



This Sunday @ BCUC

4th August

Getting out of a hole of your own making

Psalm 130

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

10:30am Classic : Colette Williams

Lectionary : Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9,43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

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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.*

Upcoming Week @ BCUC

Monday 5th August

10:00am mainly music

1:30pm Monday Day Fellowship

7:00pm BSF

Tuesday 6th August

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

2:00pm BCUC Cares

Wednesday 7th August

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

12noon Alpha Course

Thursday 8th August

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

3:00pm Choir practice

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

Sunday 11th August

12noon Prayer Meeting

12noon Seniors 2nd Sunday Lunch

Next Sunday @ BCUC

11th August

Psalm 73 - Why do good things happen to bad people

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

Psalms 42 & 43 - Downcast, Disturbed, Depressed and Hopeful

10:30am Café : Rev Rob Williams

Lectionary : Isaiah 1:1,10-20; Psalm 50:1-8,22,23; Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Prayer Requests: prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au

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Ministers are available for Pastoral Care as required.



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Passionately Engaged in Mission

A MESSAGE FROM BENJI

Very occasionally I've watched gangsta type movies. I always find them somewhat despairing and soul-less. It usually involves some young guy trying to find acceptance while making a name for himself by gradually doing more violent, dreadful, and immoral things. Eventually they are in so deep that it seems like there is no way out and then the twist at the end is they become the kingpin themselves or they are caught. The road to redemption however is rarely offered. The hole they found themselves in they only ever dig deeper. This is where Psalm 130 becomes the song of the hopeful, future redeemed. It begins with a well used phrase of the psalmist "I cry out". From out of the depths I cry out... who will save me from my sin!!

This short psalm is a favourite psalm of many great Christian leaders and thinkers including Martin Luther, Charles Wesley, Calvin, Augustine and John Bunyan. 19th Century C.H. Spurgeon said that v3 and v4 contains "the essence of all scripture".

How do you get out of the depths? How do you stop digging and climb right out? The answer is: not on your own but only with God. The Psalm gives 6 milestones to help climb out of the hole of your own making. They are: crying (including heartfelt humble prayer); surrendering to God; seeking his forgiveness; waiting; hoping; and receiving his gifts of unfailing love and full redemption. These milestones of Psalm 130 tell the concise story of the Christian journey from death to life thanks to Jesus. It's what John Bunyan writes about in the first English novel ever published "Pilgrims Progress", now portrayed in a new movie showing today.

I wonder if this is your story?

Is this the journey you have had or are having? If so, you are in good company - from the psalmist through to some of the greats of Christian history today. The best gangsta stories are the rare times when repentance mixed with redemption happen, thanks to Jesus.

Your Brother in Christ

Benji

BICC Quiz Night Results

This year we have raised \$7,290 to support chaplaincy in our local schools. A Huge thanks to all the many people who made that possible. The evening was marked by the friendly spirit and relaxed enjoyment. It was a wonderful night.

Thanks from the Newton Family

Barbara Newton and family wish to thank the people from BCUC who have been kind with their prayers and thoughts at Alan's funeral on Monday July 22.

BCUC Saturday Friendship Club

The next meeting of the club will be on **August 17**. Helen Brooks will give a talk, with visuals about a trip she took to Europe and England with her granddaughter. Usual 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start; basket supper. Visitors welcome.

Finals Fever!!

The minor round for BCUC's 5 netball teams finished last week and we have 3 teams in the finals. Congratulations to the B1, B4 and D3 teams who made it into finals and well done to the other two teams who improved consistently throughout the year and finished strongly.

BCUC Netball End-of Season Celebration and Trophy Presentation

Sunday, **August 18**, 5 - 7:30pm at BCUC. \$10 per person/\$5 for 10 years and under. Dinner provided. Rsvp to bcucnc@gmail.com by August 11.

Oodnadatta Building Fund

Many thanks for your combined generosity. Over the last few weeks \$1922.50 has been donated to the Oodnadatta Building Fund making the goal of a church building at Oodnadatta all the more achievable. If you wish to donate you may do so online by contributing to the Oodnadatta Building Fund BSB 704095 Acc No 193668 and include 'BCUC' as your reference. Many thanks from BCUC Cares.

Survey Update

Our Congregation Survey will be closing soon. If you have not taken part, please complete it online using the emailed link or via a paper copy available in the foyer.

Family Fun @5

The next Family Fun@5 is on Saturday **September 14** Book the date!

Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

Next Sunday (Aug 11) at noon. Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Chicken & Salad plus a fruit platter.

Monday Day Fellowship

August 5 at 1:30pm. Supporting the Sammy Di Foundation - educating both parents and children on the impact of violence and how it may be prevented. A donation of \$5 is asked in support of this appeal. All members are encouraged to attend and the congregation is most welcome. Afternoon tea will be supplied and has been organised by the committee.

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