

### **This Sunday @ BCUC**

**2nd February - Covenant Service**

***the Secret to Happiness : Beatitudes (week 1 of 4)***

***Matthew 5:1-12 (esp. vs 3 & 4)***

***the poor and mournful***

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

10:30am Café: Craig Schulz - Miracle Connect

### **Upcoming Week @ BCUC**

#### **Monday 3rd February**

10:00am mainly music

6:00pm 9am Worship Practice

7:00pm Mission Trust Fund

7:15pm Choir Practice

#### **Tuesday 4th February**

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

1:30pm BCUC Cares

#### **Friday 7th February**

6:00pm Fifteen32 Youth

#### **Saturday 8th February**

7:00pm BSF Leaders' Summit

#### **Wednesday 5th February**

9:30am Prayer Meeting

12 noon Wednesday Small Group

#### **Sunday 9th February**

12 noon Prayer Meeting

#### **Thursday 6th February**

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

12 noon Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

### **Next Sunday @ BCUC**

**9th February**

***the Secret to Happiness : Beatitudes (week 2 of 4)***

***Matthew 5:1-12 (esp. vs 5 & 6)***

***the meek and hungry***

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

10:30am Classic: Rev Rob Williams

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

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**Burnside City**  
Uniting Church

**Sunday 2nd 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 the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
Matthew 5:3

### **Ministry Team Contacts**

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Raising Children of God



## A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

Ever wondered what the secret to happiness is?

Google it and you'll find all sorts of answers from living close to your work place through to decluttering your house.

I remember watching a Will Smith movie called "The Pursuit of Happiness" with keen interest and wondering where it would finish up. It was based on a true story and followed a very intelligent, humble dad who was living on the streets with his young son who he loved very much, as he desperately pursued a career in the stock market to get the money needed to provide for his family. It was a great emotional drama and in the end (spoiler alert) he got the fancy job, the house of his dreams and we assume, found happiness. Happiness was wrapped up in career, finances, home ownership and supporting his family. There is nothing wrong with these but start reading Psalm 1 or Jesus famous sermon on the mount and you quickly get a very different picture.

Jesus sermon found in Matthew chapters 5-7 begins with a list of Jesus own wisdom sayings which have roots in the writings of an older prophet Isaiah, chapter 61. We call them the '*Beatitudes*' which is the old latin word used at the start of these 9 sayings which translated in English is "blessed are those...". '*Blessed*', or in the original greek '*makarios*', means a wonderful combination of 'happy', 'fortunate', 'in a privileged position', 'well-off', but also combines words like 'blessed by God', 'salvation', 'peace' and 'well being'. Have I got your attention now?

The words that follow these 9 statements of 'blessed are' are completely opposite to what many would put in a list. If we played the game show 'Family Feud', the survey of 100 people would not start with: 'blessed are the poor in spirit' or 'blessed are those that mourn'. Yet this is what Jesus gives us. At face value some of the statements don't make much sense but need further explanation. This is what we will doing over February at BCUC. Looking at two each week, starting today. They become quite foundational in understanding the teachings of Jesus and the type of behaviour he calls us into. I encourage us to learn all 9 by heart by the end of the month. I look forward to the journey together.

## Fifteen32 Youth

**Friday 7 February, 6pm.** For year 8s and up. 6pm for worship jam. 7pm bring your friends along for dinner, games, a message, small groups, Jesus life hacks. Finish between 9-9:30. All at BCUC. Talk to Benji.

## Kids Programme

Regular Sunday Kids Programme of Faith and Fun begins **today**, in the Hub garden with morning tea for them, their family, friends and leaders. We are look forward to catching up with you. Thank you for your care and faith in our Kids Programme. - Heather

## Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Newcomers are most welcome to join our prayer group - come and try! Each week we take a short look at a Bible reading and then spend time in prayer together. The group is very welcoming so come along 9.30am each Wednesday.

## Muffin Morning Tea

**Sunday February 16** – We have planned a muffin morning tea at 10am to raise funds as a BCUC community to support chaplaincy in the Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island after the recent fires. An assortment of muffins will be made available during morning tea for a gold coin donation.

## Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

**Next Sunday, 9 February, 12noon.** Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Please see Anita Wheaton for more information.

## KCO is Coming

Kids Camp Out (KCO) is a Uniting Church camp for 7 year olds to Year 7's. On **21 and 22 March** hundreds of campers, junior leaders and leaders will gather at Adare Caravan and Camping at Victor Harbor for a fun filled 24 hours of stories, games, crafts, Bible studies, food, fellowship and some sleeping. Make a note in your diary and let your friends know so they can join us for a fabulous time. There will be no cost for campers and helpers so let's bring as many children as possible. More information will be sent to parents by email this week.

## BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The Club Mystery Bus trip will be on Saturday **15th February**. It will leave the Burnside council car park at 6pm prompt. The cost is \$25 & covers the bus, fees and supper. Pay Helen Brooks. The closing booking date is Sunday 9th February.

## At Dr Jon's Pantry

MULBERRY JAM - freshly picked and made by Verna and Beda – you have been waiting for this!

## UC Fellowship and Mission Support

We invite you to join us on Sunday, **9th February**, 2pm at BCUC for the commissioning of Rev Brian and Mrs Jill Polkinghorne as Co-Presidents followed by afternoon tea. Speaker: Mr Bronte Wilson. RSVP by 2 February to Janet Woodward (82364275, jwoodward@sa.uca.org.au)

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