



**This Sunday @ BCUC**

**26th August — BCUC Anniversary**

***Living Life to the Full***

9:30am Anniversary Service : Rev Dr. Gary Stuckey

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; **Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12;**  
Ephesians 6:10-20; **John 6:56-65**

**Sunday 26th August 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 27th August***

10:00am mainly music

***Tuesday 28th August***

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

***Wednesday 29th August***

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

***Thursday 30th August***

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:30pm Choir practice

***Sunday 2nd September***

12noon Prayer Meeting

**Next Sunday @ BCUC**

**2nd September - Frontier Services**

***Sowing the Seeds***

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Peter Morris

10:30am Café : Tim Andrew

Songs 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2. 6-9; James 1:17-27;

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23; **Mark 4:1-20**

Prayer Requests: [prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au](mailto:prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au)

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***A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,***

***Passionately Engaged in Mission***

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

### A MESSAGE FROM GARY

#### Living Life to the Full

One of the major themes of John's Gospel is life. John introduces this theme in the first few verses of his Gospel: "*All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life.*" And it comes near the end when John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: "*...These are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*"

All through the Gospel the theme of life emerges. Perhaps the best known reference is John 10:10: "*I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*" The word used there for abundant means, 'over and above' ... 'more than necessary' ... 'superadded' ... 'supreme'.

Yet many people do not experience life in this way. Perhaps they experience life more like it seems Philip Adams does: "*To me the universe is meaningless. There is no destiny, no author of creation. To me life is just a brief flash in infinite darkness.*"

Perhaps part of the problem is with the word life itself. What is one word in English is at least three words in the Greek (the language of the New Testament). The first word is *bios* from which we derive our word biology. It is to do with the mechanics of life: eating, resting, reproducing. The second word is *psyche* from which we get psychology. It refers to the life of the mind and the emotions. Both of these are seen in the Christian tradition as good and necessary. But they are not enough for the fullness of life. So we have a third word *zoe*. It doesn't translate into any common English word. But it is the word used when Jesus talks about life abundant or the fullness of life. It is a word which suggests the very life of God lived in and through us. To ignore this dimension is to live a diminished life.

We might call this deeper dimension of life the life of the soul or the spirit. So says John in his Gospel, open yourself to the deeper dimensions of life, allow the very life of God to come alive in you, for therein is the fullness of life. Or as the saint of old, Augustine said, "*You have made us for yourself and our souls are restless until they rest in You.*"

#### Anniversary Service — Today

9:30am Combined Service  
10:30am Morning Tea  
11am Chats Live  
12pm Shared Lunch

#### Library Book Giveaway

Have a browse at the BCUC Library's Book Giveaway in the foyer **today** and next Sunday, **September 2**.

#### Hizbiz a Men's Group

All gentlemen welcome to share a 12 noon lunch at the Marryatville Hotel on Tuesday **August 28**. Contact Leigh if attending on 8379 5398 or email leighduffett1@gmail.com.

#### Family Fun @ 5

will be on Saturday **September 22**. Family Fun @ 5 is for children & their families. Craft and games are followed by an interactive story and a meal. Free. Book the date and tell your friends & family.

#### Monday Day Fellowship

Our next meeting is Monday **September 3** at 1.30 pm. The speaker will be retired cardiologist Dr Robert Waltham who will discuss the topic of "How long will we live?". We encourage all members to attend and invite a friend. Ruth Daws, Coordinator.

#### A Season of Prayer – Week 3 of 6

You are invited to join with other UC congregations in the NE suburbs in a Season of Prayer. Its purpose is to help us grow in our life of prayer. This week's theme is "***The pattern for prayer Part 1***". Video links for each week can be found on the home page of the BCUC website. The presenter is well known Christian author Rick Warren (The Purpose Driven Life, 40 Days of Prayer etc.).

#### Church Council Meeting

Tuesday **August 28**. 6:30pm devotions 7:00pm meeting held in the Beaumont Room on the first floor. All invited to attend this meeting to observe. Previous CC minutes available at reception.

#### Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Sunday **September 9**, 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.

#### Global Leadership Summit

This year the GLS will be held at Seeds Uniting Church at Aberfoyle Park on **October 26 & 27**. If you would like to attend the GLS please RSVP to Deb at [admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au](mailto:admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au) no later than Monday **August 27**.

Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Stuart MacAdam at [info@burnsidecityuc.org.au](mailto:info@burnsidecityuc.org.au) no later than 10am on Wednesday