



This Sunday @ BCUC

10th June

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Pastor Mark Schultz
10:30am Café : Ben Randall

1 Sam 8:4-11; Psalm 138; **2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35**

Sunday 10th June 2018

WELCOME

*Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service,
so that we can get to know each other better.*

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Monday 11th June

holiday : Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 12th June

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis
9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 13th June

7:45am Prayer Meeting
9:00am Kitchen Cleaning Bee
9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 14th June

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew
12noon Friendship Club
6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry
7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 15th June

1:30pm Memorial Service for
Judith Burnett
7:00pm Youth Group

Next Sunday @ BCUC

17th June — Communion

A Divine Makeover

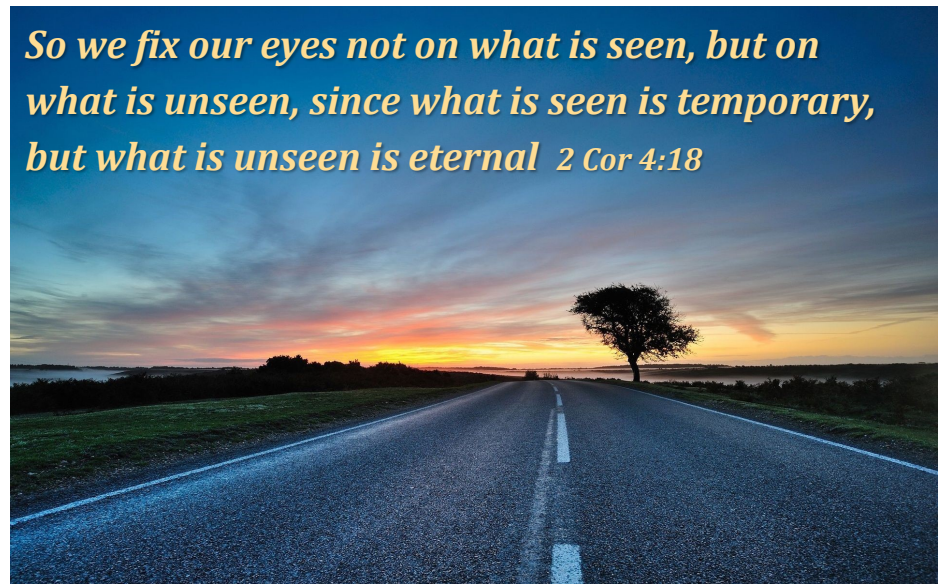
9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Rev Rob Williams
10:30am Café : Ian Olver

1 Sam 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; **2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17; Mark 4:26-34**

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

If you require more information please contact the church office or visit our website.

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***So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on
what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary,
but what is unseen is eternal 2 Cor 4:18***

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Passionately Engaged in Mission



THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM GARY

Prayer: Our Deepest Longing

When a doctoral student at Princeton asked, "What is there left in the world for original dissertation research?" Albert Einstein replied, "Find out about prayer. Somebody must find out about prayer."

Prayer is universal because it speaks to some basic human need. As Thomas Merton put it, "Prayer is an expression of who we are... We are living incompleteness. We are a gap, an emptiness that calls for fulfilment."

When I interviewed people about prayer, typically, the results went like this. Is prayer important to you? Oh, yes. How often do you pray? Every day. Approximately how long? Five minutes- well maybe seven. Do you find prayer satisfying? Not really. Do you sense the presence of God when you pray? Occasionally, not often. Many of those I talked to experienced prayer more as a burden than a pleasure. They regarded it as important, even paramount, and felt guilty about their failure, blaming themselves.

Why does prayer rank so high in theoretical importance and so low in terms of actual satisfaction? Everywhere, I encountered the gap between prayer in theory and prayer in practice. In theory prayer is the essential human act, a priceless point of contact with the God of the universe. In practice prayer is often confusing and fraught with frustration. Why?

Advances in science and technology no doubt contribute to our confusion about prayer... In much of the world modern scepticism taints prayer... Prosperity may dilute prayer too... Time pressures crowd out prayer. Where does God fit into a life that already seems behind schedule?

My main qualification for writing about prayer is that I feel unqualified- and genuinely want to learn. God will find a way to fulfil that deepest longing. The psychiatrist Gerald May observed, "After twenty years of listening to the yearnings of people's hearts, I am convinced that human beings have an inborn desire for God. Whether we are consciously religious or not, this desire is our deepest longing and most precious treasure." Surely, if we are made in God's own image, God will find a way of responding to that deepest longing. Prayer is that way.

If prayer stands as the place where God and human beings meet, then I must learn about prayer.

(Condensed and adapted from "Prayer" by Philip Yancey, Chapter 1)

Memorial Service of Thanksgiving

for the Life of Judith Burnett. **Friday June 15th**, 1:30pm at BCUC.

Family Fun @ 5

is on **Saturday June 23rd**. We hope that families and helpers will book the date! Spread the word to friends and family. Signup sheets are located in the foyer. If you have any questions see Heather Walraven or Chris Lake.

Thank You...

to those who donated goods for Packing Day. A carload of items was delivered to Athelstone U.C. where they were sorted and packed for transporting to the Northern Territory.

— *from the Mission Focus Group*

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Sunday June 10th, 12noon until 2.30pm. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Chicken & Salad plus a fruit platter. Please see Anita Wheaton for more information.

UnitingWorld

is currently running a June campaign to fund their projects in East & West Timor, Indonesia, India, and Zimbabwe. For every one dollar given, the Australian Government adds five dollars. Envelopes are on the table in the foyer.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

A reminder that for those travelling on the bus to the "Holiday Inn" performance at the Arts Theatre on June 16th, the bus will be leaving the council car park at 7.00 pm.

Youth Group Bake Off

The Youth Group will be meeting on **Friday June 15th** at 7:00pm for a Birthday Cake bake off. Contact Ben Randall for further information.

Clean the Kitchen!

The Women's' Ministry Group invites anyone who cares to assist us to attend in the church kitchen from 9am on **Wednesday June 13th** for a cleaning bee. Please contact Jocelyn 8193 0309 if you require further information.

Oodnadatta Church Building Appeal

Donations can be made by EFT direct to: BSB - 704095, Account # - 193668, Account name - "Oodnadatta Building Fund".

On Leave

Gary Stuckey will be on leave from Sunday June 10th to Saturday June 17. For any urgent enquiries during this time please contact Rob Williams.

Personal Prayer

Prayer is available after the 10:30 service in the Café.

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Stuart MacAdam at info@burnsidecityuc.org.au no later than 12noon on Tuesday