

This Sunday @ BCUC

29th September

Frontier Services Sunday

Mark 10:35-45

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

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 30th September

10:00am Shoebox Packing

Tuesday 1st October

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:00pm BCUC Cares

Wednesday 2nd October

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

Thursday 3rd October

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

3:00pm Choir Practice

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Saturday 5th October

12noon Sri Lankan Christian Flwshp

Sunday 6th October

12noon Prayer Meeting

Next Sunday @ BCUC

6th October

9:00am Contemporary, 10:30am Classic : Luke Telfer (Gideons)

10:30am Café : Colette Williams

Lectionary : Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

If you require more information please contact the church office or visit our website.

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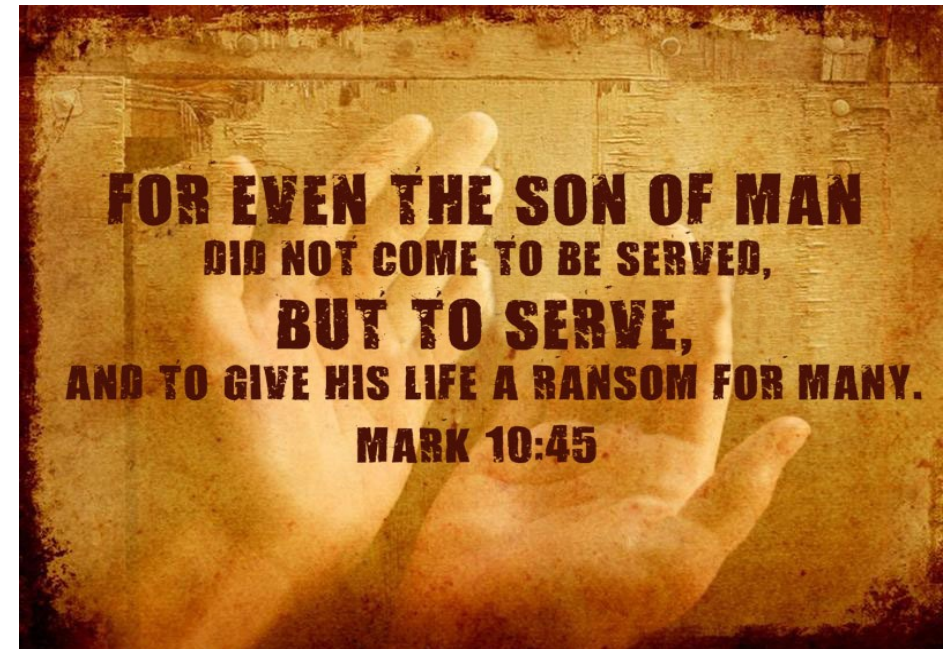


Burnside City
Uniting Church
Community, Faith and Purpose

Sunday 29th 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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Mon - Fri, 9am - 4:30pm

Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



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

A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

Over the next three weeks we will focus on mission, with the privilege of hearing from three guest preachers who have seen first-hand stories of 2019 missionaries from very different contexts.

Today: Rev Sue Ellis, Moderator of the Uniting Church in SA will speak about her vision for the church over the last three years as Grow, Nurture, Flourish with a special emphasis on the work of Frontier Services in SA. This is mission in the regions of SA.

Sunday 6th Oct: Luke Telfer, the president of Gideons Association (also a young farmer from the Eyre Peninsula) will share the amazing impact of giving out bibles to people in schools, hotels, on the streets and personally to friends and family. This is personal, local mission.

Sunday 13th Oct: Rev. Charissa Suli a second generation Tongan Minister working as a consultant for the Assembly with a special interest in mentoring young people and inter-generational, inter-cultural ministry. This is mission with an international flavour.

What is mission? Jesus said "Go into the world and make disciples of all nations." Wesley said "The world is my parish."

From the 16-1800's many western churches from Europe sent missionaries to the new world to spread the gospel. Their fortitude and perseverance was astounding as they found themselves in villages and cities that they could not have prepared for, with languages and cultures that would've been to them completely alien. There was no way of googling it before hand. Although today's historians look back with mixed perspectives, I know personally the ongoing local churches in places such as India, China, Africa and the pacific who still hold these missionaries in very high regard.

But the word 'mission' today has a much broader meaning than planting churches and making disciples in far-flung places. Its local, regional and international. Its both social justice and evangelism, two sides of the same coin. David Bosch described the mission of the church as "A community of people who, in the face of tribulations they encounter, keep their eyes steadfastly on the reign of God by praying for its coming, by being its disciples, by proclaiming its presence, by working for peace and justice in the midst of hatred and oppression, and by looking and working toward God's liberating future."

I am drawn to the "incarnational" approach to mission. Jesus was sent to earth, he took on the form of the locals (flesh, a human body, the baby Jesus- God incarnate) lived and breathed with the locals, loved them, taught them and showed them who God was, and what God's purpose and desire was for them, then gave his life for them only to be resurrected. If we use the same approach, then we are sent (to our families, neighbours, work places, shops), we get to learn and love the people and culture, we show them who God is and God's purpose for them with a love that is sacrificial.

Enjoy these learning and being challenged these next 3 weeks. I will.

Frontier Services Sausage Sizzle**Today**

10:00 to 10:30am in the Foyer

Cost : by donation

ALPHA

On Wednesday we finished our lunchtime Alpha. Nearly 30 people participated and it has been a transformation event for many. The joy of seeing others develop a deeper relationship with Jesus is breathtaking! Thanks to all those who helped organise, pray for and supply lunches. It has been a significant event for raising children of God. On Wednesday **October 16th** we will have a final celebration lunch together as people share stories about what God has been doing in their lives.

Operation Christmas Child

Tomorrow, Monday **Sept 30th** at 9.30am in the Hall, we will pack our shoeboxes of gifts to go to children in developing countries. Please feel free to join us and help pack or just to see the program in action. Alison Elliss, our Area Coordinator, will be joining us. Children are most welcome. Morning tea will follow. Enquiries to Di Croft.

**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>.

Membership

In November the whole of BCUC will be having a 3-week membership course as part of the Sunday sermons. We finish with a membership celebration service where we will celebrate those who reaffirm, transfer, or become BCUC members. We will also hear about our vision launch as we look into where in God's name we will be going at BCUC over the next three years. Talk to the ministers or Stuart to find out more.

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).

SURRENDER : Interwoven

The accelerating polarization of the globe, our society, and even the church is at odds with Jesus' identity as the Prince of Peace for all the world, and his command for us to love each other. Yet the work of His Kingdom continues unceasingly, as God continues to weave the torn parts of our universe back together, thread by thread. Details for this event are available in the foyer. **October 11 + 12.**

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