

### **This 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

### **Upcoming Week @ BCUC**

#### **Monday 24th February**

10:00am mainly music

2:00pm Monday Communion

7:00pm BSF

#### **Tuesday 25th February**

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

2:00pm BICC Afternoon Tea

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

#### **Wednesday 26th February**

9:30am Prayer Meeting

12 noon Wednesday Small Group

#### **Thursday 27th February**

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

12noon Pastoral Contact Mtg

6:00pm 9am Worship Practice

7:15pm Choir Practice

#### **Sunday 1st March**

12 noon Prayer Meeting

### **Next Sunday @ BCUC**

1st March

**God Connects : Lent 1**

**Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11**

**Choices: Freedom and Responsibility**

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Rev Andrew Robertson

10:30am Café: Rev Rob Williams

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

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**Burnside City**  
Uniting Church

**Sunday 23rd 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.*



**Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:10**

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*Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.*



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**Raising Children of God**



## A MESSAGE FROM IAN OLVER

The Beatitudes reflect the essence of Jesus' teaching to His disciples. The simple statement that he sat to teach is not just a description of preaching sitting rather than standing but a testament to the authority of what he was saying. Rabbis "official" teaching was always delivered sitting. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the most profound statements when a Pope invokes the authority of God are pronounced ex cathedra; from his seat. In the secular world the authority of a Professorship gives rise to the term a Chair.

Today we examine: "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God". This is an active role and differs from peace lovers. Peace lovers seek to avoid conflict to keep the peace. Peacemakers face the trouble that is threatening the peace and establish right relationships between people. This is doing God's work.

Then we have statement about those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for the Kingdom of heaven is theirs. To suffer persecution for Christ shows a loyalty, but in our country, many may not face that challenge, although increasingly we find society's attitudes toward the church and its teachings are at odds with Christ's teaching. The important point is that we never face persecution alone, Christ is with us. However, do we all have to be constant critics, condemning society to show our loyalty? No. Here William Barclay made the point that it is not the duty of every Christian to be vocal, but often living Christian lives silently condemns the lives of the un-Christian and will incite persecution at least in the form of mockery and insult.

I leave you with 2 challenges:

### Being a Peacemaker

What is one instance in your life this week where you can actively act to prevent someone's action (or your own) from disrupting the peace?

### Being persecuted for righteousness

Identify one important way that you live your life that is likely to elicit scorn or contempt from those around you and commit to continuing to live that way by the example of Christ.

## Family Fun @ 5

Saturday 14 March 5-7pm

**FF@5 relies on a variety of helpers.** If you can help with prepared craft, outdoor games, organizing a simple meal, welcoming visitors and helping with setting up or cleaning up please write your name on the roster in the foyer. You may be able to help for part or all of the time. If you have any queries please ask Heather Walraven (0414 055 160) or Chris Lake (0417 848 315).

## Monday Communion

A communion service will be held Monday **24th February at 2pm** in the Chapel. All are invited.

## Thank you!

### Muffin Morning Tea

A huge thank you to all who participated in the muffin morning tea on 16<sup>th</sup> February. As a result of all the effort and the generosity of our church family we raised \$753.15 as our contribution for the work of Chaplains in Kangaroo Island and the Hills district.

## 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.

## Hizbiz

The first Hizbiz lunch meeting for this year is 12 noon on the **25<sup>th</sup> Feb.** at the Marryatville. All men welcome

## "Rise! Take your mat and walk!"

- 2020 World Day of Prayer -

Prayers for that ravaged country of Zimbabwe will be a key focus. Come and join people from over 150 countries, praying in 88 languages. Our local service is at Norwood Salvation Army, 55 George St, Norwood. Friday **6 March**; begins at 10.00 am; followed by morning tea. Park in Coles car park or nearby streets.

## Digital Entertainment Book

This year Entertainment are promoting that **if you purchase in February** you will receive membership till June 2020 otherwise it will be from time of payment from March onwards on a yearly basis. Fundraising is for Dr John through our Mission project. The link to our digital Entertainment Book can be found in the news section of our website.

## Burnside InterChurch Council Schools Ministry

Each year we present a Christmas and Easter play seen by large numbers of primary children who benefit from seeing an accurate portrayal of key points of these foundational events. 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. If you are interested, please ring our Director, Alison Russell (0432 144 912) or write (alisonelrussell@gmail.com).

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