

**This Sunday @ BCUC**

**1st September - Father's Day**

**God is Moving in the Middle East**

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Craig Schulz (Miracle Connect)

**Church Rules**

10:30am Café : Rev Dr Benji Callen<sup>1</sup>

Lectionary : Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1,10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8; 15-16<sup>1</sup> Luke 14:1,7-14

**Upcoming Week @ BCUC**

**Monday 2nd September**

10:00am mainly music  
1:30pm Day Fellowship  
7:00pm BSF

**Tuesday 3rd September**

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis  
9:30am Playgroup  
2:00pm BCUC Cares

**Wednesday 4th September**

7:45am Prayer Meeting  
9:30am Prayer Meeting  
12noon Alpha Course

**Thursday 5th September**

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew  
12noon Friendship Club  
2:00pm Facilities Committee  
3:00pm Choir Practice  
6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry  
7:00pm Netball Meeting

**Saturday 7th September**

7:00am Sri Lankan Christian Fellowship

**Sunday 8th September**

12noon Seniors 2nd Sunday Lunch  
12noon Prayer Meeting

**Next Sunday @ BCUC**

**8th September**

***"I am" a Loved Child of God***

1 John 3:1, John 1:11-12

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Dr Benji Callen

10:30am Café : Rev Rob Williams

Lectionary : Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

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

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*

**Sunday 1st September 2019**

**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.*



**A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,**  
**Passionately Engaged in Mission**

## A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

Last Sunday afternoon we had a beautiful ministry time at the Psalm writing workshop. There was both a great sense of Joy and deep gratitude in the nature of God's love and faithfulness as people reflected on their life and the difference the presence of God has made. People stepped out in courage, some writing for the first tentative time to pen down rich songs that reveal very personally the love, care, compassion and hope of Christ.

Over next couple of months, we have the great privilege and blessing of a number of guest preachers.

Moderator Sue Ellis will share her experience as Moderator, the work of frontier services in rural SA and her encouraging vision for the Uniting Church in SA over the last 3 years to 'Grow, Nurture and Flourish'.

Luke Telfer is a friend from the Eyre Peninsula who is a young farmer and also the president of Gideons. Luke is in Adelaide for the annual Gideons convention (an organisation that loves to give away bibles to people who need the transforming power of the living word). He has a passion for sharing the Good News found in the bible with all people.

Charissa Suli is a multi-talented, humble and passionate UCA minister from NSW. She is a second generation Pacific Islander who has a role with the Assembly and a particular interest in mentoring and disciplining young people. She is in Adelaide to speak at a worship conference and also the Surrender conference.

This week we hear from Craig Schultz who will tell us of God's work throughout the Middle East via a satellite TV and radio station - Miracle Connect. It's a great encouragement that God is doing some amazing things in places that have not seen people finding hope in Jesus for many centuries. The days of western Christendom are over and the global centre of Christianity is moving. Over the last decade while Australia has struggled to see new Christians, there have been millions of conversion in Asia and the Middle East. For example in 2018, China had 31 million Christians, far more than the total population of Australia. Everyone of those is an amazing personal story of someone finding hope, salvation, forgiveness, grace freedom and abundant life in Christ causing all of heaven to celebrate.

This week I have been at the Propel Conference, a new national network of Uniting churches and pastors interested in discipleship, evangelism, raising new leaders and church planting. The strong theme throughout the worship and prayer times has been:

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."* Isaiah 43:18-19

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

### Do You Like Chocolate?

At the next Day Fellowship meeting you can learn the history of Bracegirdles chocolates. **Monday 2nd September** at 1:30pm at BCUC. Gary Bracegirdle will give his insight into his company and chocolate. All are welcome including members of the congregation. Come and join us for a light and bright afternoon. Afternoon tea is provided.

### Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Next Sunday (Sep 8) at noon. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Chicken & Salad plus a fruit platter.

### BCUC Saturday Friendship Club.

Our next meeting is on **21st September**. Pamela Rajkowski will speak to us on the important role that Cameleer Settlers played in shaping the Australian outback. 7:15pm arrival for a 7:30pm start. basket supper provided.

### Family Fun @5

Family Fun @ 5 will be on **Saturday 14th September** from 5.00 to 7.00pm Families are very welcome. Please invite neighbors and friends as it is an opportunity to reach out into the community. Flyers in the foyer spinner are available to give out. Helpers for preparing food, helping with craft and games, set up and clear up. For one of the activities those who have skills or pleasure in building Lego will be needed. Sign up sheets for helpers are in the Foyer. Contact Heather Walraven or Chris Lake.

### Operation Christmas Child

This year's shoebox project is underway - an exciting time of the year! Shoeboxes of small gifts are packed here at BCUC and sent to children in developing countries. Brochures are available in the foyer along with empty decorated boxes if you wish to pack your own box. Alternatively there is an opportunity to make a monetary donation. If you like to shop, we need tennis balls, skipping ropes and yoyos to name a few items. Packing day is on **Monday Sept 30th at 9.30am** in the Hall. Enquiries to Di Croft.

### Presbytery Meetings

#### **Generate Presbytery Meeting**

September 14, 9:30-3:30pm  
Journey Uniting Church

#### **Transitional Presbytery Meeting**

September 21, 9:30-12:30pm  
Burnside City Uniting Church

Both meetings are open to members of our congregation.

This November, BCUC will make a decision whether we want to join the Generate Presbytery or an alternative presbytery to be formed from the current Transitional Presbytery in the coming months. To assist in our discernment, we encourage you to considering attending these meetings if possible.

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