



This Sunday @ BCUC

9th September

Unexpected outcomes – the gospel will not be silent

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Rev. Trevor Klar
10:30am Café : Peter Morris

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

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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 10th September

10:00am mainly music

Tuesday 11th September

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

Wednesday 12th September

7:45am Prayer Meeting
9:15am Mission Focus Group
9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 13th September

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

Saturday 15th September

7:15pm Saturday Night Friendship Club

Sunday 16th September

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

16th September - Communion

Following Jesus in Tough Times^a

9:00am Contemporary and 10:30am Classic : Rev. Rob Williams

Just don't tell anyone – the gospel will speak^b

10:30am Café : Rev. Trevor Klar

Proverbs 1: 20-33; Psalm 19^b; James 3:1-12; **Mark 8:27-38^{ab}**

Prayer Requests: 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 TREVOR KLAR

Our cat is quirky. At night if it is outside it scratches to come in and then trots to the laundry where it expects you to shut it in for the rest of the night. It likes feeling safe from those other pesky animals and would never just go into the laundry of its own volition.

Humans like to feel safe. People like doors that lock and we like regular routines for our life. We feel safe when we put the toast in the toaster at 7.30am, and we like the same faces on our television news (will SBS be the same without Lee Lin Chin?). We like to know what we will be doing each day in the coming week.

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the wildness of the gospel – it challenges our safety focussed lives. The wildness of the gospel was an issue in Jesus day. Jesus knew that it could/would explode in the Judaic community. In Marks gospel – and we see clear examples in this week's gospel reading – he tries to order people into silence, but fails. The exciting change the gospel has brought into their lives just has to be shared. In John's gospel there are similar issues, but there the better description is that the story goes wild. Think of the Blind Man or the woman at the well. Each of them is calling all to come see, to hear what has happened to them. The story has overtaken their reserve and they will not be silent.

In our lives it seldom feels there is a wild gospel seeking to force us out. Have we tamed the gospel, finding ways to "avoid extremes" or not go to the risky places where we feel ill-equipped. We have settled for a quiet Christian life. CS Lewis in the Narnia Chronicles insists over and again that the Lion (Aslan) is not tame and that being in his presence is dangerous.

I know that if we come close to God we will be called to risky faith, faith that challenges us and demands our all. I remember a delightful lady called Jess who at 76 set off to England to be a house mother for the children of missionaries. She was blessed enormously, but many did not understand her journey.

So let us go with the risky gospel, to be like the Pevensy children always looking for Aslan to appear in their story and transform the world around them; and transform them.

A Season of Prayer – Week 5 of 6

You are invited to join with other UC congregations in a Season of Prayer. Its purpose is to help us grow in our life of prayer. This week's theme is "**Praying for a Breakthrough**". 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.

Special Meeting

In response to an issue raised at CHATS Live on August 26, we will be holding a meeting on **September 19** at 7:00pm. Those concerned about the UCA Assembly's decision on same gender marriage are invited to this meeting to discuss their concerns with Church Council.

Giving 2018/19

At the CHATS Live forum on August 20, three pamphlets were distributed outlining giving proposals. If you did not receive these, please ask the Worship Hosts for copies.

Saturday Night Friendship Club

For our next meeting on **September 15**, Dr Stephen Carthew will be giving a presentation on the underrated Sir Hubert Wilkins. Stephen has a great knowledge of Sir Hubert. 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Basket supper. Visitors welcome.

Family Fun @ 5

Saturday September 22nd 5-7pm

A Reminder for families to come and bring friends! Can you help with the running of FF@5? Can you come at 4:00-7:15pm or part of the time? In the kitchen, with craft, talking to families, setting up and cleaning up. Please sign up on the forms in the foyer after church. If you have any questions, speak to Leonie, Heather or Chris.

Community Outreach - Help Needed Staff Appreciation Tea, Marryatville HS

BCUC is hosting a Staff Appreciation Morning Tea at Marryatville High School. Please help support this event by providing a plate of savoury or sweet items. Deliver your food items to BCUC on **Wednesday September 12** between **8:30am** and **10:00am**.

Introduction to the Psalms

– Praise, Lament and Thanksgiving

Presenter

Dr Liz Boase, Uniting College

Night Session

Wednesday October 3, 7:30 – 9pm

Repeat Afternoon Session

Wednesday October 10, 2 – 3:30pm

An initiative of BCUC

Pastoral Contact Afternoon Tea

Members serving as a Pastoral Contact are invited to an appreciation afternoon tea at BCUC at 2:30pm, **October 7**. Ian Olver will be speaking on the topic "What I learned from people with Cancer". This will be a very informative afternoon and we encourage you to attend. Please RSVP to Ruth, Di, or Marie by October 2.

Drought Support Appeal

Please give generously to the Frontier Services Drought Support Appeal in today's retiring offering using the box at the door. Ends today.

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