



This Sunday @ BCUC

24th February

***Tough Love*^a**

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

***Exploring the Spiritual*^b**

10:30am Classic : Ian Olver

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; **Luke 6:27-38^a**; **1 Cor.15:35-38, 42-50^b**

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 25th February

10:00am mainly music

2:00pm Monday Communion

7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 26th February

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

10:00am House Group

6:30pm Netball Meeting

Wednesday 27th February

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 28th February

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

7:30pm Choir practice

Saturday 2nd March

7:00pm Sri Lankan Christian Flwshp

Sunday 3rd March

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

3rd March

***Truly Awesome! Be astounded by the greatness of God*^a**

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

***Jesus is the Head of the Church*^b**

10:30am Café : Colette Williams

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; **Luke 9:28-43a^a**; **Luke 5:1-11^b**

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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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.*



*Love Your
Enemies*

Luke 6:27

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Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



A Vibrant Community, Committed to Jesus,

Passionately Engaged in Mission

THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

A MESSAGE FROM BENJI - Tough Love

While preaching one the greatest sermons ever given Jesus said "love your enemies". What is the opposite of 'love'?

Your first thought was most likely 'hate'. Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel observed, "the opposite of love is not hate, but indifference; for at a minimum, to love or hate someone is to have intense emotions toward them."

I like to always think of love as being far more than an emotion but rather a very hard-working verb. It's an action. So the opposite of this is- inaction, not noticing, not caring, not having any emotional attachment. Obviously with 7.7 billion people in the world we can't notice and love everyone. However, if Jesus is talking about our enemies, it's not too much of a stretch to consider these will be people that we already have a relationship with. How can we love them rather than show indifference?

In my experience most people want to get along and be friendly with those around us. Especially within church circles. What then causes us to have 'enemies', or people we might choose to avoid? Often it is past hurts or pains.

I find it amazing that despite so much controversy, conflict and politics within the history of the church, the church as an organised body of Christ still exists 2000 years later. How is this so? A few reasons - Jesus said he will never leave us; the help of the Holy Spirit to bring peace; the message of the gospel of Jesus is so compelling that it overcomes all conflict; and finally Jesus forgives and loves us, then taught us to go do the same.

Forgiveness is like the reset button for any relationship. Its more than a few empty words.

Ken Sande in his book "The Peacemaker: A biblical guide to resolving everyday conflict" describes forgiveness as a decision to make four promises:

"I will not dwell on this incident."

"I will not bring up this incident again and use it against you."

"I will not talk to others about this incident."

"I will not let this incident stand between us or hinder our personal relationship."

How might we at BCUC love each other, our families, our work colleagues, our neighbours more?

Rather than show indifference to those we struggle to be with can we find enough strength from the Lord to get enough courage to encourage them, to make their day better even though you expect nothing gracious in return? With the grace of God I hope we can give it.

Your brother in Christ, Benji

BCUC Council February News

At the January BCUC Council Meeting the following office bearers were elected unanimously:

Chairperson : Ian Olver

Deputy Chairperson: Thomas Pruszinski

Treasurer: Gill Cibich

Secretaries: Sarah Randall & Chris Lake

On Saturday 23 February the Council held a Retreat at the home of Ian and Jenny Olver at Carrickalinga. Please faithfully uphold the council in your prayers for the Retreat and during the year. - Chris Lake, Secretary BCUC Council.

Ben Randall

After many years as Youth Leader at BCUC Ben Randall has resigned in obedience to God's call on his life. Please join us for a celebratory morning tea TODAY between services.

Church Council Meeting

Thursday **February 28th.** 6:30pm devotions 7:00pm meeting held in the Hall. All invited to attend this meeting to observe. Previous CC minutes available at reception.

Pancake Day

Shrove Tuesday and pancakes

– what perfect partners

Sunday **March 10** between services – wonderful, delicious pancakes, jams, maple syrup and cream. Please join the Junior Church in raising funds to bring hope, love and opportunity to people in need. Your coin donation will assist the work of Uniting Communities.

We look forward to sharing this fun time with you. - Heather Walraven

Monday Day Fellowship

March 4, 1:30pm. Treasured Memories with Isabel Williams OAM JP.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The next meeting is on Saturday **March 16.** The speaker is Eva Temple : "My Unbelievable Survival Story". Usual time of 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Please bring a basket supper. All visitors welcome.

Hizbiz

The first Hizbiz lunch meeting for this year is at 12 noon on the **February 26.** at the Marryatville. All men welcome.

World Day of Prayer 2019

Slovenia : Come everything is Ready

Friday March 1, 10am

St David's Anglican Church

Today at Dr Jon's Pantry

New Blackberry and mulberry jams. Thanks to Beda's picking and Verna's cooking!

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