This Sunday @ BCUC

19th January

Probing prayer for others 9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Ian Olver Job 42:7-10; Ephesians 6:18-20 10:30am Café: Rev Dr Benji Callen

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Tuesday 21st January 9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

Wednesday 22nd January 9:30am Summer Blitz Clean

Thursday 23rd January 6:oopm Worship & Music Ministry 7:15pm Choir Practice

Saturday 25th January 4:oopm Wedding of Elizabeth Barnard and Adam Bennett

> Sunday 26th January 12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

26th January

'Confession is' 9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic: Rev Rob Williams 10:30am Café: Rev Dr Benji Callen Nehemiah 1:1-11

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

If you require more information please contact the church office or visit our website. T: 8331 3914 E: admin@burnsidecityuc.org.au W: www.burnsidecityuc.org.au 384 Portrush Road, Tusmore 5065



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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.



Ministry Team Contacts

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A MESSAGE FROM IAN OLVER

This Sunday we continue our series on prayer with a focus on prayers for others. In the reading from Ephesians 6:18-20, Paul is in prison and chained day and night to the wrist of a Roman soldier. In wanting to talk to the early church about defending themselves against the temptations of the world he draws inspiration from the soldiers' armour. There was the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the sandals to show readiness to spread the Word, the helmet of salvation, the shield against temptation and the sword which was the word of God. He then comes to the greatest weapon of all - prayer. He makes three points about prayer: It must be constant; it must be intense and it must be unselfish.

Then we come to the story in Job 42:7-10 who prayed for his friends. God clearly wanted him to pray that his friends escape God's punishment. God not only answered Job's prayer but after that prayer, God not only restored Job's fortunes, which had taken quite a beating, but doubled them.

Many studies have been done of prayers for others and they have led to interesting insights. However, in the end prayer is a matter of faith. Prayers for others show God what is in our hearts. Further, if our prayers align with God's purpose, they will be granted because of his Grace towards us. The pinnacle of prayer is "Thy will be done", and prayer leads us to discover what that is for us, and for the others for whom we pray.

Finally praying for others is good for us. Not that we should expect a reward as was granted to Job, but in focussing on the needs of others, and not being self-obsessed, it can put our issues into perspective and allow us to achieve a clarity about our personal challenges.

New Bibles for BCUC

This Sunday you will see there are new BCUC church Bibles that have been purchased by the Church Council. They are New International Version 'Comfort Print' hardbacks which we will be able to refer to during worship services. We encourage you to take a bible as you walk in and use it, placing it back on the table when you leave. Note its still brilliant if you bring your own bible and make notes or use your phone/tablet.

To raise people as Children of God we need to be equipped well.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Dumplings on Sunday 26 January

In celebration of Chinese New Year, we will be holding a dumpling making demonstration and tasting in the foyer. You can even join in and make some yourself. There will be dumplings available for tasting between services and there will be a light lunch after the 10:30 services. If you would like to come to the lunch, please see the signup sheet in the foyer **today**, where you can tell us how many are coming and if you are able to help by bringing a plate to share.

Monday Communion Resumes February 17th

Summer Blitz Clean @BCUC

There are many areas of BCUC which would benefit from tidying and cleaning. Can you join a team of workers to clean walls, door knobs, cupboard doors , dust the Worship Centre, check chairs , blow the foyer & playgrounds etc. at 9.30-11.30am on Wednesday 22nd January? A team has already been gathered to clean the kitchen from top to bottom. Cleaning agents and materials will be provided or you can bring your own. We hope to have a team effort and achieve many improvements within 2 hours. All welcome to assist in any way you are able! If you would like to help, put your name on the list in the foyer or just turn up. Any questions ask Chris Lake or Di Croft

Uniting Church SA Bushfire Relief Fund

Visit the News section of our website for a link to the UC SA donation page and a letter from the Moderator. Donations will be used to support local congregations as they serve the people in their fire-affected communities, whether that be through the provision of chaplaincy, extra pastoral support, special events to assist in recovery or practical help in a myriad of ways.

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. RSVP to Leigh Duffett or Rex King.

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