This Sunday @ BCUC

12th January

Power to Know

Ephesians 3:14-21

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

God has no Favourites

Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43 10:30am Café: Rev Rob Williams

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Today

Noon: Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Tuesday - Friday (Jan 14 - 17)

Big Week Out

Sunday 19 January

Holy Communion
Noon: Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

19th January

Probing Prayer for Others

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic: Ian Olver

10:30am Café: Rev Rob Williams

Lectionary: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

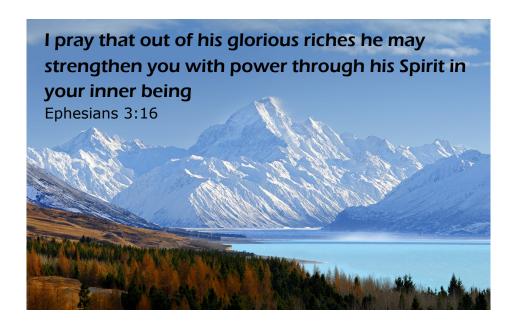
Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au



Sunday 12th January 2020

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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A MESSAGE FROM COLETTE

In Ephesians 3:16-19, Paul is praying for the new Christians in Ephesus. There are many prayers for his new converts sprinkled throughout Paul's writings, but in this one he is praying for two things: that the Ephesians may be strengthened with power in every part of them, as Jesus makes himself at home in their whole being – body, soul and spirit.

And secondly, that they be given the ability to eagerly possess the multidimensions of God's love, and to *know* it by experience, not just head knowledge.

There is a closely allied prayer in Ephesians 1:17, "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may *know* him better."

Power to know. This is a great prayer, and one (or 3) that we can readily pray for ourselves, or for the people we love and regularly pray for. Because we and those we love need to know the reality of God's truth in our whole beings.

There is great power in praying the words and truths of scripture. We can know with absolute certainty that we are praying according to God's will. Our own prayers are often slanted by self-interest, or lack of vision and understanding. Not seeing the full picture as God sees it. But by praying scripture we are re-programming our minds and attitudes with God's mind and attitudes. 1 John 5:14 tells us, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him."

Many of us are concerned about our children or grandchildren, and this is a great way to pray for them. There are many passages in the Bible that are suitable for adapting; simply personalise it by adding the person's name, or if you're praying for yourself, put it into the first person. Here are a few to start with: Philippians 3:14, 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13, 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17, plus the three above, but the possibilities are endless!

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

CAP Money volunteer training in Adelaide 29th February

CAP Money is a course that teaches a Biblical approach to financial wellbeing: How to build a budget, make wise spending decisions, and save well. BCUC holds courses each year but we are in need of volunteers to run them.

Are you passionate about helping others? Are you free on 29th Feb? Join us for a day's training and learn more. For further information contact Gaynor 0450310591.

BCUC Children's Ministry Team Leader

Church Council is seeking a Children's Ministry team leader. A Position Description and further information can be obtained from Council Chair Ian Olver (inolver@gmail.com 040922 0026). We would like to receive applications by Monday January 13. We ask you to give this your prayerful consideration.

Thank You! From BCUC Cares and Uniting Care

David from Uniting Care would like to express his deep gratitude to BCUC for their continuity of care and for their generosity with food and toiletry donations during the Christmas hamper appeal.

- Judy Carne on behalf of BCUC Cares.

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

TODAY at noon. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Chicken & Salad plus a fruit platter.

HizBiz - a group for men

The Hizbiz new year will begin at BCUC on Tuesday 28th Jan at 6 pm for a seafood, chips and ice cream meal (\$15) before viewing "The Genesis Code" at 7 pm. To help plan catering please email or phone Leigh Duffett or Rex King. You will be made welcome when you meet with BCUC men.

Big Week Out @ BCUC

Once again, BCUC will be hosting the East Base of the Big Week Out youth service event, January 13-17. Big Week Out is about young people putting faith into action by serving their community. Some of our youth will be attending and Benji will be speaking each night from Tuesday through Friday. The BCUC Women's Ministry will also be helping with catering.

Youth & Young Adults Pastor

BCUC is looking to appoint a Youth and Young Adults Pastor, one year contract, o.4EFT. Job and Person specifications will be available from the UCA SA website at https://sa.uca.org.au/uc-positions-vacant. Enquiries to Benji at 0427 792 869 or Stuart at admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au. Closing date for applications: Thursday 23 January.

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