

### **This Sunday @ BCUC**

16th February

*the Secret to Happiness : Beatitudes (week 3 of 4)*

*Matthew 5:1-12 (esp. vs 7 & 8)*

*the merciful and pure*

9:00am Contemporary: Merle Paton

10:30am Classic: Rev Dr Benji Callen

### **Upcoming Week @ BCUC**

#### **Monday 17th February**

10:00am mainly music

7:00pm BSF

#### **Tuesday 18th February**

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

5:00pm Finance Committee

#### **Wednesday 19th February**

9:30am Prayer Meeting

12 noon Wednesday Small Group

#### **Thursday 20th February**

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm 9am Worship Practice

7:15pm Choir Practice

#### **Friday 21st February**

5:30pm Fifteen32 Youth

#### **Sunday 23rd February**

12 noon Prayer Meeting

### **Next Sunday @ BCUC**

23rd February

*the Secret to Happiness : Beatitudes (week 4 of 4)*

*Matthew 5:1-12 (esp. vs 9 & 10)*

*the Persecuted*

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

10:30am Café: Rev Dr Benji Callen

Prayer Requests: [prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au](mailto:prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au)

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Uniting Church

**Sunday 16th February 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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*Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.*



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## A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

As we work through the 9 beatitudes or "secrets to happiness" from Jesus sermon on the mount, Matthew 5:1-12, you may have noticed that there meaning is not always obvious. This is partly because every statement Jesus made is rooted in Old Testament understandings. Especially some of Jesus favourite go-to books of the bible: Psalms and Isaiah.

**Blessed are the merciful.** Mercy as concrete acts of mercy not just a merciful attitude is something Jesus preached and did. In this he is re-enforcing the message of the prophets of old who kept warning the people of Israel of God's desire for His people. *"I desire mercy, not sacrifice"* Hosea 6:6. How well is your life reflecting to others the mercy of God to us?

**Blessed are the pure of heart, they will see God.** References to a purity of heart and the consequence of being close to God can be seen in Psalm 24 (especially 3-4) and Psalm 73. We can read about having a pure, a new, a refreshed, a cleansed heart. We song songs about this. It's the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The outworking of a pure heart is not only a life of integrity but also a heart that is undivided in its loyalty to God. Where is your loyalty? Jesus warns us later in his sermon that we can not serve two masters: God and money. Let us pray with the words of Psalmist "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a loyal spirit within me." Psalm 51:10.

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### Youth Pastor news:

Over the past few months BCUC has been in search of a Youth Pastor. Thanks for your prayers.

Currently no suitable applicant has been called to fulfil this important role in the life of BCUC. However we are not discouraged and believe God has something in mind.

A few exciting and interesting possibilities have arisen just this week. The Church Council will keep exploring options.

In the short term, Tim and Benji alongside Daryl have begun Fifteen32 Youth. The youth that come are really enjoying the discipleship, growth and encouragement for their faith. By their own initiative they wish to meet more regularly than once a fortnight. We will keep you posted of future developments.

## KCO Update

All BCUC Parents with children were emailed instructions for signing up to KCO earlier in the week. If you have not received this email, please contact Stuart at [admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au](mailto:admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au) and request the details.

Youth and Parents who are planning to attend should already have started the process to obtain their new Working With Children Check. An instruction sheet is available in the foyer carousel.

## FAMILY FUN @ 5 - Jesus is the best!

Saturday 14th March 5.00pm-7.00pm at BCUC. Family Fun @ 5 is for families with children and is free. Join in the Craft and Games, enjoy the Story and share a Meal.

## Fifteen32 Youth

**Friday 21 February, 6pm.** For year 8s and up. 6pm for worship jam. 7pm bring your friends along for dinner, games, a message, small groups, Jesus life hacks. Finish between 9-9:30. All at BCUC. Talk to Benji.

## Monday Communion Rescheduled

The Chapel Holy Communion service anticipated for Monday 17th has been deferred to **Monday 24th February** at 2pm. Please spread the word.

## Have you Lost Something?

At the moment, there are several pairs of glasses amongst other items. Found items are recorded and stored for a limited time and then donated if suitable.

## Muffin Morning Tea Today

We are having a muffin morning tea at 10am to raise funds as a BCUC community to support chaplaincy in the Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island after the recent fires. An assortment of muffins will be made available during morning tea for a gold coin donation.

## Burnside InterChurch Council Schools Ministry

Each year we present a Christmas and an Easter play. Large numbers of primary children benefit from hearing and seeing an accurate portrayal of some key points of these foundational events. Those presenting the plays report that the response is excellent from both students and teachers. We are now preparing for the Easter plays.

**We need a person to do the administrative coordination for these events. We also need actors for the Easter play.**

These positions are important missional roles. Please pray that people will respond to these needs. If you are interested, please ring our Director, Alison Russell (0432 144 912) or write ([alisonelrussell@gmail.com](mailto:alisonelrussell@gmail.com)).

## Monday Day Fellowship

Our first meeting this year will be on **2 March** at 1:30pm. The speaker will be Matthew Seales engaging us with the helpful topic : "Recycling - Which Bin?". Afternoon tea is provided and everyone is welcome.

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