This Sunday @ BCUC Combined Service - 9:30am **BLESS : Surprising the World** Rev Dr Benji Callen Colossians 4:2-6; 1 Peter 3:15-16

Lectionary : Acts 9:1-6,(7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 6th May

10:00am mainly music 12:50pm Monday Day Fellowship 7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 7th May

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis 9:30am Playgroup 2:00pm BCUC Cares

Wednesday 8th May 7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting 1:30pm Women's Ministry

Thursday 9th May 9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew 12noon Friendship Club 12noon Pastoral Contact Mtg 6:oopm Worship & Music Ministry 7:30pm Choir practice

Friday 10th May all day alarm testing

Sunday 12th May 12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

12th May

EAT : Changing the world one meal at a time ^a Luke 14:1, 7-14; Matthew 9:9-13 9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Café: Rev Dr Benji Callen 10:30am Classic: Rex King

Lectionary : Acts 9:1-6,(7-20); Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

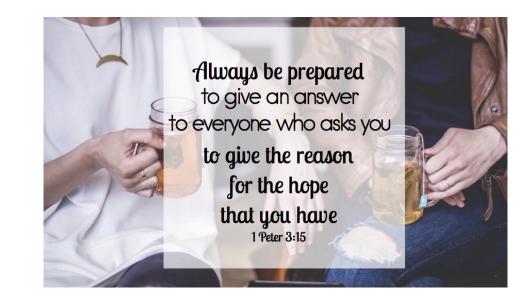
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Sunday 5th May 2019

WELCOME

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



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Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



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A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

If I said "over the next five weeks we are doing a series on 'evangelism'", does your stomach churn? In your head you may think "yes I know that's important", yet you may get nervous thinking about it, maybe even offended.

"Does this mean Benji is going to tell us to talk to our neighbours and friends about Jesus in every conversation and be one of those 'uber' Christians - passionate but kind of annoying?"

Some people are gifted evangelists which means they can bring Jesus into any conversation. They pray before boarding a plane that they can sit next to someone and help bring them into a relationship with Jesus. Many of us want to run from that idea. We are all called to be witnesses to our faith, to always be able to give an account of the hope that we have. This series called "Surprise the World" is about living a Christian life that is different to the rest of the world's - a life that is attractive and Gospel focussed. It's about sharing Jesus love in words and actions. Each week there will be homework! Fun, easy to apply homework. I'd love to hear stories of how it goes. The five weeks are based on the anagram B.E.L.L.S. Bless, Eat, Listen, Learn and Send.

This week the homework is to be a blessing to people. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind ways you can bless someone. Ideally, be a blessing to someone within the church and outside the church. It may be as simple as bringing them a coffee or helping them with a lift to the airport. Being people who follow Jesus means we are salt and light to the world. We aim to be the type of citizens everyone wants in their street. We are generous and a blessing to many. May God give you insight and overflowing love in this week's challenge.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Combined Service - TODAY

9:30am Combined Service 10:30am Morning Tea 11:00am Chats Live 12:00pm Shared Lunch

Surprise the World! The Five Habits of Highly Missional People

TODAY we will be starting a sermon series based on Michael Frost's book 'Surprise the Word!'. The book simplifies the way of Jesus for our world today and teaches how to share our faith in surprisingly simple ways. We are also promoting a church-wide small group study based on this book.

Please sign up in the foyer after the service to join a discussion group, and pick up a copy of the discussion guide for this study. The book can also be purchased there at a cost of \$10.

Community Fete

BCUC Junior Church will be holding a Community Fete on **Sunday May 26** and we would really appreciate your support in our effort to raise funds for Backpacks 4 SA Kids. You can help by taking part in the car boot sale, baking and selling goods, volunteering, donating raffle prizes, or inviting friends for a fun afternoon. More details can be found in the flyer available in the foyer.

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Cancelled on May 12 for Mother's Day.

Monday Day Fellowship

May 6. Bus trip to the Repat Museum followed by coffee and cake at Carmelite. Be at the church at 12:50pm. Cost \$22.

Mothers' Day Gift Wrapping

On Wednesday **May 8** at 1.30pm the Women's Ministry group will be gift wrapping for Mothers' Day. There will be approximately 100 gifts for residents of Estia and Clayton Church Home aged care facilities. Please bring wrapping paper and ribbons. New, donated items can be left at reception for Di or Jocelyn before the 8th. Included items: socks, bed socks, shower caps, soap, coat hangers, combs, note pads & pens, pocket tissues, playing cards, hand cream, magnets, small vases. The afternoon will conclude with afternoon tea.

Police Checks

All regular volunteers at BCUC need to have completed a nationally coordinated criminal history check. A form for this is available **TODAY** in the fover at the "Surprise the World" table. After receiving your clearance, it is important to provide a copy to Stuart for our records. Note that your clearance expires after three years. Currently 59 volunteers and employees have valid clearances and 23 have expired clearances. If your clearance has expired, or if you have not yet obtained one, please pick up the form today. If we don't have a copy of your clearance please email or deliver one to Stuart in the office or on any Sunday.

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