

This Sunday @ BCUC

22nd September

I am a Spirit-filled Child of God

Romans 8:1,2,14-17; Galatians 4:4-7

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Rob Williams

10:30am Café : Ian Olver

Lectionary : Jeremiah 8:18 -9:1; Psalm 79:1-9 ; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 23rd September

10:00am mainly music

7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 24th September

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

12noon Hizbiz

6:30pm BCUC Netball AGM

Wednesday 25th September

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

12noon Alpha Course

Thursday 26th September

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

7:15pm Choir Practice

Sunday 29th September

10:00am Frontier Svcs Sausage Sizzle

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

29th September

Frontier Services Sunday

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Sue Ellis

Lectionary : Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6,14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

Sunday 22nd 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

This Thursday something happened that got people's imaginations running wild in offices and bus stops around the country- a \$150,000,000 Powerball lottery. What would you do if you won the lottery? Sounds like all your dreams come true?

While for some people winning the lottery may have been an amazing experience, there are so many other stories where winning such a large sum of money has changed people's lives irreversibly for the worse; for some it's led to drug addiction, loneliness, divorce, anxiety, estrangement and even prison. A study in the UK found that while there was an initial spike in happiness levels for people, this quickly dissipated back to them being about as happy as they were before with some being more anxious. Physical health generally took a backward step as they tended to socialise more, eat more and drink more. These are the statistics.

Knowing Jesus and being filled with the Holy Spirit will lead to so much more than winning the lottery. It is better in every way. While it may not help you pay off the home loan immediately, the joys of being a child of God are fantastic. Jesus said *"the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it"* Matthew 13:45-46. I know many stories where this is true.

Think about it, even on the very worst day for a Christian:

- We have our eternal identity as children of God
- We are part of a much bigger family that reaches across all cultures, back into millennia of history and into the future
- We are loved by God with an 'agape' love that is great, overflowing and lavished upon us
- We can live in freedom due to the salvation and forgiveness of our sins thanks to Christ's work on the cross
- We have a purpose in life, a meaning for our existence: "To love God with everything we have and to love others as ourselves"
- We are filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit to help us in that mission and give us power, creativity, healing, peace, self-control, guidance, motivation, humility, joy and more.

And this is on a bad day for a Christian! So much better than winning the lottery, don't you think?

Today Rob will focus on being a Spirit-filled child of God which finishes our three-part series. As children of God we are:

1. Loved by God
2. Loving to others
3. Spirit-filled.

Keep a mental note about what we have learnt about being a child of God. Imagine if BCUC was full of people who took this seriously and lived it out in word and deed. Imagine if BCUC was used by God to be a place to raise many more children of God from amongst those in our community who don't yet know their identity can be found in Christ. What difference would that make for them and for the world? We will keep hearing about this in the future as we imagine what it would be like to be part of a church whose primary purpose is to raise children of God.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

Frontier Services Sausage Sizzle

We will be having a sausage sizzle on **Sunday September 29 at 10:00am** to support Frontier Services in their work to help Aussie Farmers who are doing it tough this year. From flooding in Northern Queensland, to bush fires down in Tasmania, and drought gripping over 50% of the country, some farmers say it's the worst weather conditions they've experienced in their lifetime. These recent natural disasters have had a devastating effect on many living on isolated properties around our country.

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.

Hizbiz Men's Group

Our next Men's Fellowship Lunch will take place at the Marryatville Hotel on **Tuesday 24th September @ 12 noon**. All men welcome. Contact Rex 8372 3002 or Leigh 8379 5398.

Baptism at BCUC

Have you been baptised? Baptism is a really important step of faith in becoming a new person in Christ, a child of God. Please see Benji or Rob for a chat. In November we will be having a membership service. One of the main requirements for membership is baptism.

BCUC's Walk on Country #1

If you would like to learn about the traditions and experiences of the original inhabitants of the Adelaide Plains, the Kurna people, join us on **Monday 7th October** (Labour Day Public Holiday) for a bus and walking tour of five significant sites south of Adelaide, led by Uncle Frank Wanganeen, a Christian Kurna man. For further information about the tour, or to register your interest, see the information sheets and registration forms in the foyer, or speak to Gaynor Strapp (0450310591) or Peter Shackleford (0403160741).

SAYCO presents Lost / Found Youth Festival

Lost/Found is a 1 day festival of games, art, food trucks, 3-on-3 basketball, worship, live music, a marketplace and a message about being found from Pastor Mike Wardrop of Encounter Church. **12 October, 3-9pm**, Adelaide West Uniting Church. Cost: \$20 per person. Tickets at <https://sa.uca.org.au/sayco>.

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