

**This Sunday @ BCUC**

**8th September**

***I am a Loved Child of God***

John 1:10-13 & 1 John 2:28-3:3

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

10:30am Café : Rev Rob Williams

Lectionary : Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

**Upcoming Week @ BCUC**

***Monday 9th September***

10:00am mainly music

7:00pm BSF

***Tuesday 10th September***

9:30am Ladies Table Tennis

9:30am Playgroup

***Wednesday 11th September***

7:45am Prayer Meeting

9:30am Prayer Meeting

12noon Alpha Course

***Thursday 12th September***

9:30am Craft, Chat & Sew

12noon Friendship Club

3:00pm Choir Practice

6:00pm Worship & Music Ministry

***Saturday 14th September***

5:00pm Family Fun @ 5

***Sunday 15th September***

12noon Prayer Meeting

**Next Sunday @ BCUC**

**15th September**

***I am a Loving Child of God***

1 Peter 1:14, 1 John 4:7

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

10:30am Classic : Rex King

Lectionary : Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Prayer Requests: [prayer@burnsidecityuc.org.au](mailto: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 8th September 2019**

**WELCOME**

*Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee after the service*

***Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.***

John 1:12



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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

Finding your identity is a core human trait. Think of the number of movies or the volume of literature that has self-discovery as the main thread of its theme. It's about finding the answer to one of life's biggest questions: "who am I?"

Genealogy web sites are some of the most visited sites on the internet. According to time magazine it's the second biggest hobby in the US after gardening. A very popular Australian TV show called "Who do you think you are?" traces the family trees of famous Australians. These are all part of our fascination in discovering the puzzle pieces of our identity.

Our identity can be gained from many things outside our genetic tree: our experiences that shape us, our hurts and pains that leave scars, our family upbringing, our postcode, our citizenship, our current relationships, our responsibilities, our authority, our careers, our personalities, our IQ, our EQ. Our identity can be defined by external and internal things. For the next three weeks I would like us to explore the life-changing truth that our primary identity can be found in Christ alone. If you have never given yourself a memory verse then I encourage you to make it this: "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" 1 John 3:1. In this sweet verse the endless search for identity is over. We are children of God, thanks to the great love that God has lavished on us! It's not so much about who I am but whose I am.

This identity is eternal. It can not be changed, no matter what external labels people want to put on you or what labels you might place on yourself. It does not depend on genetics or postcode or education or social status or being successful or how pretty you are or aren't or how many likes you get on Instagram. It is dependent on the deep love God lavishes upon us. John's gospel says right at the start what the whole point of Jesus coming to earth is: "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." John 1:12. So believe and receive Jesus and find your unshakable identity as a child of God!

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS & NOTICES

### Psalm Writing Workshop Notes

Notes from the recent Psalm Writing Workshop are available in the Resources section of our website. We would love to give the opportunity for the congregation to contribute their own Psalms to a booklet we will publish as a Christmas gift to all. We would love to see your contributions. Use these notes to get ideas and learn techniques for writing your psalm.

### Community Outreach - Help Needed Staff Appreciation Tea, Marryatville HS

BCUC is hosting a Staff Appreciation Morning Tea at Marryatville High School (on behalf of the Burnside Interchurch Council). Are you able to support this event by providing a plate of savoury or sweet items? If so, please deliver your food items to BCUC on Wednesday **September 25** between 9:00am and 10:00am. Thank you for your help!

### Family Fun @5

Family Fun @ 5 will be on **Saturday 14th September** from 5.00 to 7.00pm. Families are very welcome. Please invite neighbors and friends as it is an opportunity to reach out into the community. Flyers in the foyer spinner are available to give out. Helpers for preparing food, helping with craft and games, set up and clear up. For one of the activities those who have skills or pleasure in building Lego will be needed. **Sign up sheets for helpers are in the Foyer.** Contact Heather Walraven or Chris Lake.

### BCUC Saturday Friendship Club.

**21st September.** Pamela Rajkowski speaks on the important role that Cameleer Settlers played in shaping the Australian outback. 7:15pm arrival for a 7:30pm start. Basket supper provided.

### Operation Christmas Child

This year's shoebox project is underway - an exciting time of the year! Shoeboxes of small gifts are packed here at BCUC and sent to children in developing countries. Brochures are available in the foyer along with empty decorated boxes if you wish to pack your own box. Alternatively there is an opportunity to make a monetary donation. If you like to shop, we need tennis balls, skipping ropes and yoyos to name a few items. Packing day is on **Monday Sept 30th at 9.30am** in the Hall. Enquiries to Di Croft.

### Seniors Second Sunday Lunch

**Today at noon.** Come and join us for friendship, fun and food. Chicken & Salad plus a fruit platter.

### 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>.

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