

Blackwood Church of Christ

The Weekly Messenger

8th March 2009

Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God



Bumper Issue

This one's from the 1950s

Nooma Isn't a Spot on the Moon

In our resource centre are the Nooma DVDs, now with a generous donation of 5 to our collection this completes the current set. Take the opportunity to borrow these and be prepared to be bumper challenged.

Bumper Easter Camp - Goolwa

Goolwa Oval Thursday 9th - Monday 13th of April. Come enjoy a relaxed Easter break with friends. Bring everything you need for camping (tent, food, etc). There is an expected camping cost of about \$50. Contact Greg Ratcliff for further details. There will be a Saturday evening meal, so please let Elisa Haynes know if you wish to attend this meal. This is always good value, so give it a go.

Let's Bump off Those Oleanders

This annual trip to the Flinders Ranges (Parachilna Gorge) is to undertake the systematic removal of Oleander bushes from our threatened native environment. There are two trips. Monday 27th April to Friday 8th of May and a second trip in September. Not only do some good in our world but enjoy the wonderful comraderie and good food, all in some of the most amazing surroundings on Earth. Contact Greg Ratcliff, Charlie Shears, Murray Marker or Treveor Brettig if you want a trip of a lifetime.

Life FM - Face to Face

An interview with Gay and Alan Lee about faith and the journey through cancer. Life FM 6:45pm Sunday 15th of March

Today's Reading Brought to You By:

A Friend in Need

It has come to pass that our dear friend Alone, one of our dear Sudanese members, is in need of assistance. She lives at Panorama and would like someone to help her with shopping one day a week. It is getting more difficult to carry her heavy bags home on the bus these days. So, please, if you can help let the church know.

Tents Packed, Roll on Easter

Easter camp is fast approaching and the die hards are itching to get away. Always wanted to go but don't have a tent? Then Nicola Butler has a two room tent (with pegs, poles and ropes) that needs a new home. Feel like becoming the owner? Then a donation to the church is all it takes for it to be yours.

Food for Beacon

Please not that all food left for Community Care is now part of the Beacon project. Thank you for your help.

News From Edda

BJ Mpofu of Zimbabwe is thankful for the COCOA-donated truck which is being used to deliver loads of meal to all areas of Zvishavane. This food was sent from South Africa. Also a ton of beans bought by Kiwilink was trucked to the people in the rural areas and along the Harare Road. It was used, too, to carry the timber and roofing materials to Chibi Church.

At Khayelihle Children's Village, two holes were drilled - one hit dust, but the other produced a good water supply.

Due to the chaos in the economy and the currency being less useful, only seven holes out of a possible 10 were drilled.

"Your prayers are what we need at this point in time."

The Big Day Out of C of C

Convention 2009 will be held Monday 11th May to Saturday 16th May. Mark this year's convention in your diaries now. These get together are always informative, proactive, and dare I say it, fun.

This Musical Just Bumps Along

Return 2009 season of The Power of His Love, a dramatic resurrection musical (I kid you not). This remarkable show runs from 28th/29th March and 4th/5th of April - 3pm/8pm at the Adelaide Congress Hall, 277 Pirie Street. Adults \$17, concession \$15 and children (14 and under) \$10. Group discounts available. On site parking. For bookings call 0431 937 851

Don't Bin it, Sell it at our Giant Garage Sale.

With the tentative date for early October in mind it is now time to squirrel away all those unwanted, but still good things, for the giant church garage sale.

Save up your stuff my dear people. A sale is coming so we want to make it a good one.

On the Rebound the Bounce Returns for 09 Board Gurus

Yes, my dear eager fans and stalwarts of the basketball, the Winter season thus approaches and once more the Blackwood teams will head to the baskets to score two points. Anyone interested in playing, coaching or umpiring (those black and white stripes are just so cute) please contact Andrew Knight, Derrilee Yaeger or Cheryl Slade by 15th March. Please let the people mentioned know of your intentions so teams can be organised. Andrew - 0418 822 440, Derrilee - 0438 014 455 and Cheryl - 0413 182 735. Right, hit the boards, there be work to do.

From the Wise Old One

These are actual typos from ecclesiastic notice sheets:

1. Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I Shall Not Pass This Way Again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
2. The Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals
3. Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help

Blokes' Breakfast

1st Saturday of the month at 7:30am

Sunday Roast

1st Sunday of the month after the Church service

Coffee 'n' Chat

1st Tuesday of the month from 10:30am at Cafe Primo

Women in Prayer

1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm

Sewing Group

3rd Tuesday of the month from 9am

Friendship Centre

Every Wednesday during school term from 1pm

Bookworms

Last Friday of the month from 1:30pm

Is the Trolley Really Just a Bumper Car?

So far this financial year, our little grey nomad has raised \$1250.95 towards the work of the church. Well done all suppliers and buyers. Please note that half of these funds will go to the Fregon team.

Forever Young at 90

Gwen Moore celebrated her 90th Birthday with a family picnic. Well done Gwen, now it's time to party.

Mere Men, or Are They?

Sunday 15th of March, starting at 10am on the Semaphore foreshore is the 2009 Man Alive Festival. Hosted by Graeme Goodings this festival promotes the good health of men and their value in today's society. Come hear live music, have a go at the 'Fling a thong' contest, rock wall climb, the Fly Wall and trampolining. Enjoy the classic car display, giant puppets and the Man Alive 2009 awards, plus much, much more. This a FREE festival with fun for all the family, so bring your man and make him feel wanted for a day. As someone often compared to Homer Simpson I just hope they sell hamburgers and fries, good healthy stuff for us blokes. D'OH!

New Faces Bring a Smile. And a Cuppa of Course

Welcome to visitors to the church, thank you for dropping in and sharing in the words of Jesus and the life of our church family. After the service please stay and have a chat with the people here, they are friendly, encouraging and very good listeners. Who knows, you just might make a new friend.

See a new face in the crowd? Why not buy them a cuppa and share a moment together?