

Announcements

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

Today:

- 9.00-9.20am: Prayer meeting
- 9.30am: worship – Gary Ware
- No evening fellowship for today only
- Nelson: 9.30am (Victorian time) – Alan Clarkson.

Next Lord's Day (Christmas Day):

- 9.00-9.20am: Prayer meeting
- 9.30am: worship – Gary Ware
- 5.30pm: Monthly church prayer meeting.

Monthly church prayer meeting: beginning next month (next Lord's Day!) our church will begin devoting the first Sunday evening of the month exclusively to prayer. Join us for this vital ministry of intercession.

Ian Touzel and family are on holidays from this Thursday (22nd) until 14th January. They thank everyone for their prayers, support and encouragement during 2011 and wish you the Lord's blessing for Christmas and 2012.

Holiday Muster 2012: January 16-20. Monday-Thursday: morning programme. Friday: evening programme. Volunteers need – contact Christine Ware – M: 0412 501 213.

All Age Sunday School resumes on 5th February.

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.

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...growing God's family...

Lord's Day, December 25, 2011 AD

For Your Sake

Luke 2: 1 - 20

"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

Silent night, holy night

Joy has dawned

*Christians awake, salute the happy morn

Announcements: Graeme Hamilton

9.30am Worship

Call to worship:

Responding To God's Presence

**Prayer of Confession:*

Song of Assurance: From the squalor of a borrowed stable

/over...

***Assurance:** Matthew 1: 20-21
But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

***Affirming our Faith:** The Apostles' creed

***Praise:** Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Experiencing God's Word

Bible Reading: Isaiah 32: 1 - 20
The rule of the righteous king is described (verses 1-18) and complacent women are warned of impending disaster (verses 9-20).

***Praise:** Away in a manger

Bible Reading: Luke 2: 1 - 20

Sermon: *For Your Sake* – Gary Ware

1. The place is for your sake.
2. The placation is for your sake.
3. The peace is for your sake.

Responding To God's Grace

How does God want me to respond to His word?

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer: Graeme Hamilton

Tithes & free will offerings

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

Blessing

*** Praise:** While shepherd watched their flocks by night

Next Lord's Day:

- Continuous reading plan: Isaiah 33:1- 24
- Passage for preaching: 2 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 5
- Songs: Stand up and bless the Lord; Glory of glories; At Your feet, our God and Father; If Christ be God and died for me; Speak, O Lord; Bring to the Lord a glad new song.

Words Worth Thinking About

"Why do angels long to look into the good news (1 Pet. 1:12)? Because it is fascinating! It is eternally interesting. It is thrilling. It is simple, yet complex. It is a diamond: one brilliant treasure with a million gleaming facets, each offering a million vantage points alight and gleaming with the majesty of its architect."

— Jared C. Wilson
Gospel Wakefulness

(Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books, 2011), 203

<http://firstimportance.org/2011/12/the-fascinating-interesting-thrilling-good-news/>