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Newsletter



News

- **This morning** Pastor Tony Ingram will bring the message, please stay for a cup of coffee or tea after the meeting.
- **The special cream tea** conducted last week with scones laced with jam and cream was a tremendous success. Many thanks to all who contributed to the Mighty Kid's Church fund by donating, and thanks to Christy and the kids for some awesome scones! Our next term of MKC starts today.
- **Martin McGrail** is busy packing up after the recent sale of his home and won't be here today. Please remember him in your prayers this week as he enters this time of transition in his life.
- **A prayer request** received from the USA for Sandi Mahlow, the wife of Phil Mahlow and daughter of Timothy II and Lavona. Sandi has had trouble with epilepsy, and we will be declaring her complete healing this morning.
- **See anything new in the church this morning?** As you may be aware there is a new message series entitled "God's Got Something Special For You!" coming soon to Ormiston CFC. The graphic for this series is a box, represented in the box that is in church this morning. The box will be opened in August, just wait until you see what's inside—and what's inside you! You're sure to be blessed by this new series.

ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

MEETING TIMES:

Sunday Morning:

Worship & Meeting: 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Mighty Kid's Church: Sunday morning 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Mid-week Bible Study / Fellowship Meetings:

Thornlands - fortnightly Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Alexandra Hills & Birkdale - weekly Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm

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Out of the mouths of babes

A father wanted to read a magazine, but was being pestered by his daughter. To keep her busy, he tore a sheet out of the magazine that had a picture of the world printed on it. He tore the picture into small pieces and said "Here, now go into the other room and see if you can put this picture of the world back together again." A few minutes goes by and he daughter appears in the room and hands him the picture all correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and ask her how she was able to fit all those little pieces of the world back together again so quickly.

"Oh" she said, "On the other side of the paper was a picture of Jesus and once I got Jesus in the right place, then the world came out alright."

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Values are important

As we all no doubt heard yesterday, our nation will go to the polls to elect the next Government on August 21. This brings us into a somewhat painful time as we are hammered from all sides by political arguments, and most candidates spend as much time slinging mud at each other as they do presenting any real agenda or policy. However, we know that this is an extremely important time for our country, and my advice is that no matter what your political persuasion, we should be prayerful and consider electing people that best represent the values that we hold dear as Believers.

Values are extremely important as a person's values usually guide their thoughts and decision making processes. People tend to make decisions in line with their sense of what is right and proper. Sometimes it's not easy to determine during an election, as many politicians will say anything to get a vote, and can change with the wind based upon the demographic or environment in which they stand at any given time.

We are reminded in scripture to honour and obey governments as they represent God's sense of authority. Romans chapter 13 speaks at some length on how a government should act, and our proper response. We know from experience that some governments don't act with the best interests of their citizens in mind, and this is often difficult for Christians as we are encouraged to pray for and honour people that in turn show no moral attributes, or who have a worldly set of values.

I'm certainly not going to tell you who I think you should vote for, although my guess is that my political views are certainly no surprise to anyone in the church. What I would like to do today is to encourage you to be thoughtful and prayerful about how you cast your vote, and look beyond the rhetoric and make your decision based on the values represented by the party or candidate seeking to represent your electorate.

We also know from the last election that some Christian values and God-centred programs are facing genuine threat from some of the parties. Ask yourself which parties want to cancel funding for the school chaplaincy program? Which candidates profess a belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Saviour of the world? Which candidates live in such a way that Christian values are openly displayed? Which candidates are pro-family? Which candidates are pro-abortion? Which candidates are advocating the legislative recognition of same sex marriage?

Many of these issues won't be making the front page of the newspapers or the television headlines on the nightly news, but they are fundamental to Christians being able to make a decision on who best represents Godly values. —Pastor Paul



A message from Tim Mander, the CEO of Scripture Union

Dear Friend,

With a change of Prime Minister and a federal election looming, it is time once again to advise your local MP of your support of school chaplaincy.

The government will not commit itself to extended funding until they receive a departmental review of the program. We have now been informed that this will not be released before the election. We are asking for a re-commitment from the government during the election campaign.

The opposition has agreed to extend the program for a further three years beyond 2011 but with no increase in funding. This is in fact a negative step as it does not take into account inflation and salary rises. The Greens do not support funding of school chaplaincy.

I believe that the email campaign we led last year directly resulted in the funding being extended until the end of 2011. Now is the time to let local MPs know that this is still an issue that is very close to our hearts and the welfare of our children. Please take a few moments to send an email right now by going to www.support.schoolchaplaincy.org.au The process is very clear and easy to follow. We would also appreciate you sending this link to all your networks. Thanks for your support of school chaplaincy. - Tim Mander, CEO Scripture Union

No Hiding the Facts: Taking advantage of a balmy day in New York, a priest and three other men of the cloth swapped their clerical garb for polo shirts and khakis and time out on the golf course. After several really horrible shots, their caddy asked, "You guys wouldn't be priests by any chance?" "Actually, yes, we are," one cleric replied. "How did you know?" "Easy," said the caddy, "I've never seen such bad golf and such clean language!"

**New Series
August 2010**

This series will look at how to unlock the awesome potential that is locked away inside you! For many believers these great gifts never see the light of day . . . But through His Spirit God wants to release you into a greater dimension of power and authority!

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