

Announcements

December-January editions of ConneXions and Challenge are now available.

Today:

- 9.00-9.20am: Prayer meeting
- 9.30am: worship – Gary Ware
- 5.30pm: evening fellowship – Psalm 2.
- Nelson: 9.30am (Victorian time) – Ian Touzel.

Next Lord's Day:

- 9.00-9.20am: Prayer meeting
- 9.30am: worship – Gary Ware
- 5.30pm: evening fellowship – Psalm 3.

Monday: 7.30pm – Session (elders' meeting) at Allison St..

Holiday Muster 2012 this week:

- Monday-Thursday: 9:30am-12 noon - morning programme.
- Friday: 6.00-7.30pm - evening programme.
- Cost: \$1 per child per day
- Bring: hat, sunscreen, water bottle (clearly named) and friends!
- Volunteers need – contact Christine Ware – M: 0412 501 213.

Bring & Share lunch on Sunday 29th. Please bring a main course and dessert to share.

All Age Sunday School resumes on 5th February. For adults the two classes started in Term 4 last year – Getting to the Heart of Parenting and Church History Survey – will continue in Term 1 this year.

Church Camp: Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th March at Karnkendi. Speaker: Darren Middleton, Pastor, North Geelong PC, on *Revelation: Heaven Opened - making sense of the seals, trumpets, dragon and whore!* Brochure now available.

TEAR Christmas gifts totalled \$852.00

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...growing God's family...

Lord's Day, January 15, 2012 AD

The End Of Rebellion

2 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 12

"Welcome", as you worship with us today

Order of Service

*Please speak to God before the service and to everyone else afterward.
Those who are able are invited to stand for the items marked **

9.20am Prelude to Worship

Gathering God's People

Meekness and majesty

There's a royal banner

*Blessing and honour (Ancient of days)

Announcements: Alan Fox

9.30am Worship

Call to worship:

Responding To God's Presence

**Prayer of Confession:*

Song of Assurance: Search me, O God

/over...

***Assurance:** 1 John 1:9
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Affirming our Faith:** Heidelberg Catechism 1

***Praise:** Glory be to the Father

Experiencing God's Word

Bible Reading: Isaiah 35: 1 - 10

Judah is unfavorably compared to the Rechabites, a clan which obeyed its father Jonadab's command to live a nomadic life and abstain from wine, while Judah has failed to obey the commands of God spoken through His prophets.

***Praise:** Hosanna

Bible Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 12

Sermon: *The End Of Rebellion* – Gary Ware

1. Rebellion's process.

2. Rebellion's purpose.

3. Rebellion's purging.

Responding To God's Grace

How does God want me to respond to His word?

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer: Alan Fox

Tithes & free will offerings

Visitors are not obligated to give an offering. Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

Blessing

*** Praise:** Great is Your faithfulness

Next Lord's Day:

- Continuous reading plan: Isaiah 36:1- 22
- Passage for preaching: 2 Thessalonians 2: 13 – 3:5
- Songs: My soul finds rest in God alone; In love and in grace ; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; It's Your blood; How sweet the name of Jesus sounds; Jesus is Lord

Words Worth Thinking About

"To add to the finished work of Jesus Christ is to disfigure it, mar it, and destroy it altogether. There is nothing you can contribute to the payment that Jesus made on the cross for sin. There is no penance you can undergo, no good work you can perform, no pilgrimage upon which you can embark, no punishment you can endure to clear your guilt before God. When Jesus said, 'It is finished.' he meant it. He meant that he had completely paid the price to release his people from their bondage to sin. So for you to try to pay for your own sins is to deny that Jesus really did finish paying for sin. For you to try to do something to earn your own salvation is to make Jesus Christ out to be a liar."

— James Montgomery Boice and Philip Graham Ryken

The Heart of the Cross

(Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books, 1999), 52

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