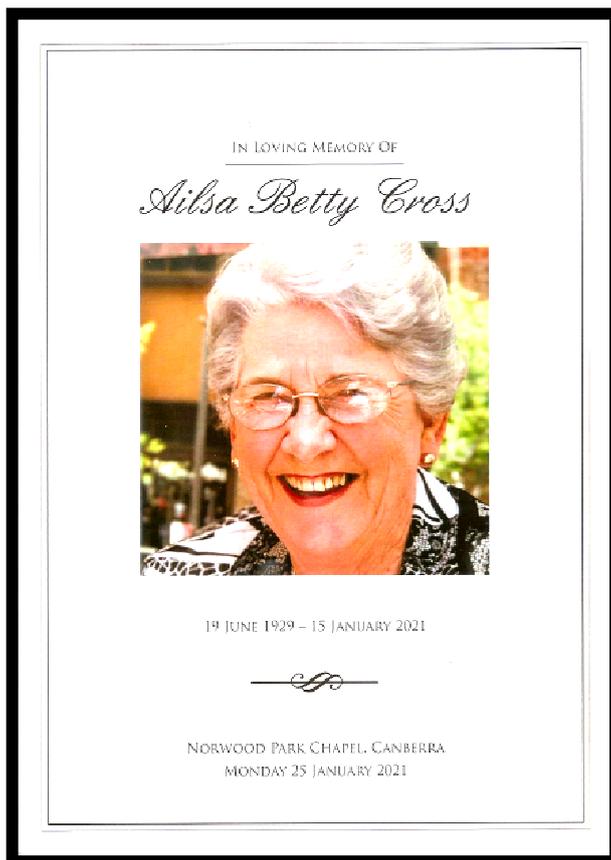
Ailsa

In mid-January we were passing of Ailsa.

She was one of our first service and was our Living at Baptist Care in attend services for the last retained an interest in what Fellowship and of our

As her faith and our Ailsa, her family wished us to This was done by means of the service. He explained his Chaplain and that he ministered to our emphasised the importance briefly stated those Christian friends present at the service stream.

Rev. Peter Nelson would he been able but was requirements.



saddened to learn of the

originals, present at our very Treasurer for some years. Griffith, she was unable to few years, however she was going on in the people.

Fellowship were important to contribute to her service. Rev. Bob Prior conducting role as a Racecourse regularly visited and congregation.

He of Ailsa's faith to her and beliefs for those family and or watching via the live

also have participated had prevented by medical

This is what I mean by getting my finances in order



Anne Warren

Some weeks ago we were glad to welcome Anne Warren who came along with her parents, Mark and Katherine. She has now started a Ministry Traineeship (MTS) with St Mark's UNEChurch (University of New England).

Anne recently graduated from UNE with 1st Class Honors, was awarded the University Medal and was snapped up as an agricultural research scientist, at which she has been working for the last two years in Tamworth.

However passionate she is about chickpeas, she is more passionate about people coming to know our Lord Jesus Christ, as evidenced by her heavy involvement in UNEChurch and leadership of the Christian student association while she was there. She is now exploring whether that is something she is gifted and called to.



Her MTS Webportal is found at <https://mts.com.au/give/anne-warren/>

Alec



Age, especially when it requires three digits, can lead to tiredness towards the end of a busy day, and so it is with Alec. As much as he would like to attend our services, he finds that after attending Church in the morning and attending to other chores of the day, he is too tired to attend a second service.

He has missed our fellowship, just as we have missed him, so it was with great pleasure he received a visit from Ruth and Ian.

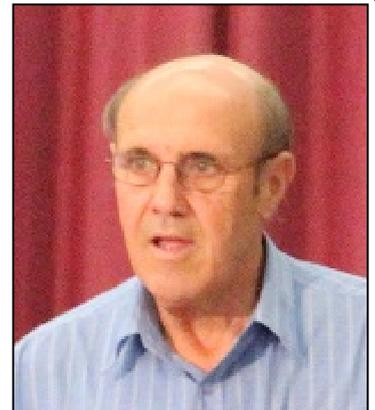
We chatted for a good long while about times past, people, places and of the Church and how our Fellowship is faring.

Warren



Many people have asked after Warren. I was able to catch up with him a week ago and can report he is well. Taking a COVID cautious approach, he and Heather are participating in worship remotely by means of the internet. They are also occupied in grandparently duties which consume a sizeable chunk of their time.

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Claudia



In the early days of our Fellowship, we met at the Campbell Gospel Chapel. Among the welcoming people there were Keith and Claudia Moulang. They were both very encouraging towards us and continued to attend some of our services even after we had moved away from the Gospel Chapel. Keith passed on in June 2017. Now Claudia has also gone to her heavenly home. She was 98.

**Claudia Noelene Mary Moulang
(nee Fripp)**

24 December 1922 - 11 February 2021

Beloved wife of Keith for 71 years (dec).
Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of
Janice and Garry,
Murray (dec), Alison and David.
Much loved Grandmother of
Christopher and Alexandra.

We invite relatives and close friends of Claudia to attend the Celebration of her life to be held in the Bluegum Chapel of Williams Cole Funerals 60 Nettleford Street, Belconnen on Monday, 22 February 2021, commencing 1:30 pm
Private burial.



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There is no doubting the appeal of getting something for free !



Services over recent weeks have included the following:



Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan



Mr. Mark Warren



Mrs. Joyce Hall



Mr. Roy Dallos



Mr. George Huang



Rev. Bob Prior



Mr. Jeff Mason



Mr. Revin Blanchard



Mr. Daniel Pennington

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Sunday 20th December - Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan - In the fullness of time

Sunday 27th December - Mr. Mark Warren -

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Sunday 3rd January - Mrs. Joyce Hall - Born Again

Sunday 10th January - Mr. Roy Dallos - Will we cross to the other side?

Sunday 17th January - Mr. George Huang - Christ the Victorious

Sunday 24th January - Rev. Bob Prior - Enjoy the fullness of the new covenant

Sunday 31st January - Mr. Jeff Mason (Scripture Union) - Put your hope in the Lord

Sunday 7th February - Mr. Revin Blanchard - Upside down ministry

Sunday 14th February - Mr. Daniel Pennington (COMPASSION) - The nature and purpose of the Church

Coming Services

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



Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan



Mr. Aubrey Newman



Mr. Roy Dallos



Mr. Jude Simion



Rev. Abraham Tang



Mr. Brett Hillam



Rev. Paul Tabulututu



Mrs. Joyce Hall



Mr. Mark Warren



Mr. Owen Chadwick



Pastor Steve Prior



Mr. David Turner



Mr. Roy Dallos



Rev. Phil Anderson



Mr. Phillip Ng

Sunday 21st February at 5pm – Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan

Sunday 28th February at 5pm – Mr. Aubrey Newman (iAfrika)

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

Sunday 14th March at 5pm – Mr. Jude Simion (Barnabas Fund)

Sunday 21st March at 5pm – Rev. Abraham Tang

Sunday 28th March at 5pm – Mr. Brett Hillam

Sunday 4th April at 5pm – Rev. Paul Tabulututu (EASTER)

Sunday 11th April at 5pm – Mrs. Joyce Hall

Sunday 18th April at 5pm – Mr. Mark Warren

Sunday 25th April at 5pm – Mr. Owen Chadwick

Sunday 2nd May at 5pm – Pastor Steve Prior

Sunday 9th May at 5pm – Mr. David Turner (Mission Without Borders)

Sunday 16th May at 5pm – Mr. Roy Dallos

Sunday 23rd May at 5pm – Rev. Phil Anderson

Sunday 30th May at 5pm – Mr. Phil Ng

The EDUCATION page

“The Immutable Laws of Nature”

- **Law of Mechanical Repair:** After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.
- **Law of Gravity:** Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place.
- **Law of Probability:** The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
- **Law of Random Numbers:** If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.
- **Law of Variable Motion:** If you change traffic lanes or checkout queues, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.
- **Law of the Bath:** When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.
- **Law of Close Encounters:** The probability of meeting someone you know increases exponentially when you are alongside someone you don't want to be seen with.
- **Law of the Damned Thing:** When you try to prove to someone that a machine or device won't work, it will.
- **Law of Biomechanics:** The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
- **Law of the Spectator:** At any theatrical, musical or sporting event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, for beer, or to the toilet and who leave before the end of the performance or game. Those who occupy the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay seated beyond the end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.
- **Law of Coffee:** As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your partner will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
- **Murphy's Law of Lockers:** When only 2 people are in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
- **Law of Plane Surfaces:** The chance that a slice of marmalade toast will land face down on a floor is directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.
- **Law of Logical Argument:** Anything is possible when you don't know what you are talking about.
- **Law of Physical Appearance:** If clothes fit, they're ugly.
- **Law of Public Speaking:** A closed mouth gathers no feet
- **Law of Commercial Marketing:** As soon as you find a product that you really like, it will cease production or the store will stop selling it.
- **Law of Psychosomatic Medicine:** If you don't feel well, make an appointment to see to the doctor and by the time you get there, you'll feel better. If you don't make an appointment you'll stay sick.

The Canberra Aboriginal Church resumed services on Sunday, 14-2-2021.

They plan to meet physically once a month on the first Sunday - 5pm at Lyons Church of Christ. Following their service their intention is to join together at a nearby club for a time of fellowship over a meal.

Between monthly services they will continue with ZOOM gatherings.

Prayer Points Please pray for the Aboriginal Church just as they are praying for us.

Chris has requested special prayer for a niece Tanya who recently suffered a breakdown. Tanya has 3 children (2 teenagers and 1 a little younger). A sister is helping provide care for them.



Tuesday Bible Study

Joyce has recommenced the Tuesday Bible Study that meets at her home (2-30pm). I was informed their first meeting after the summer break was a lovely time of study and prayer. I'm sure Joyce would welcome anyone who would like to join them.

Chaplaincy



Once upon a time Rev. Phil Anderson was an Army Chaplain and we supported him in that work through prayer. He ceased in that role when he reached the mandatory age for Army personell retirement.

Having relaxed back in to civilian life, Phil has now taken up a new role as a part-time chaplain to the Australian Federal Police and resumed his place on our chaplaincy prayer list.



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Rev. Bob Prior - Racecourse chaplaincy

Rev. Paul Tabulutu - N.S.W. / A.C.T. Fijian churches

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

