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100 years at Aldgate Valley

'And now for the next hundred' was the theme for the Aldgate Valley, SA, church's centenary which was celebrated between September 11 and 18.

On September 11 more than 280 were squeezed into the church, vestry and hall in a communion service to celebrate the establishment of 'The Valley'. Dr Bill Tabbernee, College of the Bible Principal, challenged those present to continue to fulfil their purpose. Lunch was held at the Longwood Campsite where there was also an historical dis-

play.

At 3.30 pm the church was again overflowing for a worship celebration where presentations totalling \$4,800 were made to representatives from the Overseas Missions Board, the Federal Aborigines Missions Board and the College of the Bible. Dr Tabbernee continued the theme of the morning's service, and the congregation celebrated by singing the "Centenary Hymn".

The following weekend the celebrations began on the Saturday evening with a well attended

"Penny Concert". Sunday morning celebrations included the Sunday School anniversary and during the communion service one of the men of the church was baptised.

The evening service saw the building filled for a "Lamp Light Gospel Meeting". This re-enacted the many evening gospel meetings held before there was a car access and electricity connected to the chapel. Most dressed in period costume and walked to the chapel by lamplight across a foot bridge used in the past, and

especially rebuilt of the occasion. The chapel was lit by lamps and the "old time" service featured marvellous singing and culminated with the decision of one of the young people of the church. The speaker at both services on this Sunday was the minister John Gilmore.

The two weekends were a great celebration, although marked with a sense of loss following the sudden death of one of the Elders and coordinator of the centenary, Ray Caudle.

A history of the "Church in the Valley" is available for a cost of \$3 from John Gilmore, 23 Anderson Rd., Bridgewater 5155.



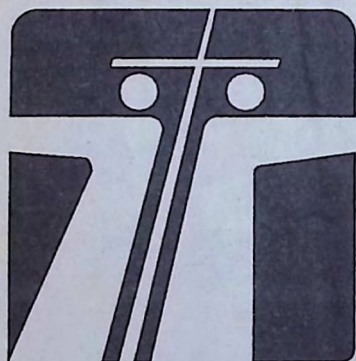
Aldgate Valley members (L. to R.) Royce Harslett, Reg Long, Eunice Oinn, John Gilmore (minister) and Trevor Hoyle looking at a Sunday School prize from 1925

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GUEST EDITORIAL

The Church is Alive

—Doreen Moore



Doreen Moore has had a lifetime association with Churches of Christ in NSW. She was married to Noel in 1954 and they later moved, with their two children, first to Greenacre, then to Castle Hill. For the past three years Noel and Doreen have been active in the work and worship of the church at Epping. Doreen has always been involved with Christian Women's Fellowship and is currently the NSW CWF President.

January 26, 1988 was a day of much enjoyment as thousands of Australians gathered to participate in the celebration of our nation's first 200 years of white settlement. Who will forget the sight of Sydney Harbour on that day—whether viewed in person, or on television—as craft from the size of row boats to great ocean liners were dotted around the Harbour and the tall ships made their way to Sydney Cove? Such excitement pervaded the air, all were in a joyful mood, the people of Australia had something great to celebrate.

No—not all the people were celebrating—there were many in our country who could find nothing to celebrate. Our Aboriginal people, whose tribes had been scattered and even decimated, had nothing to be happy about in 1988. They were in mourning for what had occurred to their ancestors over the past 200 years. Aborigines came hundreds of miles to march in a peaceful protest. They were joined by many white people, sympathetic to their cause.

But what of the church in 1988? Many have said the church is dead! The church is not dead, some may be sleeping, but as I recall the many faithful who have served at home and abroad as missionaries, the great preachers of the past and present who have taught and led us, and those who have supported them both in prayer and financially, I am persuaded that there is much evidence of a church alive. There are many Christians who are ever ready to help others in need, either of a physical or spiritual nature. While that spirit exists the church is very much alive.

The church was most obvious this year as thousands of its members converged on our national capital on the eve of the opening of the new Parliament House, joining hands in an attitude of love and commitment to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as they prayed for our nation and for the leaders of our country.

In this, the bicentennial year, the church has shared the good news of the Gospel by the distribution of New Testaments throughout our land. In our experience there were very few who refused to accept the Scriptures and it was a great joy to be able to pass on the Word of God to those who were willing to take the good news into their homes.

Then, as the city of Brisbane opened its doors to the people of all nations for World Expo 88, the church was there in the Pavilion of Promise. Thousands stood for hours in order to enter that Pavilion and saw creation and the crucifixion very vividly portrayed as they watched the presentation. Hundreds have inquired about the Christian life.

Therefore we, the Christians of Australia, who have such a great heritage, have a greater responsibility to live in a manner honouring our God, that fellow Australians may see Christ in us.

I am convinced that the church is of great importance in this world and is not dead, nor will it die, unless we its people let it die!

Christianity or humanism?

500 gathered at LaTrobe University, Vic., for a debate between John Smith (on the side of the Christians) and James Garrett, a senior office-holder with various humanist, rationalist and sceptic societies. The debate was chaired by Professor John Scott, the Vice-Chancellor of the university.

John would not defend every part of Christian history. He stated that Christianity surrounds the person, the work the ideals and the lifestyle of Jesus of Nazareth. He argued that the quest for meaning is a real issue in this world, but one beyond the realm of science.

In response James Garrett proposed a number of answers: edu-



John Smith

cation, democracy, attitude, self-reliance, relative morality and the golden rule 'Do unto others as you would be done by' (inadvertently reminding the audience of humanism's origins within Christianity).

The debate, organised by Students for Christ, the Christian

Union, the Newman Society, the Atheist Society, the LaTrobe chaplains and the Overseas Christian Fellowship, is available on cassette. Audio tapes are \$5, VHS tapes \$26.95. Write to: Christianity Debate, C/- Care and Communication Concern, PO Box 463, BORONIA 3155.

GROWING SPIRITUALLY

Growth through problems

"Research shows that there are certain periods in the life of a growing child which are very difficult, both for the child and for those close to him...usually at the ages of four, eight and 14...The child, self-assertive, rude, aggressive, wants to identify with friends and finds it difficult to relate to adults. It is during these periods of tension and difficulty that significant growth takes place, both physical and emotional. Remove the tension and difficulty and you remove the opportunity for growth."

As I thought over these comments, made at a CWF meeting by a professional in Early Childhood Education, I realised how true this principle is in the spiritual area. Think back to the precious times in your life, when you have grown spiritually. Was it when everything was smooth and nobody made unreasonable demands on you? Or was it during a time of difficulty or deep sorrow, when grief almost overwhelmed you, that you drew close to the Lord?

Wasn't it then that you found his comfort and strength supporting you, encouraging you to trust him, no matter how dark your world seemed to be? Haven't you found, as I have, that those dark times of testing have been the most precious of your life, and you wouldn't have missed them for the worlds? You see, that was when you grew. Joy Ridderhoff says, "He keeps tipping us out of our nest so that our wings of faith and praise will grow strong."

If we want to grow spiritually then we need to look at our attitude to those events and circumstances which impinge on our lives and over which we have no control, and accept them as from the hand of a loving heavenly Father. He knows the 'environment' which is most conducive to our spiritual growth, and it is not always that which we would choose!

I love these words by Andrae Crouch: "If I'd never had a problem, I wouldn't know that he could solve them;

I'd never know what faith in God can do."

Problems and difficulties are opportunities for growth. Let's accept them as such.

—June Younger
(Launceston, Tas)

Country Council at Warragul

At the invitation of the Warragul CWF, 110 ladies from Melbourne, Geelong & Gippsland churches shared the October CWF Council meeting. Worship was presented by Country Representative, Margaret McLeod. Debbie Beusnel, Warragul's minister, focused on the President's theme, 'Towards 2000—Our Responsibility'.

Warragul reported on the camp at Monbulk and updates were given on the CWF review and

Project 89. Sandra Gibson opened the afternoon with singing. Judy Farmer gave musical items.

Shirley Admans, a volunteer worker with Pindarl Blind Centre in Warragul, spoke of her work with the visually impaired. In conclusion Lois Smith, Vic-Tas President, reminded us of the fellowship that binds city and country together. This was very evident during the day.

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New Pastor for Mt Druitt

The fellowship meeting at Mt Druitt, in the far western metropolitan area of Sydney, was greatly encouraged as we shared in the induction service of our new pastor and his wife, Hugh and Noelene Roose, on October 2.

Hugh and Noelene come to us after sharing in ministry at the Belrose, NSW, church and, prior to that, with the Federal Aborigines Board at various locations in Western Australia.

We were pleased to share with Roy Dixon from the Seven Hills church as he presented a challenge to both Hugh and Noelene Roose and the congregation.

A great time of fellowship was experienced after the morning service around a meal, and then as we worshipped together at our evening service. The following



Hugh and Noelene Roose

day being a public holiday, the church continued to enjoy fellowship together relaxing in pleasant surroundings at a church family picnic.

—Brian Dixon

Instep appoints new Executive Director



One of Victoria's ecumenical training programs, Instep, has announced the appointment of a Roman Catholic Sister as its new Executive Director. Sister Mary Farrell, RSM, will replace Rev. Dr Stephen Ames who has led Instep since he founded the program in 1976.

Instep acts as a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Centre, offering in-service training for Christians working in pastoral ministries in both church and community programs. It covers those working in a wide range of sectors including community welfare, church ministries, teaching, nursing and medicine. The program, which trains about 25 people each year, is recognised for degree purposes by the Melbourne College of Divinity.

Sister Farrell will be commissioned at a special service to be held on 6 November, 8pm, at St Oswald's Anglican Church, 100 High St, Glen Irls. For further information contact Mary Farrell, phone (03) 25 5209.

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'Home stay' student at Manning Valley



Satoshi Sakurai, John Schone and Barry Rice

Six families from the Manning Valley, NSW, church will host Japanese student, Satoshi Sakurai, as a 'home stay' student. The 'home stay' program is designed to help Japanese students to raise their English level to an acceptable standard to gain entrance to an English-speaking college or university.

Satoshi, aged 20, is a graduate of Ohshimizu Prefecture High School. He comes from from Karulzawa, a resort town of 15,000 people. His visit to Australia has been arranged by John Schone of Christian Camping International.

Satoshi first made contact with John through a desire to improve

his understanding of English. The possibility of a 'home stay' program developed out of this teaching situation. As a result of his English lessons Satoshi began attending church services and Bible study groups.

On approaching the church to find if they would be willing to host Satoshi, John was met with a ready response. Satoshi has been placed with families with children. He is also attending some English classes at the Taree Christian Community School. With hobbies of swimming, tennis and caring for animals, Satoshi is adjusting to life in Australia, particularly as his first host family are dairy farmers.

Resignation of Vic. CCES Director

Rev Andrew Curnow, Director of the Council for Christian Education in Schools since July 1983, has resigned from January 31 1989 in order to take up an appointment as Vicar of St

George's Anglican Church, Malvern. He has served the Council, the churches and schools of Victoria most effectively and will be greatly missed. A suitable replacement is being sought.



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Indoor Sports Success

200 participants and friends shared an exciting night of games activity at the Explorer Jubilee Indoor Sports. The event, held on August 20 at Box Hill, Vic., church, proved to be one of the most successful of recent years. A wide range of games contributed to the enjoyment of the night.

Boronla club won the Junior section and Burwood club the Intermediates. In an exciting block race executive members won against a team of boy participants.

The Sports were regarded as amongst some of the best supported of such events of recent years. They were organised by Warren Cutler, who also led the worship. The Indoor Sports have



Intermediate tunnel ball been a part of a great year which will culminate in the joint Good

Companions—Explorer Com-memoration Day at Camp

Waterman on October 15.

NSW camping program

It has been another good year for camping in New South Wales. Sponsored by the Department of Church Development and Education (DCD) and organised by the Youth Ministry Council, the state camping program has seen many young people challenged to commitment to Jesus Christ and encouraged to grow in discipleship.

At Easter the leadership team accepted the challenge to re-enact the events of the first Easter. Through music and drama the characters of Easter came alive, making the significance of the events of Easter more relevant to those present. Over 200 attended and were challenged to "Go into all the world."

The Junior High School camping program saw a number of changes which enabled us to take the largest ever number of young people into camp at one time. The program was moved to the July school break and divided into two distinct camps: Junior High for those in Years 7 and 8 and Net 9/10 for those in Years 9 and 10. This camp was held at the Fitzroy Falls Conference Centre. The division allowed us to concentrate studies and programs to the specific needs of each age group. At the end of camp we saw 76 commitments to Christ, both primary commitments and renewals of faith.

More recently DCD has sponsored a Mini Midgets Camp for school years 3-6 at Stanwell Tops. Under the leadership of Ian Alrd and team 84 young people enjoyed a fine week of creativity in learning and fun which enabled them to build on their understanding of Jesus.

DCD also continues to sponsor the Black Stump teaching, music and arts festival over the October long weekend. Approximately five and a half thousand people attended the festival where they heard speakers like Barry McMurtrie, Fuzz Kitto, John Smith and Mal Garvin, as well as the talents of overseas guests Nigel Goodwin and Shella Walsh, plus over 30 Australian bands.

Still to come in 1988 is the Summer Camp at Lennox Head for young people in the churches along the NSW North Coast. We are already planning the 1989 sequel to this year's Easter Camp centred on those final words of Jesus. There will also be a new camp in Canberra for churches in the ACT, Wagga Wagga, Nowra and Bowral from April 21-23, 1989. We would appreciate your prayer support as we plan for these and other camps which form a vital part of the youth ministry in the churches in New South Wales.

—Chris Hutton

Stanwell Tops Girls Brigade on the move

The Girls Brigade at Stanwell Tops is growing thanks to the leadership of Jenny Collins and her team of leaders: Julie Sheldon, Elsie Impey, Linda Knowles and their helpers.

During the year the Girls Brigade have participated in an inter-denominational Bicentennial outreach service in Stanwell Park where they marched and displayed their colours. In August we had an exciting church service when the National Treasurer, Richard Mentelth, gave a word of encouragement to the Brigade and its leaders. John Collins, standing in for Chaplain Graeme Ratten, welcomed six new members to the troop of 45 girls.

Four Pioneers are doing the Duke of Edinburgh bronze medal level award. Of the four, Megan Jeffery and Elizabeth Ratten are voluntary workers at the Kennetts Home with the elderly, while Lorna Morrison and Katrina Impey are voluntarily working at Wollongong Hospital in the children's ward. This is a practical way that young people are encouraged to serve Christ in the local community.

—R. Schepis

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CWF Camp Waterman

52 women enjoyed the CWF camp at Monbulk, Vic. 15 ladies, from Ascot Vale, Cheltenham, Silvan and The Patch, visited for Saturday's program. Special visitors for the weekend from Canberra were Pat Kerr (study leader and Australian CWF President), Heather Potter, Barbara Kennedy and Cheryl Leach.

On Friday evening the theme of President Lois Smith, 'Towards 2000—Our Responsibility', was introduced through various tasks carried out in groups. Dorothy Quantrelle led a quiet time the next morning and Pat Kerr presented a study on our responsibility

to build up lasting relationships. Eunice Ready shared her experiences at the Australian Church Women conference in Adelaide. Glenn Quantrelle provided information and showed a video about the COB New Campus developments.

The Saturday evening program took the form of a concert performed by a number of talented musicians, concluding with a study from Eleanor Roberts. The studies over the weekend challenged us to be supportive and loving and to put our confidence in Jesus.

—Jan Hutton

Third wave of the Holy Spirit

20 Churches of Christ ministers met at the Richmond, Vic., church on October 10 to meet two of the pastors working with John Wimber's Vineyard Ministries.

The two visitors, Jack Deere and Ken Blue, were visiting Melbourne to prepare for the Power Healing Conference with John Wimber in February/March 1989. Jack Deere completed 12 years as a Professor at Dallas Theological Seminary in Texas and pastored an evangelical church before joining Vineyard Ministries. Ken Blue, author of two books, comes from Vancouver, Canada.

According to the thinking of Vineyard Ministries there have been three waves of the Holy Spirit in this century. The first one was the Pentecostal movement which began in the early 1900s. The second wave, in the 1950s

and 1960s, was the Charismatic movement, which brought many of the Pentecostal experiences to the traditional churches.

The third wave, best exemplified by the Vineyard churches, is a move of the Holy Spirit amongst conservative evangelical churches. There is an openness to see healing and other signs and wonders as the Spirit moves. Another feature of this movement is that there is no high pressure in the interpretation of the experience of being baptised in the Holy Spirit. Many have moved into this new understanding of the Holy Spirit without any crisis experience.

Barrett, in his Christian encyclopedia, suggests that 23 million people in the past seven years have become part of this third wave.

—Barry Jenkins

Youth Specialties Australia

In May this year Youth Specialties Australia was established by Graham and Jodie Hyman as an independent, non-denominational youth work training and resource company. Its aim is to support and supplement youth ministry being conducted by churches, denominations and para-church agencies of all types throughout Australia.

YSA presents two types of training events annually. The National Resource Seminar is a six-hour program designed primarily for voluntary youth leaders working in the local church. It covers a philosophy of youth ministry, ideas for Creative Christian Education, games and social programs, in addition to presenting examples of the latest available resources. Each year the National Resource Seminar travels to each of the state capital cities and a number of regional centres.

The National Youth Workers' Convention runs for four days each winter. It is a period of intensive training featuring the most respected youth work trainers in the world. The NYWC is designed primarily for the professional Christian youth worker, although many volunteers have attended and found the experience extremely beneficial.

YSA is thoroughly committed to making the world's (and Australia's) best youth work trainers accessible to the widest range of Australian youth leaders and ministers. To this end overseas specialists (and Australian experts) feature at all of their events. Through its close association with Youth Specialties in the United States, YSA is able to offer access to excellent youth work resources including books of program ideas, games, texts on the philosophy of youth work and resources to encourage spiritual growth in young people.

Graham Hyman has been an ordained Churches of Christ minister for 12 years and has had extensive experience in youth ministry. Jodie, his wife and partner in



Graham Hyman

Youth Specialties Australia, is a teacher who also has skills in management and public relations. Together they are committed to bringing the very best assistance and support for those in Australian youth ministry.

In 1989 YSA will be sponsoring the National Resource Seminars, with Mike Yaconelli as the overseas guest, during February. The National Youth Workers' Convention, with Duffy Robbins, USA, as the guest, will be in Sydney, June 16-19. Information on YSA activities can be obtained by writing to them at PO Box 1120, Burleigh Heads Qld 4220.

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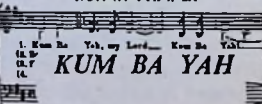
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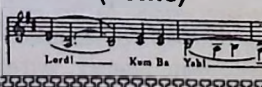


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NSW Social Service Department Staff Changes 1988

During 1988 major staff changes have taken place in the Social Service Department. After five years with the Department, Laurie Larcombe, the Administrator and Director of Homes, resigned in December 1987 to take up an appointment in Hong Kong. The Department decided to restructure its operations to guide the development of its ministries and two new positions were created.

Executive Director Charles Wilson



Charles is well-known in New South Wales and for the past five years has worked for the Department as Director of Community Care. In this position he was responsible for developing the welfare aspects of the Department's ministry. In his new position he will be responsible for the oversight of all the activities of the Department.

Charles is well-qualified for his new position. He is a graduate of the College of the Bible, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Sociology, Diploma

in Divinity, Associate Diploma in Welfare Studies, and is a member of the Australian Institute of Welfare Officers and Associate Member of Australian Association of Marriage and Family Counsellors. As well as this Charles has just completed a Master of Letters, his thesis being "Why do clergy leave the pastoral parish ministry of Churches of Christ in Australia?"

Business Manager Jack Murphy



Jack Murphy has been appointed as Business Manager with specific responsibility for the business and financial aspects of the Department's work.

After nine years in banking and 12 months in marketing, covering a broad spectrum of accounting and management areas, Jack and his wife Cathy joined the Australian Churches of Christ Overseas Mission Board. Their initial appointment was to the island of Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu (previously New Hebrides) where Jack served as Business Manager for three years. Following the initial term Jack was invited to serve in the Overseas Mission Board Federal Office in Adelaide as Business Manager, a position he held for six and a half years.

During the latter part of Jack's stay in Adelaide he was invited to fill a casual vacancy on the Churches of Christ Retirement Services Board and was subsequently elected to that Board.

Jack comes to the Department with a broad background in accounting and management, together with experience in the policies and strategies involved in aged care.

The Department is also pleased to announce two further staff positions.

Prison Chaplain



Churches of Christ were pleased to be given the opportunity to appoint a full-time Prison Chaplain to Long Bay Gaol in Sydney. The Department has appointed Neal Hodgekiss to this position. Neal, who will be working with Chaplains from the Catholic and Anglican Churches, will be representing the other Protestant denominations.

Neal Hodgekiss has had extensive ministries with Churches of Christ, at Port Lincoln and Mille End, SA, Sunshine and Geelong, Vic., Loftus Park and Earlwood, NSW. He worked with Inter Church Trade and Industry Mission for approximately 20 years both in SA and Vic. Before commencing in his new role he was working at the invitation of the Queensland Home Mission Department in Central Queensland, caring for small churches, isolated people and ministers.

The Department believes that Neal's extensive experience and maturity make him ideally-suited to his new ministry role.

Chaplain for Pendle Hill Retirement Village

The Department, in conjunction with Pendle Hill Church of Christ, is pleased to announce the appointment of Alan Rae to a joint ministry commencing in 1989. Alan will be employed by the Pendle Hill church as Associate Minister one and a half days per week with particular responsi-

bility in the pastoral care area. His remaining time will be spent as Chaplain in the Retirement Village with particular responsibility for the pastoral care of staff and residents.

Alan has a wife, Elva, and five children. He has had ministries in Morawa, WA, Ma Ma Creek—Gatton, Qld, Lidcombe, Auburn, Belmore and Canley Heights, NSW. This year Alan is taking some long-service leave before commencing his new ministry.



Alan's pastoral gifts will complement the work of both the Department and the Pendle Hill church as we seek to provide a high quality of care.

—Frank Elsmore

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POLITICAL LITERATURE IN CHURCHES

To the Editor,

I read with interest the four points made by G.W. Williams in his letter in "The Australian Christian" (September 17). I think they are too good just to pass by, so I would like to say I am in complete agreement and would like to see them observed by all Christians in both speech and writing.

This is how I would put it:

1. Always use reasons and give reasons. Never try to gain an advantage by appealing to the emotions.

2. That they address people and governments with the correct titles and speak courteously of all, even the lowest, remembering that Christ loved even the least of people enough to die for them.

3. That if people want to criticise, it is also their duty to praise where praise is due. The attitude that they are right in everything and the other is wrong in everything is not good enough. It is not fair and it puts people off.

4. To be truthful at all times. No twisting of facts, no half-truths, no omitting of facts that are damaging to the case. Truth honours God and is demanded of us, but we are taught lies are an abomination (Proverbs 6:16-17).

I think the observance of these simple rules would make a big difference.

—R.A. Gale
(Bridgetown, WA)

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT

To the Editor,

I have been working for Resin Surfaces Ltd, a family business manufacturing industrial floor and roof coatings, since 1983, at our Manchester Airport offices. I made a Christian commitment when Billy Graham visited England in 1984 and am a member of a lively Baptist church.

With my work marketing Resin Surfaces products I have travelled throughout the United Kingdom meeting new and existing

clients. My work has also involved market research and planning the company's advertising. I have also written articles for press releases and copy for trade literature.

I am planning to take six months out of the business to visit Australia from around February 1989. I am currently looking for work for this period and hope to find employment with a Christian-run organisation.

My qualifications include four 'A' levels and an Honours degree in Law from Liverpool University. Besides church activities I enjoy reading, walking, travel and music. Part of my spare time is spent working with mentally handicapped people, which has included a working holiday.

I enjoy working as part of a team although my job requires a high degree of self-motivation. Being single I am quite flexible as to work available. If anyone has work available please contact me at this address:

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—John Waterhouse

THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST

To the Editor,

If the author of the book on which "The Last Temptation of Christ" is based was a Christian ("A.C." October 1) then he must be very misled to believe that Christ fantasised like that whilst on the cross.

There is a vast difference between temptation and lust. You can be tempted and choose to put it out of your mind. However, if you continue to dwell on the temptation, then it becomes a sin. The sin, in this case, is lust.

Christ said in Matthew 5:28 that to continue to look at a woman lustfully is to actually commit the sin. So as far as God is concerned, if you desire a woman lustfully in your heart or mind then you have committed adultery. That would mean that Christ was

committing adultery whilst on the cross.

For Christ to be our redeemer he had to be without spot of blemish, without sin. Sorry, but if Christ was fantasising on the cross like that then the sacrifice would have been unacceptable.

Christ did not fantasise like that on the cross. How do I know? Because on the third day God rose him from the dead. The sacrifice was acceptable. It was without spot or blemish. It was without sin.

—Ken Grey
(Henley Beach, SA)

THE LAST TEMPTATION OF CHRIST

To the Editor,

Colin Lawn ("A.C." October 1) raises an important issue concerning the film "The Last Temptation of Christ". I have only viewed the 9 Network's "60 Minutes" report on this film.

Jesus states in Matthew 5 that to entertain sexual fantasies is the same as committing the deed. Since Jesus was sinless, this film is obviously wrong.

For a vast majority of non-Christian Australians the Jesus of the film may be the only one they meet. Colin, is this the self-doubting, wishy-washy, lusting Jesus

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LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

DO-IT-YOURSELF

To the Editor,

With costs rising and my wife's frequent sighing remark, "If only you were a handyman!" always ringing in my ears, I have occasionally been tempted to buy do-it-yourself kits for household repairs, or to make the latest in knick-knacks for the home.

Without exception they were disastrous failures. There was always a step missing somewhere in the step-by-step instructions. There were always words that I could not understand and that were not in the dictionary. Our garden shed is a museum of do-it-yourself failures.

What I object to is the advertising of the do-it-yourself kits. They tell you that any mug can manage them. Well, here's one mug who can't. And the pictures about them on telly show you a competent-looking character putting it together easily while his admiring wife and children stand nearby. My wife and kids always got out of the road. It was safer. And there is always a coloured photo of the completed kit, so at least one mug must have got it right. Maybe the guy who invented it!

I'm mighty glad that there's no do-it-yourself Christianity. The good Lord doesn't trust us to produce decent, loving, caring lives all on our own. That's why he takes us in hand and builds us himself. Mind you, I've tried many times to produce a do-it-yourself Christian life...but the results have been as disastrous as with the bought kits. But after each disaster God seemed to pick up the wreckage and make something out of it.

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—TERTIUS

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CASSETTES

JIBES N' VIBES

by Jennie Flack (Just Life) \$13.98

Jibes N' Vibes is a children's cassette of music written and performed by Jennie Flack. Jennie Flack is married with three children and has been widely used in Christian circles such as the Focus on the Family movement in the U.S. In 1984 she released a cassette of children's material entitled *Snookles* which has proved very popular and demand for similar material has led to the release of *Jibes N' Vibes* in 1987.

The material on this cassette is light and bright and its technical production is as good or better than much of the secular children's records/cassettes that are available. The songs themselves are about God and his care for us. There is also a constant theme that we can be a friend of Jesus and that he is important in our lives. I feel that the material is more suited for listening to than for using in a group situation. This is designed for younger children up to about the age of 10. Titles of the songs help to see some of the material covered: God is so Clever; Good News; John 3:16; Jesus makes things New; Light of the World; The Tightrope Walker; The Rock; Jibes N' Vibes; Goodbye; Family of God; No Fishing; Mighty God; Kids of the Kingdom; Meal to Remember; Prince of Peace and Holy Spirit.

This cassette is available from Just Life, PO Box 430, Cowes 3922.



companion to the more formal 'Lamaca Declaration' and the official consultation report. The book is divided into three sections: the context of Christian service, options for life and visions for the future. Each section is introduced briefly and consists of edited personal responses from clergy and lay participants representing the full global spectrum of Christian tradition and lived experience.

The book is attractively presented with photographs of contributors, thought-provoking photographic and cartoon illustrations, as well as brief Biblical quotes, definitions and explanatory notes in the margins.

It is neither a theological exposition nor a manual for the implementation of a program for diakonia. The contributors to this book address the meaning of Christian service in the affluent first world, the state-socialist second world and the exploited and war-weary third world. Their responses to the question "Who is my neighbour?" address the nature of Christian commitment and solidarity in struggles for justice and peace in the world.

The most appropriate use for this book would be as reading for personal reflection on the challenges and the vision contained in these statements. The book concludes with a series of questions which would be useful in this process, or equally as a basis for small group reflection and discussion. Used in this way, the material contained in this book has the potential to produce new visions and practical expressions of diakonia.

—Rosslyn Reed

THE BURDEN BEARER

by Beryl Bollen \$3.50 (including postage)

The 40 poems in this small book (34 pages) were written during 37 years of illness. Through those years Beryl Bollen, from the Thornbury, Vic., church, knew that the Lord was faithful, despite her times of doubt. The brief introduction to the book mentions this.

The poems are "for people who are hurting", mainly intended for reassurance and comfort. They would be best suited to older readers. Each one is introduced by a Bible verse.

All proceeds from the sale of the book are used to help provide Scripture portions for people in Papua New Guinea. Copies can be obtained by phoning (03) 484 3113.

—J.T.

FIRST AND SECOND THINGS

Essays on Theology and Ethics.

by C.S. Lewis (Fount Paperbacks) \$6.95.

Over the past few years Walter Hooper has edited a collection of C.S. Lewis' essays which have been published at the rate of one a year. This selection was first published in 1985. Originally the best of his essays were published in the book 'Undeceptions: Essays on Theology and Ethics' in 1971. It was decided that it would not be possible to reprint the larger volume and thus some of the essays printed in that volume were selected for this paperback.

The essays in this book cover a variety of topics and originally appeared in a number of magazines. One, 'The Humanitarian Theory of Punishment', was first published in '20th Century: An Australian Quarterly Review'.

The range of subjects covered is large. As well as the very stimulating essay on crime and punishment C.S. Lewis has contributed to discussions on Christmas; the value of new translations of the Bible; vivisection; religious education in schools; work and prayer as well as several articles that cover a wide range of theological and ethical issues.

A must for any C.S. Lewis fan.

—C.R.A.



PAPERS

WHAT'S RIGHT ABOUT THE 'NEW RELIGIOUS RIGHT'?

The emergence of the so-called 'new religious right' is a very important phenomenon in late 20th century Western Christianity. It was most evident at first in the USA, but is now a significant move in Australia.

John Williams, previously a minister of the United Church, is now a freelance writer and lecturer on theological and political issues. As one who is often closely identified with the 'new religious right' he brings to this new Zadok paper a personal insight into the nature of this movement and a clear scholarly grasp of the historical and theological issues involved. This paper makes an important contribution to our understanding of the 'new religious right's' desirable and undesirable features.

"What's Right about the 'New Religious Right'? is available from the Zadok Institute for Christianity and Society, Blackall St, Barton, ACT 2600 for \$2 plus 78c postage.

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Political detainees in Malaysia and Singapore

—Nicholas Kerr

Australia's religious press has been asked to publicise political detentions without trial in Malaysia and Singapore. The Support Group for Malaysian ISA (Internal Security Act) Detainees and the Singapore Support Group have written of the stifling of the press in these two countries.

In their letter, received by the Australian Religious Press Association, they said that seven of the 24 detainees arrested in Singapore in 1987 and 1988 are still in solitary confinement and that in Malaysia 136 were detained without trial in a series of arrests in October and November 1987. A list of those arrested included the Leader of the Opposition, other Members of Parliament and

church and community workers. They were Chinese, Indians, Malays, Muslims, Hindus, Catholics and evangelical Christians.

"Of course," the letter went on, "none of these people have ever been brought to trial. And under a new law, the Minister's decision to detain any person under the Internal Security Act cannot be challenged in court."

The groups asked the ARPA to help make the situation in the two countries more widely known. "We believe that by lending your voice to these prisoners of conscience you can help hasten their release and, hopefully, set our countries back on the road to justice."

Bangladesh faces worst floods of the century



The main street of a Bangladesh town after floods

While floods are not unusual in Bangladesh, this year's floods in August and September were the worst in memory. At least 30 million were directly affected. Millions were made homeless. Some 3,000 lost their lives. Nearly three quarters of the country was under water.

Immediate relief, in the form of food clothing, shelter at relief camps, drinking water and medicines, has been pouring into Bangladesh. This is, however, only the first and temporary step.

November's Force Ten project will be used toward a rebuilding program run by Caritas Bangladesh.

The program will provide immediate employment for thousands of people whose livelihood has been destroyed. Caritas, with help from the United Nations, will assist farmers whose crops have been lost to plant new crops.

The program will also assist in repairing and replacing homes, at a cost of \$100—200 per home.

Lastly, Caritas plans to experi-

Lobster for lunch

—John Bassett, PNG



nights and when we returned home.

Our main purpose was to encourage the churches and so we preached and taught at every opportunity—up to four or five times per village.

Availability and cost of petrol made manpower the most favoured form of energy for transport. We spent over 16 hours walking on rough bush tracks and the last hour paddling a dugout canoe. I sure was thankful for the many times that a national brother would carry my backpack—I seem to have lost some of my stamina since my Boys Brigade camping days.

With all that exercise there was a need for plenty of 'fuel' for the 'motors', and there was plenty. A standard helping served to me would consist of 15-20 pieces of sweet potato or yam, plus meat. Over the week I had five full chickens, fish and some home-grown pork, but the culinary climax came on the last full day of the patrol when I was served a big, red lobster. I don't know whether it was an actual lobster or some other red crayfish, but I do know that it was a wonderfully tasty change from chicken. The standard drink was coconut milk, fresh from the husk.

We returned home to Bunam convinced that although the revival has diminished in its fervour, there remains a body of believers who are standing strong in the faith. Please continue to remember the church in PNG, as there is still a need for more teaching. Pray for God's workers too, for whilst life in New Guinea is certainly not unbearable, it is different.

'What does a church advisor do?' is a question that is often asked of us by people in Australia. Indeed, I asked the same question of just about everyone in the period leading up to our arrival on the field.

A church advisor is stationed in an area where there are a number of churches (anywhere from 8-20). He then works with these churches and their leaders, seeking to help them in their Christian life and witness. In the area where Gromnari and I are currently working there are 15 churches and we seek to minister to them in two main ways.

Firstly, we hold regular bi-monthly workshops with pastors and trainee pastors of each congregation. These week-long workshops provide not only valuable theological input for the workers, but also a time when they can sit down together and share the joys and sorrows of their ministries with each other.

But the church consists of more than just the pastors and so, during the intervening months, Grom and I endeavour to go on patrol and share with the churches as fellowships. We recently completed such a patrol, so I thought I might share some highlights and let you, too, share in the work.

The patrol took us to seven of our churches over a period of one week. During this week we shared in five fellowship nights, where the entire night is spent singing Christian songs interspersed with preaching and times of prayer. They were really special times of rejoicing together, even though a little tiring. We slept very well on the other two

ment with the construction of "flood shelters", hoping that this preventative measure may save lives in the future.

Force Ten is a joint program of the Australian Council of Churches and Australian Catholic Relief. Further information can be obtained by contacting Force Ten at Box C199 Clarence Street P.O., Sydney 2000.

The World Health Organization reports that more than 111,800 cases of AIDS have been recorded around the globe. The US has the largest number with 71,171 cases.

60 tonnes of emergency aid from Australia have arrived in Bangladesh, including a boat, high protein biscuits and water purifying tablets. World Vision and other aid agencies sent the cargo and the Australian Government funded the cost of the plane.

On September 4 leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South West Africa/Namibia, the second largest church in the territory, denounced what they called the "disorderly government which controls, penetrates, poisons and disrupts Namibian society so that the people suffer and die". In response a pro-South African newspaper in Namibia called the Lutheran Church a "front organization" for communism. The paper also charged that "many pastors and even bishops fall into the trap of Marxism".

Brazilian and US newspapers have reported that Pedro Casaldaliga Pla, a Brazilian Roman Catholic bishop has been admonished by the Vatican for failing to make required visits there because of a 1985 trip to Nicaragua to express support for the priest who is that country's foreign minister. According to one report the bishop was also criticised by Vatican officials for popular liturgies he wrote for Indians and blacks in Brazil.

Lutheran Deputy Bishop Zephaniah Kameeta has been denied a passport by South African authorities for the tenth time in 4 years. Kameeta was invited by the UN to attend a meeting in Canada. He was also due to

travel to Europe for church meetings. No reason for the denial was given.

Church protests are continuing over the Romanian government's plans to destroy thousands of villages. The assembly of the Federation of Protestant Churches of Switzerland urged the Romanian government to give up the plans on grounds that they would adversely affect the rights of ethnic minorities. The Global Mission Unit of the Presbyterian Church USA voted to send a message of concern about the situation to the Reformed Church of Romania, and to help ethnic Hungarian refugees from Romania in Hungary.

New Zealand Presbyterians are divided about a proposal to rename the denomination the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (thus inserting the Maori name for the country). Some opposed the addition on the grounds of cost, others because it would make the name cumbersome. Methodists have increasingly used Aotearoa in their denominational name.

The Information Bulletin of the All Union Council of Evangelical Christian-Baptists reports that local Baptists and atheists met 3 times in Leningrad for debates, presentations and question and answer sessions.

The Annual Council of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, held in October, attracted about 250 delegates from around the world to Nairobi. It was the first meeting of the Council in Africa, where an estimated 1.2 million of the 5.4 million Adventists worldwide live.

A deposit was placed on the MV Argo last week in the first step that could see it becoming the Logos II. The owners of the Spanish ship have agreed to sell it

to Operation Mobilisation for \$US1.95 million. OM hope that the ship will be ready to start work next October.

Australian delegates to the recent International Missions Conference in Sydney have established a new organisation to be known as the Independent City Missions of Australia, (ICMA), to provide a means of sharing ideas, resources, skills and programs. ICMA is made up of independent, non-denominational Christian City Missions from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Launceston, Adelaide, Newcastle, Wollongong and Calvary Welfare Services in Bunbury, Western Australia.

The next Qld CWF rally will be held on November 8 at the Annerley church. Guest singers will be the Rostvit twins from the USA. Morning tea at 10am, rally commences at 10.30am.

As part of the campaign "The Bible Open to All" Scripture Union, Norway, has been involved in a Bible relay for two months, May and June 1988. A series of runners carried Bibles 4,000km along the entire Norwegian coastline. In about 60 towns along the route rallies were held to encourage Bible reading and to raise funds for Bible projects.

Overseas mission has disappeared from the agenda of the local church, a survey commissioned by the Church Missionary Society in Britain has found. The survey found that mission rated very low in the priorities of local congregations whose main preoccupations appear to be parochial concerns and problems with the fabric of their buildings. The survey found that the most effective way to communicate what overseas mission is all about is through people, such as visits from

mission partners and area secretaries.

There are now about 600 Korean missionaries working in different parts of the world.

Legislation to authorise the first Anglican women priests in Australia was passed in Melbourne recently. It should come into effect about the end of 1989. The first women's ordinations in Melbourne are scheduled to be in the normal February ordinations of 1990, Archbishop David Penman has said.

The SA State Government will designate 1989 a special Year of School and Industry to highlight action being taken to educate young people for the world of work. Joe Laslett (phone (08) 226 1068) and Paul Rosser (phone (08) 217 5383) have been appointed to work with schools and industry to plan the year.

Deacon Vladimir Rusak is to be released from a labour camp in the USSR this month after serving over 2 years of a 12 year sentence. He was arrested in April 1986 and tried on charges of 'anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda'. He had written an unauthorised history of the Russian Orthodox Church and later, in parish service, he attracted official displeasure by speaking openly about Christians who had perished for their faith under the communist regime. In 1983 he addressed an open letter to the WCC General Assembly giving a detailed description of the real situation of the Russian Orthodox Church in the USSR.

Leaders of unregistered Pentecostal churches in the USSR held a conference in September. Over 150 representatives of churches opposed to state registration under present conditions attended. The conference was told that there are 20,000 Pentecostals in

Western Ukraine and about 5,000 in the Moscow region.

At the United Bible Societies Council meeting in Budapest last month responsibility was accepted to make more Scriptures accessible to young people. Part of the statement released read: "On this day 109,000 children become teenagers; during the year 40 million will have entered this exciting and turbulent period of their lives."

In the wake of the strong vote against continuation of the military rule of Augusto Pinochet, the Christian Confraternity of Churches in Chile has called for 'authentic dialogue' between the government and armed forces on the one hand, and the alternative coalition which carried the day. Under the Chilean constitution Pinochet may remain in office until early 1990.

Bishops of 6 of the 99 domestic dioceses of the Episcopal Church in the USA have denounced the election last month of Barbara Harris as a suffragan (associate) bishop in one of the dioceses of the denomination. Calling it a 'direct assault upon the unity of the church', the 6—plus 3 retired bishops—say they will not be in communion with her and cannot accept the validity of ordinations or confirmations she administers.

A new round of dialogue between representatives of the Coptic [Oriental Orthodox] Church and Coptic-rite Roman Catholic Churches in Egypt began this month. Most Egyptian Christians are Oriental Orthodox. Subjects for discussion at the meeting were purgatory and the Holy Spirit.

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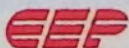
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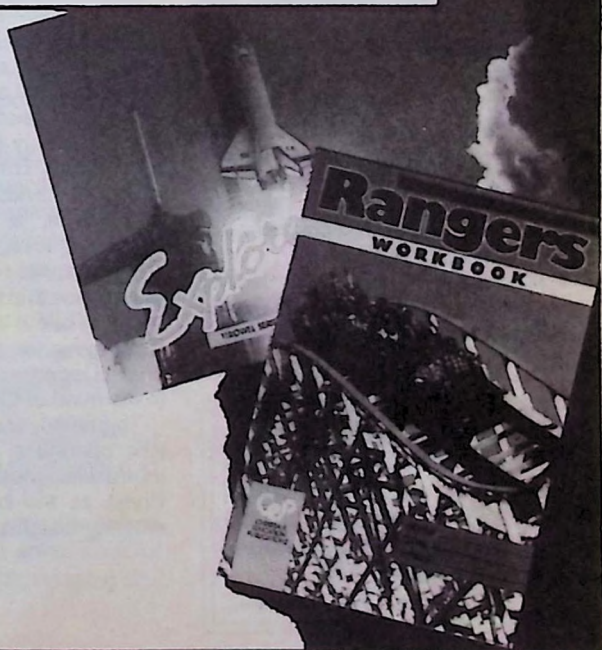


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ANTICIPATION—FACING THE FUTURE

A second report from the Working Group on the Future. A preparatory study for the 42nd Federal Conference, Canberra, January 1989.

When your life is more and more becoming a prayer...you notice that you are always busy converting yourself and gaining an ever-deeper understanding of your fellow man. ...If you are really praying, you can't help but have critical questions about the great problems the world is grappling with, and you can't get rid of the idea that a conversion is not only necessary for yourself and for your neighbour, but for the entire human community.

—Henri Nouwen

Future, for the Christian, is a word of promise. Future conjures up hope and fulfilment.

What follows is an attempt to stimulate a positive response to change in our society. It should be read in conjunction with our first report and Howard Snyder's "Ten Major Trends Facing the World Church" (both in "The Australian Christian" September 17).

✦ THE CHURCH AS HONEST BROKER IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS

There is a role for the church in the political and social process. The strength of the National Gathering prior to the opening of Parliament House (May 1988) was clear signal to both government and church that the Christian community is a force to be reckoned with.

Stewardship demands responsible use of that strength. Pressure groups and lobbies abound, each with its own axe to grind. There is a perceived need for a disinterested group which will focus on the best interests of the society as a whole—the 'honest broker' role. The churches are well fitted for such a role.

The 'honest broker' has opportunity to act as reconciler as well as to be the voice of the voiceless and to express a Christian viewpoint.

You are Christian only so long as you look forward to a new world, so long as you constantly pose critical questions to the society you live in...and keep saying that a new world is yet to come.

—Henri Nouwen

✦ THE CHURCH AS A CARING COMMUNITY

Federal and state budget emphases make clear that funding in many areas is under threat. Welfare, housing, health, education—areas once thought to be unquestioned—are now the very areas from which governments are seeking to withdraw. So long as the dollar is the criterion people will suffer.

Clearly the church is in no position to meet the dollar shortfall but, with equal clarity, someone does need to be at the point of hurt with care, support and compassion. The churches are uniquely placed for such a role, that is, to be the caring community and to stimulate care in the wider community.

The praying man is the man who inspires the world, who looks on it with compassion and, in this glance, penetrates to the source of all being.

—Henri Nouwen

✦ THE CHURCH AS A PRIESTLY PEOPLE

We have long held the priesthood of all believers to be a vital New Testament concept.

Each has a priestly role according to the gifts received—the economist in economics, the scientist in science, the politician in politics—each offering their gift for the service of God and people.

We each need to be free to exercise our gifts. This may mean some areas of disagreement. There is nothing inherently wrong in individuals differing. Christianity, in essence, is a personal relationship based on love, rather than agreement. That personal relationship is the shared experience that binds each to the other regardless of our understanding of the truth. That personal experience in Christ will hold us together as we are led by the Spirit in the mind of God.

This however demands an uncharacteristic openness and acceptance among us—a willingness to see our fellowship in Christ as the basis on which to share differing insights and understandings.

Openness does not simply come of itself. It requires our confession that we are limited, dependent, weak and even sinful...this attitude is difficult because it makes you vulnerable... A person becomes a person only when he is capable of standing open to all the gifts which are prepared for him.

—Henri Nouwen

✦ THE CHURCH AND A MINISTRY RETHINK

All of the above impinges on our understanding of ministry. We need a ministry rethink.

The trained minister of the Word faces heavy demand, not only on time, but also on skills and sheer physical resources. After four years of theological training the minister frequently finds that ministry is mainly administration. Indicators given in our first report ("A.C." September 17) suggest, however, an increasing need for pastoral care and support.

That report also contains some important social indicators of resources for ministry, two of which are:

•The rise in the over 60s in the community. This greying of our society is accompanied by increasing numbers of early retirees, often from management and administration. The call, and challenge, to early retirees to use their valuable skill and experience in ministry is one important option before the church.

•At the other end of the scale continuing unemployment offers a similar human resource. A call and challenge to the unemployed to use their unemployment in ministry is another option before the church. This is not only taking advantage of a human resource, but offering much-needed acceptance and self-worth to some who feel great rejection.

Exercise of only these two options could set the minister free to be the 'person' person so needed by both church and society—free to minister the Word, free to care for the people, free to mobilise the whole church for ministry.

When each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.

Ephesians 4:16b

ANTICIPATION—FACING THE FUTURE

❖ THE CHURCH AND THE COMPUTER

Discussions with ministers reveal a common need—resources.

To meet such a need should not be too difficult, given the state of communication technology. A national computer databank of ministry resources accessible to each minister in Australia is not simply a pipe dream. It can be done.

Such a program has great potential. There could be a national membership register with the advantage of ready notification of member transfer and, maybe, a plug in the hole of membership loss through transfer. The ease of personal communication with the entire membership of Churches of Christ is another plus.

Software is available to meet specific needs of particular congregations. Such a program in place in the congregation has been estimated to be the equivalent of an extra half-time minister.

*So long as you live as a Christian
you keep looking for a new order, a
new structure, a new life.*

—Henri Nouwen

❖ THE CHURCH AND THE ISSUES

She spoke of her children. The pain was in her eyes. "They've left the church," she said, "but they're still committed to Christ. What has happened?"

That conversation can be repeated over and over. No blanket answer can be given to her question. Words like relevance, reality, authenticity and practical experience emerge in discussion. We best understand that communication which touches our need and our experience.

It is imperative that the church addresses those issues that the people face; that the gospel be brought to bear at the point where the people are living; that the message be delivered in a medium that people understand. There are two factors, then: issues and communication.

For too long we have sheltered behind "religion and politics don't mix." When we confess Jesus as Lord there can be no qualification—he is Lord of all. Family breakdown, unemployment, AIDS, drugs, the environment, sexual abuse, violence—the issues must find their place on the agenda of the church.

To address the issues demands more than words. The church serious about communication will look to music, drama, video, as well as all the traditional means and, above all, love and acceptance.

*As a Christian, you... maintain
...that there will never be a moment in
this life when you can rest assured
that there is nothing more to do.*

—Henri Nouwen

❖ THE OPEN CHURCH

The challenge of the future calls us to the risks of openness to one another, to dare to differ and still love and to make that love manifest. Beyond that openness, however, is the call to openness to God and the guidance of his Holy Spirit.

[Quotations from Henri Nouwen are taken from
With Open Hands, Ave Maria Press, Indiana, USA]

We offer ourselves, one way or another, to try to work for God. We want as it were, to be among the sheepdogs employed by the good shepherd. Have you ever watched a good sheepdog at work? He is not an emotional animal. He goes on with the job quite steadily; takes no notice of bad weather, rough ground or his own comfort. He seldom or never stops to be stroked. Yet his faithfulness and intimate communion with his master are among the loveliest things in the world. Now and then he looks at the shepherd. And when the time comes for rest, they are generally to be found together.

Let this be the model for your love.

—Evelyn Underhill

Some recommendations:

1. That an advisory panel be appointed to maintain a watch on national issues for the following purposes:

(a) to advise the Federal Conference Executive and the churches as to appropriate response and action on national issues;

(b) to make representation, in conjunction with Federal Conference Executive, to federal and state governments where such representation is deemed necessary and advisable in the interests of the people.

2. That Churches of Christ at federal, state and local levels maintain a 'welfare watch'

(a) to be alert to areas of need and be prepared to offer support to those in need;

(b) to exert pressure to minimise cuts in government spending in areas such as welfare, education, health, housing etc.

3. That a study be conducted as to the feasibility of establishing a national computer databank of ministry and other resources to equip ministers and church administrators in such a way as to enable them to make full use of appropriate technology. Such a study should take note of similar action being taken by other churches in Australia with a view to co-operation in their programs.

*** Electives and workshops planned for the 42nd Conference in Canberra are designed to allow presentation and consideration of points raised in this paper.**

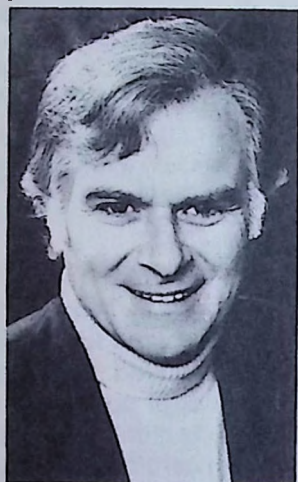


FEDERAL CONFERENCE



Mal Garvin to be keynote speaker

Mal Garvin will be the keynote speaker at Federal Conference in Canberra in January 1989, speaking on the subject 'Focus on the Future'.



Mal Garvin has recently moved to Sydney with his wife and four children from Kilmany Park, Sale where they were part of a community which included students undertaking the Fusion Youth and Community Work Course, young people in residential care and young people involved in an employment program on the property.

Mal is the founder and director of Fusion Australia, a national Christian Youth and Community Work Organisation, working in all states with about 140 staff members. He has extensive experience as a counsellor and has been involved in training social workers and counsellors for government and private agencies.

Mal's award-winning daily radio program, "Breakthru Generation" has been operating for 23 years and is now on 100 stations reaching over one million people. He believes that to reach and understand young Australians it is necessary to understand our national consciousness. With this in mind "Us Aussles" was written, giving a fascinating insight into the Australian history which was never taught at school. The book reached Number One on the Religious booksellers' Best-seller list.

Mal, editor of "Tell" magazine, is concerned with the impact of social and technological change, and speaks with some authority on subjects of unemployment, technological change, alienation and moral issues facing Western society.

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More news of Federal Conference

Registration

•Registration for Federal Conference stood at exactly 200 at mid-October, meaning that a lot of people still have not registered. Send yours in today! Use the form in this issue.

Women's Day

•If you are planning to attend Women's Day in Canberra please note that luncheon numbers must be in by December 5. Cost \$12 per head.

Computers in the Church

•A new workshop has been added to the Conference program: 'Computers in the Church'. This will be run by Bruce Riddell, Director of Church Care, a computer company specialising in providing assistance to churches in the use of computers, covering membership rolls, attendance, word processing, accounting, music references and much more.

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you want them to meet?

We have a responsibility to tell people the truth about Jesus and if that means stopping a fictitious lie then I say stop it. Jesus leaves us in no doubt as to the fate of any who causes another to reject him.

—Jeff Tutticci
(Kedron, Qld)

RETIREMENT VILLAGE IN IPSWICH?

To the Editor,

In your issue of September 3 there appears an article headed "Should the Local Church get into Retirement Villages?" I would say, 'Yes. If the church itself isn't interested, who would?

Years ago myself and my elder brother V.G. Boettcher started a hostel-type of Home at Marburg, Qld, by donating \$1,000 each. The local church then continued and we established a nice set of eight units which are always filled.

Some years ago Cliff Coward of the Ipswich church, with others of the Social Service Department, bought a block of land in a beautiful position for an aged people's home. Now, for some unknown reason, our Social Service Department wants to dispose of it. There is a very great shortage of nursing accommodation in Ipswich, people having to wait years to get in. At the moment we have no home in Ipswich, while other churches are building and expanding. Toowoomba city has many homes (our own).

I have spoken many times to Donald Stewart regarding this matter without success. Perhaps we could turn the land into a cemetery for we aged people's last resting place.

—A.E. Boettcher
(Ipswich, Qld)

REPLY

To the Editor,

Following Mr Boettcher's representations to me, the Board of the Department reconsidered the matter and confirmed their earlier decision to sell the land concerned. The basic reason for this action was that it will be many years before the likelihood of

Government support for either a Hostel or Nursing Home and then it will be a competitive situation for the beds.

In view of this, and the need to use the money tied up in the land on other care projects, it was considered wise to capitalise the land.

—Dr D.E. Stewart
(Executive Director, Churches of Christ in Queensland Social Service Department)

LET THE WOMEN SPEAK

To the Editor,

In response to Michael Hannah's four criticisms ("A.C." May 14) of my March 26 article:

1: Gal. 3:28. Certainly oneness in Christ does not eliminate the biological differences between men and women, but account must be taken of two facts: (1) the Galatian gospel is one of liberation, and (2) the emphasis is not on maintaining differences between men and women but transcending them.

2: "Even as the law says," 1 Cor. 14:34. (1) No matter whose argument — Paul's or those he takes to task — it is supported by the law, if not based on it. (2) It would be in character for legalistic (Jewish?) Christians to invoke "the law" (whether the OT or its Pharisaic interpretation), but uncharacteristic of Paul to prescribe specific Christian behaviour on that ground.

3. 1 Cor. 14:36. certainly the masculine *monous* (RSV "only ones") does not require that it be translated as "men only." My main point had to do with the import of (RSV "What!"), which I take to signify Paul's negation of what

precedes. This Hannah ignores. (However, *monous* meaning "men only" is secondary support.)

4. 1 Tim. 2:8-15. Michael Hannah rightly notes that my overall thrust raises an important issue: if Paul wrote this, he is of a divided mind; if not, the New Testament is. I argued against the former.

— Ronald W. Graham
(Johnston, Iowa, USA)

This reply was delayed because of the time taken for copies sent seamail to reach the USA.

Between 1975 and 1982 the total Latin American foreign debt jumped from \$75 billion to \$315 billion. During the same period those countries paid principal and interest to their creditors of \$276 billion.

A photographic exhibition called 'Jewish Life in Australia Today' will be displayed at the Jewish Museum of Australia between November 1988 and February 1989. The Museum is located Cnr Toorak Rd and Arnold St, South Yarra, in Melbourne. Phone inquiries: (03) 266 1922.

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CUMMING, Noreen Sheila

Noreen Cumming fought cancer until her frail body could no longer cope with it and she was set free for life in Christ in a new dimension. She met and married Rex 38 years ago, both of them members of the Launceston church. Before her illness she was active in the CWF. For many years she was convener of the church's Meals on Wheels program. She was a gentle lady with a love of God's outdoors and with a firm faith that saw her through her illness. She is survived by Max, Janice and Mark and three grandchildren. A son Deryk predeceased her.

—G.R.S.

EDWARDS, Ruby

(4.10.88) Ruby Edwards left many relatives and friends knowing her faith was triumphant. Ruby was the oldest member of the Port Fairy, Vic., church and among less than a handful who so faithfully attended when others would have despaired or gone elsewhere. Her constant desire was to share with the sick, aged and needy. It never occurred to her that she was more in need of care at times. Life's hardships had given her an enduring confidence in God's ability to sustain her through all things. She has now received the tribute of her service so generously given to mankind.

—L. Steel

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TOOTGAROOK (M. Glezen-danner) CWF birthday held with interesting speaker from Cheshire-Ryder Foundation ... Harold Bischoff spoke at church anniversary and PSA—very much appreciated, as were duets by Ron & Joan Laussen ... Raitts & Robinsons moved to Queensland ... Many attended Mornington church opening, with church helping financially ... CWF held street stall for Mornington to purchase special equipment.

YORK ST, BALLARAT (Roger Risson) Church anniversary, Family Fun Night & dinner (attendance 240). Services held in School of Mines Courthouse. Instrumental group played special part. Speakers: Lyall Williams, Principal Emeritus, COB (morning), Chek Chia, minister, Grace Christian Church (evening); soloist Stephen Higgs ... Rob Burns taking communion to the shut-ins ... Michael Bishop new Shekinah leader ... Preparations underway for church fete on October 29.

The Many Faces of Jesus

—Bruce McIntosh

Time magazine published a special article on the historical Jesus in their August 15 edition. This was in response to the release of the controversial film "The Last Temptation of Christ". The front cover was made up of a mosaic of 17 historical images of Jesus, all of them famous paintings dating back hundreds of years. More than 100 representations were considered. The idea was to depict the fact that different people at different times have seen people differently—each one creating him in their own image.

The Gospel writers did the same thing. Each one saw Jesus differently: Matthew, as the majestic Jewish Messiah; Mark, as the amazing man of miracles; Luke, as the sacrificed saviour of all nations; John, as the mystical, pre-existent, incarnate Word. Paul saw Jesus differently again: as the risen, reigning Lord. The writer to the Hebrews paints the

most colourful picture of them all, when he gives us the picture of Jesus as a great high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Christians down the ages have seen Jesus differently: as the fearsome judge who punishes us for our sins, as the suffering substitute for humanities crimes, as a powerful, personal presence and as a roaming country prophet preaching love and forgiveness—each one creating Jesus in their own image.

Each one of us must ask ourselves what sort of Jesus we follow. Do we follow the Jesus we have created in our own image, or the stirring, challenging, commanding, demanding Jesus of the Gospels?

The Jesus who inspired great artists, poets, song writers and preachers, will not let us alone either, if we are game enough to find the one who said "take up your cross and follow me".

The Synod of the Anglican Church in Australia has declared Freemasonry "basically incompatible with Christianity". This places many

Anglican clergy, who are also Freemasons, in a difficult position. Of concern to the Church is the apparent absence in Masonic rit-

ual of specific references to Christ. Some Anglicans find some of the rituals hostile to Christianity. Others argue that it helps many to find

Jesus Christ. The cult of secrecy surrounding Freemasonry has made it difficult for a clear picture to emerge.

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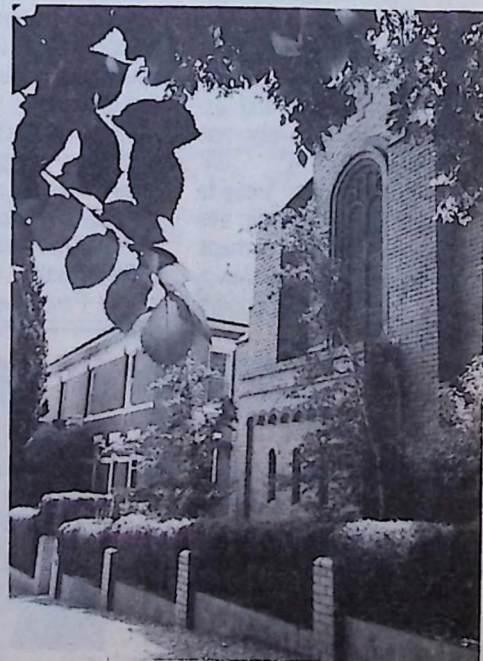
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Focus on Ivanhoe

In the past people often didn't notice the Ivanhoe, Vic., church building as they drove along busy Heidelberg Road, but these days they do. The church has become identified in the community by the large sign displayed prominently at the front and visible to all who pass. It would be hard to ignore since it measures about three metres by one and a half metres. Two of the people in the church use their talents to paint different signs. The signs combine pictorial representations with brief, pertinent messages. Every two months a new one is erected in order that the effectiveness of the idea doesn't diminish.

The Ivanhoe church, in Melbourne, has recently celebrated its 71st anniversary. The present minister, John Caporn, has been at the church for six years. In that time he has welcomed into membership more than 50% of the present congregation. Amongst the members are people of Korean, Filipino and Sri Lankan origin. The members of the church range in age from 10 to 80 years. There are a number of auxiliaries to cater for their varying interests.

On Friday evenings there is a Kids Club, run by Ross and Rhonda Pitt, for primary-age children. At a later time is the youth group for those at high school, which is led by COB student Peter Eades, with the assistance of junior leader Andrew Hullin and the minister. The leaders run a program which combines outings and evenings at the hall. There is a need to provide some opportunities for the 'graduates' of the youth group to continue meeting. To this end a group will be attending a young adults' dinner at a Chinese restaurant and hopefully other activities will follow.

A CWF group meets monthly during the day in a home. There is also a CWF group. On Wednesdays there is a ladies' study group run by Kaye Caporn. In the evening John runs another study group.

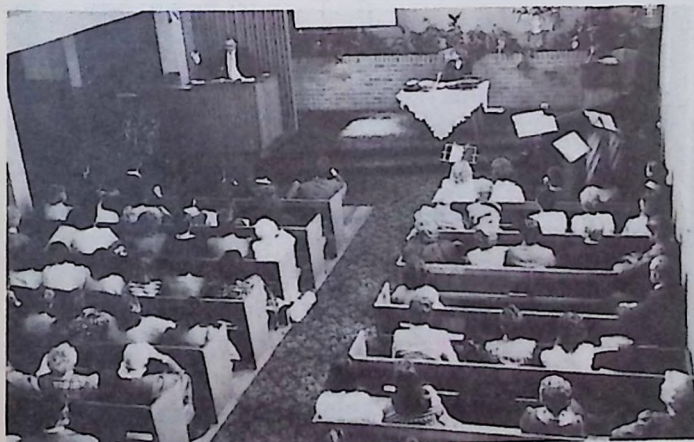
The emphasis of these groups is on study and fellowship. Interest in music is expressed through a singing group, which contributes to church services, a guitar group and a band which recently made its debut at an evening service.

The tennis club plays in the Churches of Christ/Baptist Association, competing each Saturday afternoon. There is also a ladies' tennis group which meets on Wednesday mornings. The church courts have recently been leased by Ivanhoe Grammar for a 20-year period, with the Grammar taking over the responsibility for maintenance and resurfacing.

There are generally between 65-70 at the morning service, which commences at 10am. The Sunday School children stay for the first part of the church service, during which time there is a story or some kind of activity for them, then they leave to pursue their Sunday School program. The Sunday School teachers alternate weekly. Once a term there is a family service. The last one for this year will be the Sunday before Christmas, taking the form of a Children's Pageant. Also coming up for Christmas are a Carol Service, the presentation by the Greensborough church of a musical program and a tea service.

Tea services are a feature of evening worship once a month. The meeting is held in the hall. After some singing the meal is served then the worship continues. On other Sundays the evening service is at 7pm. By providing an atmosphere of acceptance the church, largely through the evening service, has ministered to emotionally disadvantaged people, some of whom have been able to become more fully involved in the life of the church as their problems have been overcome.

ACT Conference



Jay Back addresses morning worship

October 16 was ACT Conference Sunday. A combined morning communion service was held at Ainslie with all four churches taking part. A talented group from Tuggeranong opened the worship with singing. A newly formed Federal Conference singing group enhanced the worship with two musical numbers backed

by an orchestral group. Representatives of the women and youth presented readings. Jay Back, minister of the Northside Community Church in Sydney, was guest speaker. Worship was led by Jacqueline Pederson, outgoing ACT Conference President.

The service was followed by a barbecue in the courtyard of the

Ainslie complex. The book "History of the Churches of Christ in the ACT" was officially launched by Ron Fergle, one of the original members of the ACT churches which first met in the Buffinton home in Braddon in the early 50s.

The official ACT Conference meeting followed. The incoming Conference President is Peter

Nelson, Vice-President, Les Davies and Conference Secretary, Thelma Leach. The future emphasis includes ministry and the cohesion of the churches within Conference.

The ACT CWF had a Breakfast on October 8 to inform the Canberra women of future activities and to bring them together in fellowship.

—Beth Butler



Peter Nelson

Sammy's Restaurant

A three-course luncheon followed the morning worship at Lyons, ACT, on September 25. The chefs of Sammy's Restaurant created a meal to exceed all meals at a very low cost to provide fellowship for members of the four Canberra churches who wished to participate.

We hope Canberra can experience more of Sammy's cuisine!

BIRTHS

FARMER (MITCHELL) Chip and Jan are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first child, Adele Louise, on 12 August.

SMITH (SUTTON) Gailann and Andrew thank God for the safe arrival of a beautiful daughter, Lauren Ann, on September 28th. A little sister for Nicole.

ENGAGEMENTS

LYNCH - BUTLER Amanda and Roel have much pleasure in announcing their engagement. Beth, Graeme and both families are delighted.

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75th Anniversary Boori Church of Christ

November 20th

Speaker, **Martin Goldup**, 2pm

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A proposal to unite the Congregational Union of Scotland and the United Reformed Church failed when CUS assembly delegates failed to approve it by the required 75% majority. The vote in favour was less than 65%. (The URC assembly had earlier voted in favour by a majority of 99%.)

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The Pearce family move to New Zealand in January 1989 to



take up the appointment. They are planning regular visits to Australia to continue some music ministry and recording at Hadley Records, Tamworth, NSW. If you are planning a trip to New Zealand contact them and you'll be made most welcome at the Ranch.

Their address will be: Richard and Shirley Pearce, Bridge Valley Christian Ranch, R.D. 1 Wakefield, Nelson, New Zealand. Phone 0011-64-54-28465.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Congratulatory messages from the Queen, Prime Minister and other national and state leaders were among the greetings received by Mern and John Harkness when they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at Owen, SA, on October 2. About 90 relatives and friends, including four generations of the Harkness family, attended the open house.

The couple are well-known and respected in the district and come from pioneering families. They

have always been actively involved in the church and John (JD) served for many years as Board chairman. JD also served on the Owen District Council for 28 years. One of his proudest moments was when he was awarded the Australia Day Citizen of the Year award in 1983.

Mayor Reg Shepherd, from the Wakefield Plains District Council, spoke on behalf of those who attended the celebration.

—K. Wray

THANK YOU

The Vic-Tas Department of Mission, Education and Development acknowledges an anonymous gift of \$45 towards Andrew Ball's youth ministry.

—D.H. Smith

An average of 400 Latin American Catholics convert to evangelical Christianity each hour.

Continued tensions between the Israeli Government and Palestinians living in the occupied territories are affecting World Vision's work. World Vision's representative in Jerusalem, Bill Warnock, says the military authorities are keeping the schools and universities closed until mid-November. 8 World Vision sponsorship projects are being affected by the continued closure. Other ways of helping the affected communities will need to be found.

MINISTERS' WORKSHOP

Using Computers in Ministry

I feel a little like a fraud writing this article because I am far from a computer whizz. My protestations fell on 'hard to convince' ears as I began to tell all the reasons that I have tended to resist becoming one of the growing number of computer fanatics in ministry. Yet I am typing this article on a computer! I enjoy the flexibility it gives to correct mistakes and rearrange layout, to store and reprint words at will. I enjoy being able to keep up with the latest trick, only to find that it really is years old and that there is technology, software and hardware that is well beyond my level of comprehension but supposedly able to be used by children because it is 'user friendly'. I don't enjoy the jargon. I haven't learnt it as yet and thus I flounder in the conversations as the 'ministerial computer set' compare notes. But I am learning and have recently enrolled in a course at a TAFE college to increase my meagre skills from beginner to 'just beyond beginner' standard.

How much help are computers for ministry within a local church?

The answer is simply like any other equipment such as a car, photocopier, telephone or building. Computers are a tremendous help for some functions, but ministry is really about the delivery of faith insights, the enabling of worship, the renewal of society and the proclaiming and celebration of life within the Kingdom of God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Computers can help with routine correspondence, they can store lists and keep records of accounts. They can do statistical analysis and print bulletins. Computers are a marvellous tool but they can

become a plaything. They can easily dominate a person's time because of their capacity to do so many tasks. My question was always, and still is: What is the cost benefit of a computer? The equipment needs to be purchased, the information needs to be fed in, or in jargon terms, the data needs to be entered. Such tasks take time and money.

I have come to discover that there is a very real advantage and cost benefit for those of us who find that our ministry is expressed through the written word. Word processors are now virtually essential and therefore I am using one at this moment. For ministers who only write a few letters and just a front page for their bulletin and keep a few records of expenditure, computers are a luxury that is hard to justify. Good computers are expensive and there is the cost of maintenance, peripherals, stationery and additions. Computers, like all equipment, come with options. Most options, when explained, are expensive, but hard to resist, they make the task so much easier.

Ministry and the Kingdom existed BC (Before Computers). I have a hunch that good ministry will still happen WC (Without Computers), but for those churches and ministers who want good equipment to assist in the task of ministry, and to whom the cost benefit sums make sense, hurry now to the computer shop. They can be a marvellous help.

When I can afford a computer there will be one in our home. In the meantime I will be glad that I have access to one owned by the church and those owned by friends.

—Ian Allsop

Ian Allsop is a lecturer in Practical Theology at the College of the Bible.

Edited by Brian White, Field Director of the Vic.-Tas. Department of Mission, Education and Development and the Federal Board of Christian Education

Communication—whose problem?

My daughter was philosophical about it when the phone call finally came, although earlier she had been very upset that her last chance at a girls camp was likely to be cancelled. She has attended a number of camps and for the last two years has wanted to attend the Girls Adventure Camp at Banksia. This was not to be, as the camp has been cancelled due to lack of applicants.

I am concerned about this, both as a parent and as a Good Companions Executive member. We must ask why. Why could we only get six girls, representing three churches, to apply for what has been a successful camp for over 10 years? We can give 'reasons': this year was a bad year, with so many visiting Expo, but last year was a bad year with the change in holidays and the year before it rained, and so on!

These reasons may be valid, but

I believe the answer to my question goes much further than the effect of external events. How many churches were aware that there was a camping program during the holidays? I wonder how many churches advertised the program from the pulpit, or in the church paper. How many secretaries passed the camp forms received in the mail to the relevant youth leader? How many leaders mentioned the camp to the young people in their group, or gave out the forms so the kids could take the details home? How many of the people in the chain made the decision that people lower down the chain wouldn't be interested?

Four of the six girls who applied for the camp came from one church, from a youth club, because, as in many churches these days, Good Companions works largely in the primary age groups. Several people told me that they

The beauty of the Universe
Is concentrated in a rose,
The selfless service of a nurse
Suggests the love that ever flows.

The graceful flight of homing bird
Suggests the homing of the soul.
The simple meaning of a word
Is part that trembles with the whole.

An insect moving to the light,
A flower breaking through the sod,
A mother crooning in the night,
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—Allan Clark

would not have known the camp was on, had I not told them. Where was the communication? All churches received details of the camps in the mail. Obviously, getting the information to the people who need it is the problem.

The personal approach is always the best, but simple logistics mean that camp leaders, or executive members, cannot visit every church personally so the information must be passed on by other

means, usually by mail.

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—Marg Goddard

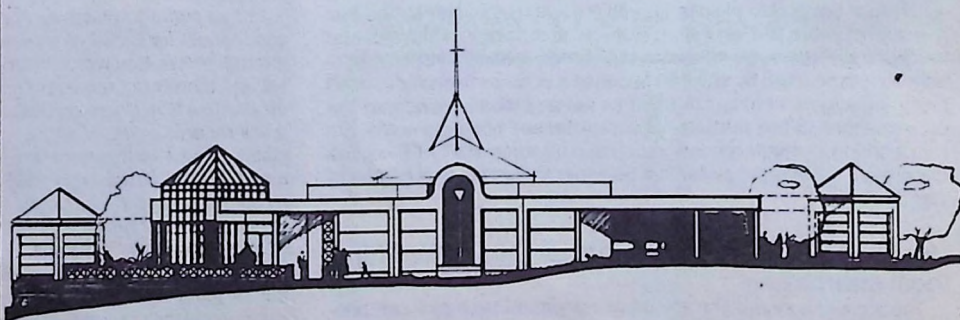
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Resumption of the International boycott against the Nestlé company has been announced by the International Nestlé Boycott Committee for Europe and Action for Corporate Accountability. The groups say the renewed effort is necessary because Nestlé is violating a UN code by 'dumping free supplies on hospitals and maternity wards' which 'prevents the establishment of breast-feeding, and thus results in infant malnutrition and disease.' Their announcement comes 4 years after Nestlé said it would abide by the UN code on infant-formula promotion and marketing.

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On the Lord's Supper and Worship

Alexander Campbell's burning passion was to bring everything in the church "up to the standard of the New Testament." This included worship.

One Loaf

Some of his emphases differ from our current practice.

1. He sometimes referred to "the Lord's Supper" but he preferred "the breaking of the loaf" because Acts 2:42 indicated that term to be universally understood.

2. "On the Lord's table there is of necessity but one loaf." The meaning of the ordinance requires this, for 1 Cor 10:17 declares: "Because there is one loaf, we must consider the whole congregation as one body."

3. "The one loaf must be broken before the saints feed on it." "He that gives thanks for the loaf should break it." This is a clear requirement of Scripture, it is part of the given meaning of the ordinance.

I can hear Campbell pressing us today: "In doing away with the one loaf (as well as the one cup) do you not deprive people each Sunday of a basic Scriptural meaning?" And I can see him shaking his head in disbelief when presidents see their task as giving a 'talk', often forgetting to break the bread and to declare Biblical words of institution.

Commemoration

There is much in Campbell's emphasis that is familiar.

"The breaking of the loaf and the drinking of the cup are commemorative of the Lord's death." Campbell spelt this out in a series of illustrations. The Lord says to each disciple, "For you my body was wounded, for you my life was taken."

In receiving the bread and cup the disciple responds: "Lord, I believe it. My life springs from thy sufferings; my joy from thy sorrows; and my hope of glory everlasting from thy humiliation and abasement even to death."

Each disciple, in handing the symbols to his fellow disciple, says, in effect, "You are now brought home to the family of God. You have owned my Lord as your Lord, my people as your people. Under Jesus the Messiah we are one. Mutually embraced in the Everlasting arms, I embrace you in mine... We shall jointly suffer with Jesus, that we may jointly reign with him."

Campbell expressed a warm, compassionate faith as well as a careful study of what the Scriptures require.

Weekly Observance

Weekly participation of the loaf and cup is "clearly pronounced and commanded" in the New Testament and is the "chief object" of believers when they meet for worship. In this Campbell moved against the trend of Protestantism in his time. He claimed additional support for weekly observance from the uniform practice of the church during the first three centuries and from the writings of reformers like Calvin and Wesley.

The New Testament does not provide specific guidance about a great deal so Alexander Campbell was careful not to give detailed prescriptions about orders of service and the manner of celebration. Christians should "exercise their reason" according to basic Scriptural principles. The key is "simplicity"—by which he meant a manner that was unaffected, appropriate, sincere and cheerful, with a warm kindness to other worshippers.

The Lord's table, its loaf and cup, are for all Christians, who should "approach it without fear and partake of it with joy." When a "bishop" is present (Campbell preferred this term to the alternative 'elder') he should preside. Otherwise the congregation should choose a senior person who has the gift of presiding with "Christian dignity."

Worship as a Whole

Acts 2:42 was basic for Campbell's understanding of worship—"they continued steadfast in the Apostle's doctrine, in the fellowship, in the breaking of the loaf and in the prayers." He wrote little about "the fellowship", which he interpreted as the joint "contribution" or offering for the poor and the destitute and "in behalf of the conversion of the world". He didn't say a lot more about "the prayers". He commended the use of "appropriate language" that had "no unnecessary repetitions, no labour of words, no effort to say anything and everything that came to mind." He did state: "At the close of all social prayers the whole congregation that unites in the petitions should, like the primitive Christians, say in an audible and clear voice, 'Amen'."

The greatest lack in worship that Alexander Campbell saw was "a proper method of handling the Scriptures to the edification of the brethren." What is urgently needed is to devote at least two hours in the service each Lord's day to the mutual search of the Scriptures, reading and examining different books in succession. (Yes, he assumed that a service would last up to three hours.)

He advocated that each disciple should use his Bible to study the passage, to read parallel passages and to use cross references, indexes and maps so that ideas could be understood in their context. This was not a monologue by a preacher but a process of "interrogating and being interrogated" for all. As an example he listed 28 questions that could be proposed in the study of Matthew chapter 2. Once the meaning of the passage was established, "some moral reflection will naturally occur." When disciples take seriously that "the congregation is the school of Christ" the church can rediscover the lifestyle that is required by the New Testament.

These "exercises should be 'intermingled with prayer and praises' and continued for as long as necessary 'for the youngest disciple in the congregation to understand.'" This is much to be preferred to sermonising "to sleeping and dreaming hearers" on the basis of what the preacher wants to stress.

When Christians wake on Sundays they should recollect the Saviour's life, death and resurrection and should converse about such things as the wonders of redemption. Then when they come to the Lord's table they will find it the "strength of their faith, the joy of their hope and the life of their love."

—Keith Bowes

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Narrative Preaching

—Judy Gordon
Australian Christian Foundation Scholar
for 1988

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Tell me a story
Tell me a story
And I'll be..."*

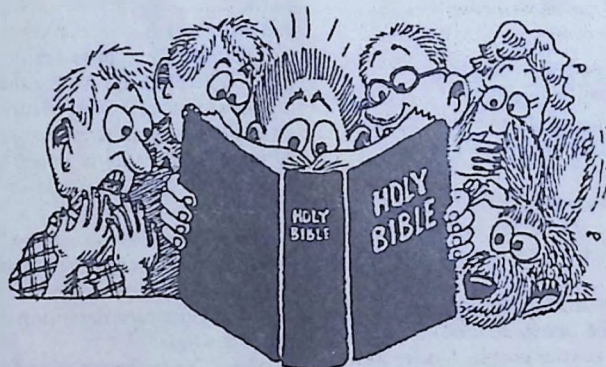
This old song is expressing a plea for a story. This demand is strong in many people. It seems that everyone loves a story. The 'magic' of the story, particularly in the hands of a good storyteller, is transforming to the listener. It takes them into new realms and often the story will never be forgotten. The story can be repeated over and over again and yet still hold the quality of pleasure. It is no wonder that the Biblical message is strongly based around story. Stories are often what people remember and cherish.

Having said this, it is a wonder that we don't use story more in the modern church, to pass on the eternal messages. Each Sunday, sermons are given that teach, exhort and challenge. Interwoven through these are stories in the form of illustrations. Often the illustration is remembered more than the rest of the content of the sermon. If this is true, that people are remembering the story and illustrations, then perhaps it would be worth thinking about how to capitalize on this idea and increase the story content.

In the United States, on my recent trip, this idea was presented to me and it took me by surprise. Some sermons are now designed to have major story input. Some that I heard would have had up to 80% story, and perhaps even more than that. The story was the most important part of the sermon. I spoke to some people in the United Methodist Church who are now writing study material on the importance of the story in the sermon. My first reaction was to question the wisdom of heavily basing story within the sermon. Would it not insult thinking minds? Lessen the depth of teaching? Cause dissatisfaction within the congregation, with a feeling of being cheated in their sermon learning time? The reply to this

was to say that the story, or as they call it narrative preaching, is having a good response in the churches.

As I contemplated the problem as I saw it, of lessening the teaching component of the sermon, I also realised that the story had incredible benefits since it allowed the listener to become totally involved in the various situations in the story. Surely, then, this would bring its own personal,



individual teaching for the listener? The other advantage was that narrative preaching passed age barriers. Almost all age levels, with perhaps the exception of the pre-schooler, would be able to gain from narrative preaching. They would apply it at their own level and so develop new understanding and new levels of involvement in Biblical material.

In looking at the scriptures I began to take more notice of what Jesus had done whilst he was on the earth. Anxious to pass on the message given by God, Jesus chose the story medium to get his point through. A large part of his teaching was in story. If Jesus saw it as an excellent way to pass on the message, surely we should take note of it. Even the Sermon on the Mount is made up of cameo stories. Jesus also allowed the story to stand in its own right.

Tasmanian CWF camp

September 23-25 was a great weekend for 65 women, ranging in age from 20 to 87 years, who travelled from different areas of Tasmania to attend the 25th CWF camp, held this year at 'Seaview', the Bicheno campsite.

The camp, with the theme 'Jubilee', was led by President Shirley Cooke who introduced many innovative ideas for getting to know one another. The study leader was Julie Hart of Launceston. Her relevant studies on 'Service' were appreciated.

Pat Kerr, ACWF President, conducted the outdoors communion service, June Younger was

soloist. Other highlights of the weekend included Lesley Stirling's presentation on the origins of Churches of Christ and the views of Alexander Campbell, programs prepared by secretary Yvonne Thompson, meals provided by Ann and Kylee Bradburn and the Saturday night concert revealing the ladies' many talents.

The many months of detailed organisation by camp secretary Gwen Morffew and committee members resulted in a memorable weekend of fellowship and fun.

—Lilly Johnson

I would like to challenge the preachers to not think of stories as only being for children and to discover the power of the story as it takes on its universal role of drawing all age groups into its fold. Stories are powerful, especially when told by people who enjoy being the storytellers. Jesus is our example and guide and he used stories, so let us be the givers and hearers of stories in our churches today.

Church membership in the UK has declined by 1.2 million since the 1970s according to statistics published in the 1989 UK Christian Handbook. Of the mainline churches only the Baptists have increased in number. Black churches, Pentecostals and the house church movement are advancing at a rapid pace. The total number of Christian churches in the UK has declined by over 4,000 since 1970 to 49,600, with the total number of priests and ministers down 4,000 to 39,000.

Australian evangelist John Smith has released a research paper entitled "Psychosomatic Suicide" which shows that a broken heart is as significant to the question of premature death as any other health or lifestyle issue. Much coverage in the media has resulted. John Smith has been twice interviewed on the 9 Network's Midday Show and has now been asked to appear on the Midday Show on a semi-regular basis (6-10 appearances annually).

Worldwide military spending in 1987 was \$930 billion US, or \$1.8 million per minute.

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SA

KENSINGTON PARK (B. Coleman) 70th anniversary great success. Modbury choral group presented items. Message of Conference President Colin Dredge appreciated. Reunion of former members, past, present & future ministers present. After luncheon items by church Voice Production group, reminiscences by E. Wilson and slides of early days ... Six members attending World Convention ... Friendship Group & Luncheons for Lonely Citizens meeting needs of elderly people.

WA

CARNARVON (Donald Bone) 'Operation Andrew' launched & members of church committed to prayer & outreach for coming crusade film ... Counsellors' classes are under way & a letter-box drop of 3,000 invitations made throughout town ... Trevor Booth piloted CWCI Safari team of Mesdames Buxton, Jacobs & Breucle ... An evening rally & morning seminar on stress were well attended.

VIC

YORK ST, BALLARAT (Roger Risson) 95th annual meeting in September ... 'Senders' leadership group majored on finding your ministry, small group leadership & Bible overview ... Over 40 involved in 'One to One' supporters ministry ... Monthly supper for visitors provided as outreach ministry ... Membership 231, up 16 on last year, 29 additions by faith & bap-

tism ... Communicant average 151 ... Mission offerings: Fusion \$184, Log Cabin Lodge \$179.

DANDENONG (Peter Pitts) Plans to relocate to David St taking shape ... Church held 96th anniversary followed by casserole luncheon ... Church held dinner to plan small house groups, speaker Graham Hymen ... Les Aurisch recuperating after serious operation ... Church expressed sympathy to Lil Hayhow on the death of her husband & to Kate Sharpe on the sudden death of her son Les.

STRATHMORE (K. & R. Luttrell) Church celebrated Christmas in September. Keith & Frances Pitt (Parkdale) spoke about trip to PNG, gifts collected for missionaries ... District churches of all denominations working for Bethlehem market. Idea came from our church, should become a witness to the community ... Several members attended "A Joyful Noise" at North Essendon. Chris Ambrose was our representative in the east ... John Turner memorial books presented to Graham Woodward by Dorothy Turner.

RED HILL (Ken Clinton) Ken & Norma Clinton welcomed at special luncheon following Ken's induction service ... 7 pm service featuring special series 'The Gospel in the Book of Revelation' ... Some members planning to attend World Convention in Auckland while others are coming & going on interstate trips ... Sunday School teachers & young people met over lunch to plan & share with Ken & Norma Clinton.

OAKLEIGH (L. Dewberry) Recent speakers: Margaret Paterson (CWF World Day) & John Tudor (at church anniversary) ... Temple Day offering \$1,070; la-

dies provided casserole lunch ... CWAFF theme for October 'Nurturing', speaker Judith Fry ... Church expressed good wishes to Ken Masterton on eve of his departure to be installed as Vice-President of World Convention ... Church missionary funds (North Dandenong) being donated to COB Building Fund.

YARRAWONGA (S. Fraser) Attendances & offerings have increased, many have contributed to improvements & maintenance of the property ... Much local support for Simon Jones riding in 'Bike for Bibles' from Adelaide to Canberra ... John Inman was speaker for church anniversary ... The Sunday School raised \$100 for Bible Society.

BENTLEIGH (M. Buckingham, A. McMillan) Members met with Ian Tippet to discuss possibilities for church growth ... Fourth birthday of South Eastern Suburban Region celebrated at Bentleigh with Glen Quantrelle showing COB video during afternoon & Glynthea Finger speaker at evening service ... First 20 visits Operation Good News completed.

ESSENDON (K. Stothard) Bible studies going well ... George Strack passed away August 2, church filled for service ...

Jim Hemsley made Elder Emeritus ... Ladies Fellowship & choir entertained at Murrumbidgee in August ... Helped at North Essendon with "History of Church Music" on October 2 ... Bible studies to examine role of women as elders ... Sorry to hear of illness of former member, Jack Brideson ... Minister & elder attended Herb Miller's series of meetings.

ASCOT VALE (Ross Bourdon) Two large signs erected, Maribyrnong Rd & Museum Station, several contacts made in response ... Two new babies born: Alyce Ismail & Chloe Vincent ... Evening worship held & Monday evening group commenced ... Praise God for the addition of grand piano to enhance our worship ... Stephen Reinmuth is recording a cassette of worship music ... Renovations completed to enlarge chapel.

NORTHCOTE (F.B. Alcorn) Gerald Rose was the preacher at 85th church anniversary. Three former ministers assisted & Cheryl Connor was soloist. Lunch was provided after service & followed by a PSA provided by La'el Music Company ... Three Bible study groups commenced ... CWF provided entertainment & afternoon tea to Fred Cambridge House residents.

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PADSTOW (Ed Holt) Micheal Fisher was recently baptised ... Peter Dixon, lecturer at Carlingford Theological College, preached at our College Focus night. Mac Watson, a fourth-year student, has accepted a call to the Orange church ... The Richard & Shirley Pearce concert was appreciated ... A luncheon was held to honour longstanding members.

SEVEN HILLS (Roy Dixon) Church encouraged by number of people led by God to the service ... Congregation includes migrants, some being members ... Lawrence Allen recently baptised ... Primary Age youth group has shown good growth & enthusiasm ... Prayer & Bible study well attended ... Wayside Pulpit messages identify the building as a

church ... Roy Dixon retiring next March ... Tom Beaman has accepted three year ministry.

MAITLAND (R.N. Hawkins) Sunday seminar with D. Nutt on Heritage & Hope of Churches of Christ, excellent time ... Minister at Tweed Heads/Murwillumbah, G. Rose, K. Johnston speakers here ... Friday evening Variety night with B. Robinson as illusionist, Issabella Sweeting soloist ... G. Theobald from Gospel Service Mission guest at Sunday Family Service.

STANWELL TOPS (Ron Schepls) 70 attended Good Friday sunset service; 35 attended Easter Sunday sunrise service ... 120 attended State Conference Service, speaker: Gordon Moyes ... 300 attended combined Interdenominational Bicentenary Outreach service ... Girls Brigade service with Richard Menteith ... Eric & Marge Morton, Lex & Gwen Lake welcomed into membership ... Successful Father's Day breakfast with fathers & children attending ... Spring to Summer series through Romans with a variety of guest speakers.

THORNLEIGH (F. Elliott) Church celebrated her 82 years of witness in the Hornsby District & the 15th year at the present location on October 9. Special feature of the morning service was guest

worship leader Bev Holland, from Hobart church & guest soloist Liz Tilson of Castle Hill. Franklyn Elliott was the speaker.

TWEED HEADS (Richard Oakes) Trash 'n Treasure organised by CWF raised over \$2,000 for Missions ... Harry Davies & Glen Brown speakers in absence of minister on holidays ... Increasing numbers at playgroup led by Janet Oakes ... Challenging messages by Ray Hawkins on presidential visit ... 'Girls Night Out' commenced for working & younger women ... Christian musical in Civic Centre for evening service, October 3.

QLD

MACKAY (Norm Flett) The CWF ladies held a very successful fashion parade & fair with proceeds buying new equipment for the building ... Norm & Barbara Flett travelled to Brisbane for State Conference ... Church membership is gearing up for the 'Back on the Tracks' crusade in November with guest speaker L.D. Campbell from Florence, Kentucky USA.

MARYBOROUGH Chris O'Dempsey's resignation accepted with regret ... 12 decisions, many rededications, four new members welcomed ... Weedons transferred from

Mackay, house parents at children's home ... Family & youth services led by Brigades and CYF ... Special weekend with Graham Sercombe, many decisions and rededications ... Kenmore students led combined service at Fair Haven ... Rev. Samways, Language Recordings, speaker ... Gospel Spectacular in City Hall.

TAS

ULVERSTONE (Tom & Ruth Edge) Trial session of Kerygma Program conducted & adopted for major teaching thrust ... Working Bee to tidy property well supported ... Fashion Parade & Devonshire Afternoon on October 4 attracted 60 ladies ... Planning is underway to establish a Solo Club ... Church participating in Operation Good News 88 with other churches in Ulverstone ... Also shared in Bicentennial ecumenical service recently.

LAUNCESTON (Gordon Stirling) Six attending World Convention ... October 9 G. Stirling inducted J. & C. Harrison to ministry at Caveside & Lloyd Cooke (Hobart) spoke at morning services here ... Sympathy extended to Foot family in passing of Malcolm Freedman after a long fight with leukaemia ... Bill Howard (Bible Society) filling the pulpit while G. Stirling in New Zealand.

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Queensland's 105th Annual State Conference

Queensland's 1988 State Conference coincided with the concluding weeks of the World Expo. President Don Cranston's theme — "Forward in Confidence with Christ" — mirrored the outstanding success of Expo's Pavilion of Promise, which 750,000 visitors have queued to visit. People waited for up to two hours to see this hi-tech presentation of the gospel.

Conference speaker, Malcolm Gray of Melbourne, drawing on his extensive electronic media experience, predicted that within 30 years our Queensland churches will make widespread use of electronic forms of communication such as those seen in the Pavilion of Promise. Our present styles of presentation will evolve, although the message of Jesus will remain unchanged.

Malcolm developed the Conference theme in his series of messages at the Presidents' Reception, the Thursday and Friday night rallies, and the Sunday morning combined communion service where nearly 1,000 members from around the state broke bread together.

Quoting US research, which indicated that the average length of stay in full-time ministry is seven years or two ministries, Malcolm challenged the churches to "encourage one another" with HISS (High levels of Interpersonal communication, Sharing and Support).

In the past 30 years the Queensland Brotherhood has climbed from 43 churches to 74, and now features some of the largest Churches of Christ in Australia. Malcolm also drew attention to the 2 000% growth in our Social Service work which now represents over 50% of all social service work carried out by Churches of Christ in Australia.

Malcolm challenged the churches to provide the climate of encouragement for tomorrow's super achievers and peak performers, and predicted that within 30 years the membership of our churches in Queensland will double to more than 11,000. To achieve that goal Malcolm called us back to the basics of great



Malcolm Gray

preaching, to an identified target audience, with the message packaged in a way that will put a sparkle in the eyes of our listeners.

Conference officers elected were Ralph Bennett (President), Professor Alan Wilson (President-Elect), Geoff Risson (Vice-President), John Sherliff (Treasurer), Kevin Ludgater (Assistant Secretary) and Norman Watson (Secretary). Barbara Bennett is the QCWF President.

Resolutions of Conference were published in the October issue of *The Christian Echo*.

— N. Watson

It is reported that 9 Turks and 3 others were arrested in Ankara and are likely to be accused of political crimes against the secularism of the state. The two Britons in the group were also arrested last May. Charged with 'trying to subvert the Turkish nation with religious propaganda', they were acquitted for lack of evidence. Other recent arrests or questioning of Christians have also been reported. Most Turks are Muslims; the state is officially secular.

THE LAST WORD

A consistent man believes in destiny, a capricious man in chance.

— Benjamin Disraeli

A man who suddenly got a windfall was asked how it feels to be rich. "Instead of my wife telling me to move the lounge," said the *nouveau riche*, "now the decorator tells me."

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He: So you refuse to marry me because I'm too meek. Would you have liked to live in the Stone Age and been wed with a club?

She: Yes, that would have been stunning.

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Sign on a used car: "Driven by a Little Old Lady—Parked by her Little Old Husband."

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An old farmer was asked if he'd made his peace with God. "Well," was his response, "we ain't come to no open break yet."

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Our neighbours, a young married couple, recently purchased a new car, which they treated with tender, loving care. One day, the husband backed the car into their garage and knocked the trim off the right tail-light. Damage was slight and he immediately had it repaired. A week later the same thing happened and he was embarrassed at the thought of taking the car back to the repair shop again. His wife said lovingly, "Just say that I did it this time, dear."

"But," the husband replied sheepishly, "that's what I told them last time."

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