

TODAY @ BCUC

Sunday 13th July

9am Contemporary & 10.30am Cafe: Rev. Matthew Bond

10:30am Classic: Anneke van de Loo

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Following Jesus brings us patience'

UPCOMING WEEK @ BCUC

Tuesday 15th July

9.30am Ladies Table Tennis

Wednesday 16th July

7.45am Weekly Prayer

Meeting

7.00pm Young Adults

Thursday 17th July

10am Craft, Chat & Sew

12pm Friendship Club

7pm Choir Practice

Friday 18th July

5pm WAMM

Saturday 19th July

7:30pm Saturday Friendship Club

NEXT WEEK @ BCUC

Sunday 20th July Communion

9am Contemporary & 10.30am Classic: Rev Matthew Bond

10:30am Cafe: Linda

Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25 'Following Jesus brings us faithfulness'

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

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Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

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WEEKLY NEWS

WELCOME

We have Connect Team members to welcome new people at each service who will introduce you to our church and assist you in any way they can. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee, so that we can get to know you better.

Spirited Generosity : 50 days to go! Half way there.....



During the second half of August, we will be running a short, 3 week series of small group studies called "Imagining Hope". This is an integral part of our Spirited Generosity program, and we encourage everyone in our church to take part in these 3 studies. If you are already a member of a small group, then you can take part in the "Imagining Hope" studies via your small group.

If you are not a member of a group, we encourage you to sign up for one of the groups specifically being set up for 3 weeks for studying the "Imagining Hope" series. Please check your diary and be ready to sign up next week to be a part of a new "Imagining Hope" small group!

Watch this space for more information every week, or you can check out our website or talk to the members of our facilitation team (Matthew, Linda, Valerie Aloa, Andrew Pruszinski, Christine You).

GODLY PLAY COMES TO BURNSIDE

On July 23rd Godly Play launches at BCUC. This is an Early Beginnings Montessori Program and a Member of the Playgroup Association of SA. Sessions are Wednesday and Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm. Contact: Tonia 0432 378 219 or Kerry

Godly Play Australia



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Passionately Engaged in Mission



THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

**Sunday July 13th, 12pm ,Seniors
Second Sunday Lunch.** Come & join us for fellowship, fun & food. \$5 lunch of chicken & salad

**Saturday 19th July, 7:30pm
Saturday Friendship Club** presents the Elite Accordion



School CPSW's (Chaplains) Fundraiser - BICC

Come and hear the brilliant Saxophone Quartet and Brass Quintet from the Band of the South Australia Police play popular classical music with some modern items.

Sunday, 3 August at 2.00 pm - \$15 adults, \$12 pensioners, children free. Afternoon tea. Trading Table. Here at Burnside City Uniting Church Contact Keith Maynard for more information.



From July 7th to July 21st. Please remember there will be no youth groups or mainly music during that time.

Serving Opportunity

Do you have a couple of hours spare on a Monday or Tuesday morning and would enjoy helping out at our reception desk, come in and speak to Deb about how you can help out in this ministry area. Or email Deb at admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au to find out more.

Daily Bible Reading Resources

Many of us struggle to regularly read the Bible. Therefore various helps will be on display in the foyer. Do come and browse, borrow or buy. There are some 'freebies' too!

Volunteers needed for FRIDAY AUGUST 1ST

BCUC is hosting the 3D Network meeting on Friday August 1st and we will be providing finger food for 100 people from 6pm. Helpers are required from 3-5:30pm or 5:30-8pm to either prepare or serve the food and drinks. This is a great opportunity to show hospitality to fellow UC people. Please speak to Di Croft on 8379 7122 if you can spare a couple of hours.

MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW

The seasons are constantly changing. For the past few months the ash tree in our backyard has been bare, but now as we pass the shortest day of the year and the days slowly grow longer again I notice the first signs of the green shoots that have been patiently waiting to appear. I expect these new shoots are in for a shock as the cold front tomorrow is forecast to bring hail.

Jesus is recorded in scripture as observing the seasons. The parable of the sower and the seed comes to mind this week. The idea of preparing the soil for God's work and patiently waiting, expecting God to bring the harvest teaches us that God is at work in our lives. As we follow Jesus each day we are engaged in God's work of preparing the soil around us. Each conversation we have and each act of service we perform is part of that preparation process.

Rocky ground, thorns or good soil? Our words and actions fit into these descriptions. When you are inconsistent or fail to follow through you are like the rocky ground. When you are rude or impatient you are like the thorns. When you take time to listen and engage you are like the good soil.

Following Jesus means that we are different from who we were before we committed our lives to God. We have decided to live by God's standards as seen in the life of Jesus. We have decided to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. When we have the fruit of the Spirit in our lives we will be noticeably different to people around us because the power of God is at work in our words and actions. When your faith is weak or you are struggling to believe, remind yourself - "I have decided to follow Jesus. I have committed to living my life as Jesus lived." And God will give you the strength you need for that moment.

Please ask God this week to open your eyes to how your words and actions can always be the good soil where God's work can be done and a good harvest will grow.



Please e-mail articles for the BCUC weekly news to Deb Mugford
admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au no later than 12noon on Wednesday