

Focus on Today's News

Unity

A friend once said to me about Churches of Christ “that’s a great set of ideals, if you can live up to it.” I had to agree and acknowledge that we haven't always done so well.

Unity has been essential to Churches of Christ since day one it has been our polar star, our guiding light. Unity between Christian denominations, within churches and between individuals. Unity has meant cooperation, fellowship and openness to brothers and sisters of different churches. Unity has meant welcoming all ‘who have the Lord’ to our communion table (this was a radical concept 200 years ago when doctrinal boundaries were far more rigid). In some cases unity has meant union or merger with other denominations, especially in Thailand, parts of India, New Zealand, UK and the US. Churches of Christ have often been at the forefront of discussions about unity and cooperation.

The truth is “unity is easier said than done”, in some parts of the world a century ago Churches of Christ began to divide into three separate branches. Some of us can remember decades ago one local church became two, some of us are aware of brothers and sisters who didn't go on. The truth is we are human but Jesus prayed that we would be one (John 17:21).

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11th October 2009

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Today

Next Sunday

9:30am SoulCare
Tina Phillips
“What we believe: Christ”

9:30am Praise and Communion
Richard Oakes
“Unity”

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30pm Korean Community

7:00pm Connect @ 7
Steve Deuble
“Movie #1”

9:30am SoulCare
Tina Phillips
“What we believe: Bible”

9:30am Praise and Communion
Richard Oakes
“Bible”

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30pm Korean Community

7:00pm Connect @ 7
Tina Phillips
“Movie #2”

MOWING ROSTER

17th October 2009

Tom Bain

Prayer Hotline

9487 3918

Hanna Dijkstal

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with the greatest respect.

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Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations

Deadline for all office requests are due by **Friday 9am**.

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How do we do it?

1. Forgive as Jesus commanded (Matthew 6:11)
2. Make every effort to keep unity (Ephesians 4:3ff)
3. Respect one another's differences (1 Peter 3:15)
4. Listen to one another, bear with one another (1 Cor 13)
5. Pray before you speak (James 4:1-3)
6. Listen first then speak (James 1:19)
7. Speak gently to one another (Proverbs 15:1)
8. Recognise your own faults (Matthew 7:3)
9. Love those who persecute you (Matthew 5:44)
10. Allow yourself to be judged, the way you judge others (Matthew 7:1)

Praying and working for unity,

—Richard

Tryon Rd, Lindfield Uniting Church

and

Killara District Christian Education Association

are thrilled to bring you in concert



The Sydney Welsh Choir

Presenting a varied and wonderful repertoire of Welsh song and music from Bach to Bacharach

Saturday 24th October 2009

2:00pm

Tryon Rd, Lindfield Uniting Church

See noticeboard for details

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the 3 young people baptized at our Korean service last week.
- Praise God for the rain, and pray that it is reaching the areas of NSW that need it the most.
- Praise God for the life of His servant Graeme Varcoe and Oz Todd.
- Pray for those who grieve; the Varcoe and Todd families.
- Pray for the HSC students Zoe and Ebony.
- Pray for the Cathcart family, who are on long service leave.

Live Learn Love

One way that we can encourage one another is through prayer. We want to pray for encouragement, protection, family relationships and God's blessing on these families this week...

This week please pray for:

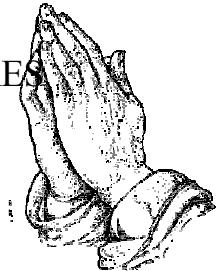
MONDAY: Richard, Janet, Natalie and Matthew OAKES

TUESDAY: John, Christine, David and Samuel PARK

WEDNESDAY: Barton and Arlette PERKINS

THURSDAY: Mae PETTERSON

FRIDAY: Nathan, Tina, Kaiden and Micah PHILLIPS



Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plan to give you hope and a future.”



Sycamore

young adults

CHURCH

Wednesday 7pm

www.climbsycamore.com

Asia Pacific Emergency Appeal

Churches of Christ

In extraordinary circumstances with three tragedies happening one on top of the other COCOA has launched the Asia Pacific Emergency Appeal. If you feel led to give to this cause please go to the website: www.inpartnership.org.au. Background info and a response form are also available on this website.

Prayer Requests

For prayer requests you can email Hanna < Hanna@ecomtel.com.au > so that the team of prayers can uphold you in prayer.

Our church family extends our deepest sympathy to Norma Todd and all her family, on the sudden passing of Os last Sunday. We are certain he is forever with the Lord he knew and loved. A memorial service will be conducted in our church probably on the 19th of October, Monday.

ELDERS' REPORT

As elders, we are facing real challenges in the weeks ahead, recognising how much Graeme Varcoe contributed to the eldership, and that we are already missing Stephen who has only been gone one week! We are very grateful for John Saxby who has agreed to join us for the weeks until Stephen returns, to give us guidance with his many years of experience as an elder.

The elders meet the second and fourth Monday evenings. The second Monday is for a time of prayer for the matters of the church and the church family. The fourth Monday is for business issues. This week we discussed the following issues:

- After a time of prayer for the needs of the congregation, we discussed who might be in a position to oversee the ongoing work in the White House until Peter Cippolone returns October 24. Several names were suggested, each of whom will be contacted, to see if they will oversee the work. We would like to see the work progress if at all possible.
- A couple of problems were mentioned as needing the attention of someone from the Management Team. These issues were the data projector in the hall and the computer upstairs. The Management Team will be asked to take care of these.
- Graeme Varcoe placed a very significant part in the Kids Alive program on a Sunday morning. We will be meeting with the team of teachers and helpers to encourage them as they continue in this vital ministry.

Please feel free to talk to any of the elders if you have a concern or comment. We are Ivan Joyce, Tom Bain, Chris Joyce, John Saxby and Loida Dart