This Sunday @ BCUC

10th March - First Week of Lent : The Cross and Us

Believe and be Saved 9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Rob Williams

> We are Justified 10:30am Café : Rev Dr Benji Callen

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2,9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 11th March

7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 12th March 9:30am Ladies Table Tennis 9:30am Playgroup 10:00am House Group

Wednesday 13th March 7:45am Prayer Meeting 9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 14th March 9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew 12noon Friendship Club 6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry 7:30pm Choir practice

Saturday 16th March 12noon Saturday Friendship Club

Sunday 17th March 12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

17th March - Communion The Cross and Us

We are Justified (Romans 3:19-26, 4:25) 9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Dr Benji Callen

> Believe and be Saved 10:30am Café : Rev Rob Williams

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

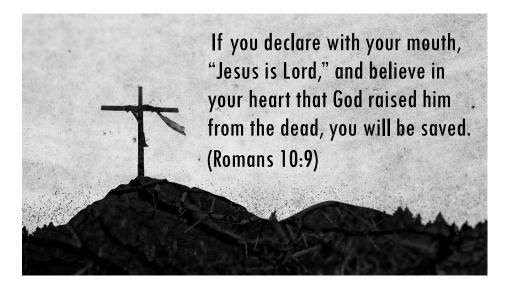
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Sunday 10th March 2019

WELCOME

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



Ministry Team Contacts

Minister: Rev Dr Benji Callen

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Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



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Passionately Engaged in Mission

A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

Bart Ehrman, a modern agnostic atheist who has spent years studying the historical Jesus from a position of non-Christian, concludes: "He [Jesus of Nazareth] certainly existed, as virtually every competent scholar of antiquity, Christian or non-Christian, agrees", and also "the crucifixion of Jesus on the orders of Pontius Pilate is the most certain element about him".

It's how we understand what happened at the crucifixion and three days afterwards that defines our Christian faith.

Its also historical fact that within a few months of Jesus death, his small group of friends began the extraordinary claim that their leader has risen from the dead, that he was the son of God, the long-awaited messiah and that he rose again to save all people. The early church understood this event as a universe changing action of God's grace and love. They began writing letters to newly forming churches trying to understand and explain how Jesus death and resurrection brings salvation to all. We can read about it today mostly in Paul's letters, 1 Peter, Hebrews, Johns letters and throughout the four gospels.

If you have ever wondered what it actually means when we hear the words "Jesus died to save us from our sins" and why that's important to us then these next few weeks are for you. The death and resurrection of Jesus is so momentous that New Testament writers use lots of images and layered words to help describe its meaning, often drawing from terms familiar to the people of the day. In the lead up to Easter this year at BCUC we will delve into some of these explanations. Words like salvation, righteousness, redemption, reconciliation and sacrifice. We hope that we will gain greater understanding of just how amazing the cross is for us and the world. Then by the time Easter comes we can't help but praise God! So in preparation start by reading through Romans and look to see how many times these words (and their variants) appear. Let's get ready to learn more deeply together.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Pancake Day

Today between services – wonderful, delicious pancakes, jams, maple syrup and cream. Your coin donation will assist the work of Uniting Communities.

Lent : The Cross and Us

Beginning today, and throughout Lent, we will be using our sermons to explore the theme of the cross and what it means for us in our lives. We will be looking at this theme through the eyes of different New Testament writers.

Non Geographic Presbytery Information Night

Teams, Leaders, and Council members are invited to join Benji and Rob in attending an info night at Playford UC on **Tuesday 19 March** to find out all about the vision and heart of the New NGP. This event will help to inform our conversations as we consider whether the NGP is the right home for BCUC in the new Presbytery Restructure. Please RSVP to our admin email address.

Family Fun @ 5

is on April 6th This is advance notice so that you can book the date! The theme is "*Why is Easter so exciting?*" As Easter is in the holidays this year, we are not having FF@5 on Good Friday but on April 6th.

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Today, 12noon until 1:30pm. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The next meeting is on Saturday **March 16**. The speaker is Eva Temple : "My Unbelievable Survival Story". Usual time of 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Please bring a basket supper. All visitors welcome.

KCO Update

KCO is nearly here. Registrations close on **13th March** so please don't delay. Remember to use the discount code 'burnside' and there will be no cost. Lisa Price has the iron transfers for our yellow T-shirts, so catch her on Sunday morning.

Thanks for the monetary donations. The sparkly KCO cash box will be on the morning tea table on the 10th and 17th. A form for donations of cakes and biscuits will be in the foyer and... thanks so much for your never-ending prayers.

Easter Puppet Show in Local Schools

The Easter Play in schools this year will be an interactive puppet show. We need volunteers in March to help make props. During the performances in schools in the first or second week of April, we need child-safe helpers and people to help set up and pack up. As always, we also need people to pray! If you have some experience using a puppet, we would also love to hear from you!! Rehearsals are only required for the puppeteer and the main presenter. Please contact Ally at 0432 144 912 or alisonelrussell@gmail.com as soon as possible if you can help!

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Stuart MacAdam at admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au no later than 10am on Wednesday