



Burnside City
Uniting Church

Sunday 10th November 2019

This Sunday @ BCUC

10th November

10:00am

SINGLE SERVICE

Membership Celebration Week

followed by an International Lunch

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 11th November

10:00am mainly music

7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 12th November

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

Wednesday 13th November

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

12 noon "Unwrapping Joy"

Thursday 14th November

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:15pm Choir Practice

Saturday 16th November

6:30pm Saturday Friendship Club

Sunday 17th November

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

17th November - Communion

Serving in the Body of Christ

Ephesians 4:7-13

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Colette Williams

10:30am Café : Rev Dr Benji Callen

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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

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BCUC
Raising
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Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



BCUC : Raising Children of God

BCUC's Vision for its Future

Jesus left Earth and his disciples with a vision: "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20). Then he gave them the action plan "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, (local) and in all Judea and Samaria, (regional) and to the ends of the earth (global)." Acts 1:8.

This year we have been asking the question "why does BCUC exist? What is our purpose?". Following discussions at our Church Council retreat, getting a 'feel' for the place, after much discussion, prayer and observation about the great strengths, aspirations, hopes and prayers for BCUC, plus based on survey results and the open prayer time, we kept coming around to the phrase "it takes a village to raise a child", it takes a church community to raise a child of God. We settled on our mission and vision statement, our primary purpose as a church being: "raising Children of God".

Raising: this is the work of discipling, it is the main work of the church with the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit.

Children of God: a New Testament term for those who are loved, known and know Jesus. This is our primary, eternal identity which can never be taken away. We become brothers and sisters in Christ. By being called "children" there is humility and loving obedience to God. We are all still growing like children in our faith.

For the next three years at BCUC what does this look like? What is our action plan?

1. "I Can't Wait Worship" Develop worship times and services that best match what God is doing in and through BCUC to provide passionate/engaging/meaningful/God honouring worship for ALL the children of God at BCUC and those yet to come. Includes creativity, engaging all-ages and intercultural worship.

2. Raising Disciples With significant impactful small group ministry, regular alpha groups, loving prayerful pastoral care, healing ministry, raising leaders (gift development), development of a teaching school (e.g. apologetics/ preaching) and beyond ourselves ministry (local, national, international) including focusing our mission funding on large Uniting Church national and international projects.

3. Preparing the ground Developing BCUC values as a whole congregation. Having clear and simple pathways for membership and service with clear and simple decision-making structures and integrating modernised online systems (Elvanto, worship, finance).

4. Raising local's With the challenging aim of having a congregation that matches the demographics of the community "the children of God= the people of Burnside". Currently youth and young adults are our biggest gap. To help us we aim to employ youth/young adults pastor 0.4 from 2020 and then a families pastor 0.4 from 2021.

Presbytery Information Forum

Wednesday Nov. 20th, 7pm @ BCUC

In preparation for the congregation to decide at the Nov 24th AGM whether we will join Generate Presbytery or remain in the default, regional presbytery, we will host an information forum with special guests: Rev. Steph Tai (Secretary of Generate) and Rev. Sue Page (Assoc. Gen. Secretary from the presbytery restructuring task group). They will be available for a Q and A.

BCUC Sat Friendship Club

The Christmas dinner & AGM for the Sat Friendship club will be held on Sat **16th November**. Time 6:30pm. The theme is "Bells" & there will be special entertainment. The cost is \$35 and pay Peter Foord. Closing date 10th Nov. All church members & friends are invited.

Unwrapping Joy

Wednesday Study Group

As a follow-on from our recent Alpha event, we are holding a five session study series over the next five Wednesday lunch times (12 noon), starting on **November 13th**. We will use Benji's book, "Unwrapping Joy", which focusses on the joy of Jesus' arrival here on earth, and the joy that we can experience as believers. We will at BCUC and bring our own lunch to eat with others in community.

Please feel free to invite anyone else to these sessions, as we look forward in joyful anticipation to Christmas time as a celebration of Jesus' birth.

Elder/Church Councillor Nominees

The nomination period for Elders of Church Council has closed. Names of the nominees (new and renominating) can be seen today on the scrolling notices before service and on the foyer TV screens. Introductory statements from nominees will be emailed to the congregation midweek. Printed copies will be available at service next Sunday. Voting for Elders will be held at the AGM on November 24th.

AGM

Please join us for our AGM on **Sunday November 24 at 2pm**. Reports have been emailed to members and paper copies are now available at the reception desk.

Seniors 2nd Sunday Lunch

Cancelled for Today

Enjoy the wonderful variety of foods that will be offered instead at the International Lunch immediately following the single worship service.

Seeking Pastoral Care Worker

(aka "School Chaplain")

Glenunga Intl. High School

Closing date: 10am, Monday **11th November**. For details go to: www.smg.asn.au or see the flyer on our notice board.

BCUC Cares

Your continued donations of food and toiletries for people in need is greatly appreciated. Please consider donating more toiletries as they are regularly in short supply.

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