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Coffee Shop Ministry Commenced.

The Willamstown, Vic., church have fulfilled a dream by purchasing the goods and chattels of a coffee shop in Willamstown. The church will operate the coffee shop. This is a huge step of faith for a church with an active membership of 42.

Cheryl Johnson, the minister, believes that this could be the beginning of major new developments in the Western suburbs. Too often it has been referred to as the 'poor west'. It may be poor financially, but rich in the desire to seek new initiatives for expressing the Good News of Christ.

On a business level the coffee shop has not been a success story over the past two years, but the doors have been open for the



June & Deanne Fraser in front of Coffee Shop.

church to proceed with the purchase.

July, 1987, members noticed

that the shop had been available for rent for some months. Negotiations commenced, with all going well until it was sold just five hours before the church voted upon the venture.

God was asked many questions at this point because it was believed that God had been leading them to purchase the coffee shop. After accepting the verdict, the church held a review under the leadership of Ian Tlippet, from Department of Mission Education & Development. Bill Tabbernee, Alan Marr (Baptist minister), and Janet Howle (local Uniting Church member and former local councillor) were the consultants.

The result was the thought that the church must build a bridge to the community. It had to find new

initiatives that would speak about the witness and relevance of the church.

The door that closed in August, 1987, opened again on March 22. The first reaction was the question, "Is God opening this door again?" Response from the people was, "We must proceed and see if the doors remain open."

The church is struggling to support ministry, but a bank loan will be taken out, as the business needs to account for all the bills.

The church operated coffee shop will open in early May and your prayer support is needed. Willamstown must recruit volunteers to help out in this exciting development.

Are you looking for somewhere to live? - Rent of a three-roomed flat above the coffee shop is available for a reasonable rate with the opportunity of belonging to a church that believes God works in the lives of people in the west. The venture could suit an adult single person or a couple. (The church may consider a family for the manse).

Exciting ministry is happening in the west - but we need desperately to bring Christians into the area, to build a strong leadership base to work from.

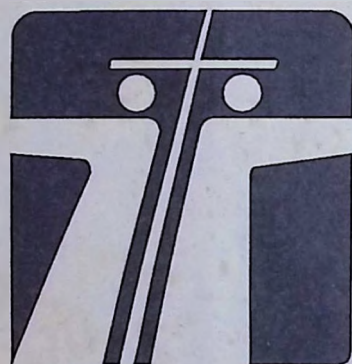
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Williamstown's Coffee Shop.

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COMMENT

Bicentennial Service

As a part of the Bicentennial celebrations the Australian Army held a Drum Head religious ceremony exactly 200 years to the day after the first service of Christian worship on Australian soil, which took place on February 3, 1788. The service took place on the parade ground of Victoria Barracks, Sydney and was conducted by the Senior Chaplain's Committee of the 2nd Military District. The preacher at this service was Robert Smith, Director of the N.S.W. Department of Church Development & Education and also a part-time chaplain with the Army.

Robert Smith preached from the same text as Chaplain Richard Johnson used 200 years ago "What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits towards me?" Psalm 116:12.

We include some quotes from his sermon:

"Some people have suggested that that text was a rather inappropriate one for a group of people who had been banished to a wilderness as far from their homes as it was possible to be, and facing an uncertain future in a strange and hostile land. On the other hand it may well have been that after six months on the high seas, they stepped ashore in Sydney Cove with an enormous sense of relief; just glad to be ashore and just glad to be alive.

Well, even if there is some doubt about the appropriateness of those words 200 years ago, there is certainly no doubt about it to day. Though we no longer call ourselves the lucky country, and even though there are many within this country for whom life is still bleak and unjust, there is no doubt that, compared to most of the world, we are fortunate indeed.

The answer to the question that Chaplain Johnson raised 200 years ago, also comes from the Bible. One of the great Old Testament prophets, Micah, summed it up in these powerful words: 'what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God' (Micah 6:8).

As Australia enters its third century let us hope that the nation will do so with a deep appreciation of the enormous benefits it has received and a determination to use those benefits in the way that God our Creator requires - in seeking to build a just and righteous society based on a sense of gratitude to God. We, as members of the same profession as those who formed the first Christian congregation in Australia, with our own military ethic of discipline, sacrifice and service for the greater good of all, should be the ones to lead the way."

Tribute to Israel on its 40th Anniversary

A Christian Zionist is a Gentile who sees a living link between the Jews of Bible times and their descendants in the 20th century. He also shares their hopes and aspirations for the return of Zion and the building up of the modern state of Israel.

Just as there are Jews who are not Zionists, so there are Christians who do not see the relevance of Israel fulfilling a divine plan and purpose in the Word of God. On the other hand, there is an increasing number of Gentiles who, whilst embracing the Christian faith, have aligned themselves with all the hopes and aspirations of Zionism.

As a Gentile believer I had faith in Bible prophecy relating to Isaiah's great prophecy that Israel would one day be restored as a nation, but it was the rebirth of the nation of Israel on the soil of its ancient homeland on May 14, 1948 that transformed faith into reality.

"What Nation is there so Great ...?"

The very survival of the Jewish people is an ongoing miracle that has no parallel in human history. A program of genocide which began with Pharaoh in Egypt was continued by Haman and Hitler. All three diabolical schemes failed. And dare we mention the persecutions perpetrated in the name of Christianity during the Crusades, the Inquisition and the pogroms in Russia? Divine intervention on Israel's behalf is nothing new.

Space doesn't permit documentation of the hundreds of miracles wrought through prayer confirming the Scripture in Deuteronomy 4:7.

Christian Zionism and the State of Israel

The rebirth of Israel on the soil of its ancient homeland and the nation's subsequent amazing development have awakened many Christians to the relevance of modern-day Israel and the Word of God, and in particular the prophecies in Ezekiel 36 and 37.

Chapter 37 is known as "the Vision of the valley of Dry Bones" in which Ezekiel describes the rebirth of the people on the land. So vivid and descriptive is the vision one needs to ponder the miracle that unfolded before the prophet's eyes.

That is exactly what took place 40 years ago. The nation was born. It lived and stood upon its feet an exceeding great army! From being a people shattered by the Holocaust and scattered to the four corners of the earth the world then witnessed a reborn Israel standing upon its feet. And for good measure the world witnessed Israel as "an exceeding great army" when this infant state helpless and alone fought off a savage invasion by five well equipped invading armies.

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Explorer Jubilee Breakfast



Club leaders at breakfast

Explorer Club leaders and executive members met for breakfast at the Werribee, Vic., church on February 13. Clive Ward, Vic.-Tas. Conference President, was a guest of the executive. Program arrangements were directed

by Alan Sanders. A worship period was led by Alan Niven, the Werribee minister.

New resource materials were displayed for the first time. These include posters, information leaflets, membership cards and pro-

gram resources. Leaders enthusiastically bought up large quantities following the breakfast.

Jubilee events

Major events for the year include a dinner for past and present Explorers on September 8 at Rembrandts, Wantirna South. Past members desirous of attending the dinner can register their intent with P. Wing Tang, 280 Highbury Rd., Burwood 3125, phone (03) 288.1613.

The Jubilee Commemoration Day is planned for October 15 at Camp Waterman where the Jubilee Project is being developed. This will include a paved area, wooden tables and Jubilee Commemoration rocks. Plans are in hand to move the large rocks onto the site. Clubs will be invited to bring their own "football" size rock to place in a rock garden setting adjacent to the Commemoration project.

GROWING SPIRITUALLY

Surrender

He was an objecting non-believer. He said, "I don't agree with the Christian idea of surrendering one's life to God. We should keep our lives and work at improving them and adding quality and meaning to them. It is wrong to hand over this right to anyone else."

What he did not realise is that when we surrender our lives to God we are **not losing anything**, for God keeps giving them back to us renewed, empowered and meaningful. God takes the surrendered life and recreates it for us.

Christians who count the cost of surrender and settle for less than a total handing over of life to God, **short change** themselves. God renews and colours up the bits and pieces that they do surrender, when he could have done so much more if more had been given.

Christian family life surrendered to God does not diminish the family or cramp its lifestyle. God makes family life more caring, more responsible and lots more fun together.

A **purse-and-all** surrender to God does not deprive the giver but enables God to make him or her the sort of person who can handle money in more satisfying and fulfilling ways.

When time is surrendered to God he takes it and gives it back to us filled with meaning, colour, interest and joy.

— Gordon Stirling

Baptisms at Salt Ash



Max Hall, minister of the Salt Ash, N.S.W., church, baptising four candidates on January 24 at a neighbouring pool.

Queensland C.W.F. Bicentennial Camp

The 25th Queensland Christian Women's Fellowship camp was held on March 11 - 13 with 160-190 present. Averil Jell was Camp Convener.

On the Friday evening a craft session was held.

Pat Kerr, Federal C.W.F. President, was a welcome visitor and she encouraged attendance at Federal Conference.

Hazel Morris presented a study on Saturday morning, "Dead to Self". The afternoon started with segments from Kenmore Christian College, an examination on the beginnings of our work in Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea with Harold Finger and a look back at Q.C.W.F. with Ruby Haigh. Ruth Martin led a study on "Alive to God".

On the Saturday evening a period costume parade was held.

Special guest Thelma Rowley entertained delightfully for half the evening with her own poetry and drama selections. She also spoke on child abuse on the Sunday morning. Concert items concluded the evening program.

On the Sunday morning an early communion service was led by Q.C.W.F. President Lyn Smith. Thelma Cornwell sang at this service and Pat Kerr led in prayer.

Barbara Bennett led the third study on "More than Conquerors"

Over the weekend the inspiring singing led by Eleanor was a feature.

— D. Kleseker

**GIVE THE
CHRISTIAN
AS A GIFT.**

Veteran Preacher Dies.

Harold Street died on March 10, aged 82 years. He served more Tasmanian churches than any other minister. He also had mainland ministries in two States. For 50 years he preached the gospel before retiring, and for 13 years of his 15 year retirement.

He was a successful light-weight boxer at 18, when God called him and he was baptised by Will Nightingale in the Collins St., Hobart, Tas., church. Soon after that he went to M.B.I. for missionary training.

As missions were being retrenched because of the depression he accepted a call to Kelleve, Tas., later including Nubeena and Highcroft in his circuit. It was here that Lyla joined him.

He walked the dirt roads of the Peninsula, following the footsteps of Stephen Cheek, up to 20 miles a day and 12 miles on Sundays as well as preaching three times. It was not until his Roma, Qld., ministry that he graduated to a bicycle, covering the outback roads with a pack on his back and a waterbag on the handle bars. In his first three years on the Peninsula, Tas., there were 100 baptism. He and Lyla were indefatigable in the work. One of their boys, when small, was asked where his father worked. The reply, "He doesn't work, he's a minister!"

The Streets were invited to one church with the promise of a manse. When they arrived the manse was still notional in the minds of the Board. So the family moved into a rented house across the bay with only a bike for the minister. It was temporary for two years. Lyla rowed the family across to church, except when the

weather was rough, when they walked.

There were two ministries on the Tasman Peninsula, two at Devonport and one at Collins St., and one in Stephen Cheek country in Mole Creek-Caveside. Caveside was Harold's great love, nestled as it is under the brow of the range, giving him the opportunity to exult in the God of nature and to enjoy his handiwork to the full. It was to Caveside that he went to recover from a stroke toward the end of his ministries.

His mainland ministries were at Roma, Sunnybank and Mackay in Queensland and Ivanhoe, Ballarat, Wangaratta and Yarrowonga in Victoria.

When he first went to Kelleve death was a stranger to him. He had never attended a funeral. But soon he was in the "valley of shadows" with a distraught family whose two daughters had drowned. He soon came to terms with death and his own mortality. And when his own time came in the Box Hill Hospital he was ready to relinquish the tired embattled body that could no longer cope with the radiant eternity in him.

For 14 years of their retirement Harold and Lyla Street lived at the Prospect Retirement Village in Launceston. They were members of the Launceston church and for a time Harold was an elder. They had just moved to hostel accommodation in the Judge Book Homes at Eltham, Vic., After six days there Harold went to hospital where he died.

The Ivanhoe chapel was filled for a thanksgiving service attended by his family, Lyla, Graham, Ian, Berice, Kathleen,

Assistant to State Minister



Brian Phelps having hands laid on him at commissioning service.

Brian Phelps, an Elder of the Magill, S.A., church, has taken a year's leave of absence as Principal of the Wandana Primary

School, to make himself available to the South Australian Brotherhood.

In January he began work as assistant to the State Minister Dean Hamilton. He will work closely with Dean and they will share some responsibilities, but his special area of activity will be in outreach ministry. Brian will be involved in seminars and programs like Adventures in Evangelism, and will be doing follow-up work from the Roy Pointer Church Growth Seminars.

During the morning service at Magill on February 14 his fellow Elders and the congregation shared in a commissioning for his task.

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Robert and their families, numbering 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

The next day the Margaret St. chapel was similarly filled for a second thanksgiving service.

- G.R.S.

MISSION UPDATES IN VICTORIA

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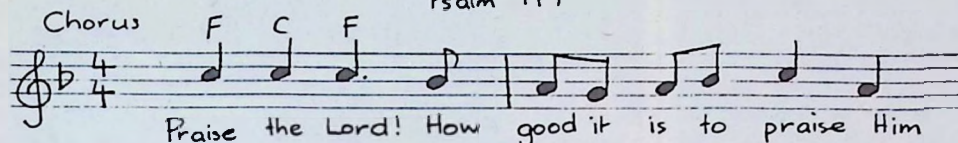
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ACT Churches Go to Camp.

Praise God Almighty - A New Psalm
Psalm 147

Music: Cheryl Leach



The above hymn, which was sung at Sunday morning worship at the Canberra Churches Family Camp at Cooma, March 4-6, was part of a great outburst of creativity which expressed itself in the worship service.

Cheryl Leach led a group of musicians who composed the music and wrote the verse based on Psalm 147. Other groups focussing on Psalm 147 prepared a movement sequence, a sermon, a mural, poems, communion and prayers. During worship all these were presented, allowing everyone present to fully participate in a memorable service led by Kevin Caulton.

A study in the Psalms was the

theme of the camp and on Saturday morning, Peter Nelson led a session which outlined the Hebrew way of thinking. This led to groups reflecting on a number of Psalms.

Another feature of the camp was the presence and participation of the Federal Aborigines Board delegation. Len and Melba Wallam challenged the campers with testimony and song, while Ray Schmitt and Avon Moyle shared with campers about various aspects of the F.A.B. witness.

There was plenty of time for relaxation and Cooma provides an ideal environment for keen and not so keen walkers.



Children's games at camp

One-to-one Witnessing Seminars.

The largest training event of its kind ever held in Brisbane saw 1,750 attending training sessions conducted by John Mallison over two weekends during February and March. The purpose was to equip people to follow-up those contacted through the Pavillion of Promise at EXPO '88.

This training is part of an extensive series of seminars being held throughout Queensland and northern N.S.W., which will involve many thousands more in training in one-to-one witness and discipling and the use of nurture groups.

John Mallison's sessions were videoed for use in regional centres and he will conduct further sessions on the Gold Coast, with another event in Brisbane in May.

The Pavilion of Promise is a Christian pavilion especially designed for World Expo 88 in Brisbane. Consisting of three hi-tech theatres, a chapel and large amphitheatre, the Pavilion of Promise will offer a Christian presentation and presence on site to the millions of visitors expected at this international celebration.

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through the eyes of children will be presented spectacularly, making use of multi-projection, laser lighting and live performance artists.

The amphitheatre will provide more than 2,000 hours of live entertainment during the six months of Expo, with over 1.25 million visiting the Pavilion. The pavilion

itself is capable of accommodating over 500 per hour.

It is reasonably expected that 30,000 could respond to the Gospel presentation over the six months of Expo. Following up 5,000 new Christians per month requires a lot of trained personnel. Referral churches are required to have at least five people trained.

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The Queensland Division of Men's Work (formerly Dept. of Men's Work) sponsored a concert at Annerley church on March 26 as a service to the Brotherhood. Russell Ritchie arranged and compered the program. The varied items (mainly musical) were appreciated by the 110 who attended.

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Graduate Diploma in Ministry.

15 ministers were involved in an intensive week of lectures at the College of the Bible from February 29 to March 4. The week's program was part of the College's Graduate Diploma in Ministry. Those participating were enthusiastic in their praise.

Graeme Chapman, the course coordinator, lectured on leadership and spirituality. Ian Allsop addressed the problem of conflict management and looked at the relationship between behaviour, values, beliefs, meaning systems and leadership. Ted Keating introduced discussion on long-term strategies and planning, communication within the church, the use of the roll in welcoming visitors and marketing strategies. Dr. Gary Bouma focussed attention on the place of religion in Australian society. Helen Chapman shared her expertise in the area of

small groups. Bruce and Beryl Graham drew attention to the role of church secretaries and administrative secretaries. Mark and Roger Bentley highlighted the importance of a professional approach to advertising and Dr. Graeme Frecker addressed the question of the relationship of ministers to local councils. The keynote speaker was Jay Back, who looked at ways of reaching the local community, with a special focus on worship and singles ministry. Several animated panel discussions on evangelism and visitation completed the program.

While the program was exhausting, it was felt that many of the sessions could have continued beyond the allotted two hours. As one enthusiastic participant commented, "the sorts of things we are learning are what we were not taught at theological college!"

Government Funds Church Housing Project.

The Victorian State Government through the Ministry of Housing and Construction has provided \$40,000 to establish a Housing Policy and Development Unit under the auspices of

the Victorian Council of Churches.

The new project emerges out of the VCC's International Year of Shelter for the Homeless project in 1987. In announcing the funding grant John Devenish, Acting Director of the Ministry of Housing and Construction, congratulated the VCC on the success of last year's project. "The churches have initiated some innovative housing projects and we look forward to co-operating with them to tackle the growing problem of homelessness."

The 1988 project had two major emphases. The first task is to continue to promote the involvement of church groups in providing housing for low income families. The State Government is very keen to co-operate with churches in joint venture housing projects. The scheme, known as Project Partnership, will be available to church groups and will provide a consultancy service.

The second emphasis is developing a Christian perspective on housing policy. Government policy is the most important instrument for controlling housing provision and at present we have a

Hampstead Gardens induction



New minister Rick Sercombe being inducted into the ministry of the Hampstead Gardens, S.A., church on February 7.

very inequitable system. Over this year an analysis of housing policies will be made to see if they accord with the Christian ideal of a fair share for all plus a fair go for the poor in the community.

The VCC have employed Hal Bisset as housing policy officer for the 1988 project. Hal Bisset was the IYSH project worker for the VCC in 1987.

The next Queensland CWF Rally is being held on May 18 at 7.30 pm at the East Ipswich church. This is the first time that they have held an evening rally and it is to allow those ladies who normally work during the day to attend. Guests will be Richard and Shirley Pearce.

Tribute to Israel

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and then flung them back over its borders and has continued to do so ever since.

Israel's Messianic Mission

Although Israel's greatness has been amply demonstrated in Scripture, the nation's greatest contribution to mankind is in providing the Messiah of Israel and the hope of all mankind.

Thus far Israel has fulfilled all that its prophets have foretold. And there is no reason to believe that God will not fulfil his final plan, when finally redeemed, they shall be his people, and he shall be their God. The world has waited close on 4,000 years for that blessed day. Let us pray fervently that it won't have to wait much longer.

— Joseph H. Hunting
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Tribute to Charles Nelson

Charlie Nelson has been an active member of the Subiaco, W.A., church for 77 years, having been received into fellowship in 1911.

Over the years he has demonstrated his gifts in the musical field and was constantly sought after as a pianist for concerts and socials.

In the 1920s Charlie became active in choral and organ occasions when he was appointed as the church's Choir Conductor. Besides the normal church music the choir participated in the rendition of several sacred Cantatas. Several special radio services were broadcast from the Subiaco

church. Charlie also led prominently in State and Federal Conference Choirs.

At Subiaco Charlie Nelson was instrumental in the transition from a hand pumped organ to a new Thomas organ, which in 1959 was replaced by the pipe organ that Subiaco still uses and which Charlie still delights in playing.

Not many are aware that Charles Nelson composed a notable cantata entitled "The Prodigal Son" which was broadcast from 6ML.

The Subiaco church is holding a service of recognition for Charlie's music ministry on May 15 at 2.30 p.m.

Young man with a Mission



Paul Ravesteyn

Paul Ravesteyn, 22, of Aldgate, S.A., is a young man with a mission. On April 7 Paul left for Africa where he will work for 12 months in a voluntary capacity with Mobile Mission Maintenance.

Paul has just completed 12 months study at the Craigmare Bible College and has been accepted to serve in Zambia. He is a carpenter and will work in that capacity on mission projects and in training nationals.

Mobile Mission Maintenance, whose headquarters is at Whittelessea, Vic., is a non-denominational organisation providing mobile teams of tradesmen for building, renovation and repair programs for church bodies in Australia and overseas. Paul has already had experience with Mobile Mission maintenance working on projects at Port Augusta, Renmark and Melbourne.

Paul is from the Stirling, S.A., church and during his time away will be supported by family, church members and other friends.

Boys' Brigade appoints Field Officer



Ian Morton

The Boys' Brigade in New South Wales has appointed Ian Morton as its Field Officer. This new position is planned to thrust the Brigade forward in its mission amongst youth.

Ian comes to the position from a background of ministry in

Ministry with Port Hedland



Frances and Sonny Graham

After more than 20 years in the Goldfields area of Western Australia, Sonny and Frances Graham have commenced a ministry with the Port Hedland Aboriginal Fellowship.

After training at the College of the Bible Sonny took up ministry with the Mooroopna, Vic., church. Soon after commencing service with the Federal Aborigi-

Churches of Christ (last ministry Devonport, Tas.) and previous to that service in the R.A.A.F.

Ian believes that he can work best through individuals and the personal relationships he will develop.

An Institute for church leadership development in Africa has been set up by the Lutheran World Federation. The purpose of the Institute's five-year program is to offer a crash course to some 250 leaders in African churches on the role and possibilities of churches to contribute to long-range solutions for the present social and economic crises in Africa.

nes Board at Norseman Mission, Sonny met and married Frances who was on the mission staff. Sonny was the pastor of the Norseman, W.A., church and Superintendent of the mission for several years. They later moved to Esperance where they ministered with the church that met at Fairhaven Hostel. Both Sonny and Fran were very involved in serving the local community. Sonny was prominent in the local advancement council and was a member of the T.A.F.E. committee.

They are looking forward to their new ministry. They have left their daughter Gaye in Esperance to complete her secondary schooling. They exchanged a mild climate for the harsh, fierce heat of the Pilbara region of W.A.'s North West. Both will continue to exercise a fruitful ministry consolidating the work of the previous missionary pastors Ross Norling and Greg Little.

1988 marks the 25th year of Sonny's ministry with Churches of Christ.

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WHICH RIBBON?

To the Editor,

Since I have been quoted several times in recent Letters to the Editor ("A.C." February 6 and following issues), I thought that you might allow me space for some comments of my own.

Graham Agnew admits to being confused over my invitation at the United Charismatic Convention to people who wished to be baptised in the Holy Spirit.

He suggests tongue-in-cheek that another study of Acts would help to ease his confusion. I suggest, without tongue-in-cheek, that he could well be right!

Here are the reasons why I gave a separate invitation for those who wanted to be filled with the Spirit.

1. It was, after all, a charismatic convention, and many people had come for the specific purpose of being baptised in the Spirit.

2. There is no doubt that when we receive Christ we receive the fullness of the gospel. When we have Christ, we have all. However, not all blessings are essential for salvation and many people have not claimed all the blessings that are rightfully theirs — including the blessing of the Spirit. Hence Paul's question in Acts 19:1.

3. The Holy Spirit's fullness is compared by Paul to a seal that confirms or guarantees the genuineness of our salvation (Eph. 1:13; 2 Cor. 1:20,21). A seal is not the same thing as that which it seals.

4. There are clear examples in Acts of people being baptised in the Spirit both **when they believe** (Acts 10:44ff) and **after they believed** (Acts 8:14ff; Acts 19:1ff).

5. There is a clear difference between having the Spirit **in us** (which is true of every believer) and having the Spirit come **upon us in power** (Acts 1:8; 2:17ff; 8:16, 10:44 etc.).

None of this in any sense takes away from the fullness of salvation

that is ours in Jesus Christ. Nor does it divide the gospel — ribbons notwithstanding! To suggest otherwise is to speak from ignorance.

All Graham had to do was to read of the things I have written on this subject or, seeing that he lives more or less just around the corner, give me a phone call.

— Barry Chant

(President, The House of Tabor, Adelaide, S.A.)

(I have allowed Barry more than the 200 words limit as he is replying to comments made about him. — Editor)

HOW MUCH ARE OUR MINISTERS WORTH?

To the Editor,

A survey taken in an average N.S.W. town revealed that within the local Ministers Fraternal the Church of Christ minister was the poorest paid of all. This distinction prompts the question — how much value do we place on our men and women in full-time ministry? Could we do better for our minister?

The Uniting Church topped the list with a basic stipend of \$20,616, followed by the Anglicans on \$19,360 and Presbyterians at \$18,508. Baptists paid a basic salary of \$17,884 and bottom of the list were Churches of Christ on \$16,952. When car allowances were added to the figure a Churches of Christ minister was receiving about \$5,000 less than his Anglican colleague who topped the list. In the event of a minister buying his own home Presbyterians came off best.

It is known that our pastors are 'not in it for the money'. They have no union to appeal on their behalf and would not desire one. Statistical our numbers are small, but given all that, we do well to ask — could and should we not give them a better deal? It is often said that Churches of Christ are not a denomination. More's the pity. If we were, perhaps our pastors would receive better financial care.

— N. Aubry
(Taree, N.S.W.)

"EXPERIENCE" A DIRTY WORD?

To the Editor,

Norm Flett ("A.C." March 5) seeks to perpetuate the myth that the Charismatic Renewal movement is high on experience and pretty shallow in doctrine. It's about time this stereotype was laid to rest. I have found Charismatic meetings to be places where the Word of God is strongly expounded in the way Norm is calling for.

In any event, what makes "experience" a dirty word? If another's experience is at odds with my doctrine, why must I automatically doubt their experience? Maybe God is seeking to have me reassess one of my doctrinal "sacred cows"!

We evangelicals have no problems with new Christians sharing their conversion experience, but many balk at accepting an experience of "baptism in the Spirit" because our doctrine tells us that

whatever they received at conversion is all there is.. I believe this is true, but most of us do not avail ourselves of the total package at the time, hence we have further experiences as we surrender more of ourselves to God.

Experience **is** important, as long as we seek God, not just the experience. We must not only know **what** we believe, but also know **in experience** the truth we declare.

— Russell Kilgour
(Croydon, Vic.)

(This letter edited to bring it closer to the 200 word limit. — Editor)

PICTURE OF GOD

To the Editor,

I have a special message to pass on to A. Byrnes ("A.C." March 26). He should return his Bible to the Bible Society and demand his money back. They have sold him an incomplete copy. It appears that his copy has a huge section missing between

LETTERS FROM TERTIUS

Inadequate

To the Editor,

Yesterday I read of a Paris art class whose members went weekly to the Louvre to copy some of the great masterpieces. At the end of the day most of them crammed their day's work into a large receptacle put there for the purpose. Against the originals, their work wasn't even worth taking home. But they were all back the next week to try again.

I could not help thinking of some Sundays in our church when our minister excels himself in preaching about Jesus Christ, and makes me want to crawl under the seat in shame. Jesus talks about the second mile, and it takes me all my time to go the first. He talks about turning the other cheek, when I'm as likely to attack before my first cheek is hit. Then there's taking up the cross when I have a predilection for feather beds. And there's Calvary itself! When our minister talks about Calvary, you are right there, and I find myself sneaking away to a safe distance with the original disciples. And I go out of church like the art students, feeling terribly inadequate in the presence of a Christ like that.

But I'm back for more next week. I think it's because I'd sooner feel inadequate in the presence of Christ than adequate in a world without him.

Hoping you are the same,
TERTIUS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



the Old Testament and Revelation. He should get it and read it because there is a fantastic story about a person named Jesus ...

— Greg Shaw
(Brooklyn Park, S.A.)

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN"
To the Editor,

Just a brief note to say how much I agree with the practical suggestion of Noel Williams ("A.C." March 26, page 19). I realize it would be a sizable task, and to a certain extent a duplication of State Conference Handbooks, yet it would be a valuable resource. It would certainly complement the communication ministry of our "The Australian Christian" and further contribute to a national identity of our fellowship as well as being a helpful follow-up resource. Thanks to Noel and I trust the idea would be followed up.

— Peter Broadbent
(Warmambool, Vic.)

"THE GRAPE VINE"

To the Editor,

"Having grown up", which is yet to be experienced, the writer is a victim of his own observations.

The writer of the Letter to the Editor ("A.C." March 26) is not a member of the Belmore, N.S.W., Church of Christ, and never was. Our records do not register the name of Paul Craven, our members have never heard of him.

— John Coleman
(Secretary Belmore, N.S.W., Church of Christ)

(Paul Craven is a subscriber who lives in Belmore. We are unaware of which church he attends and in giving a shortened address did not wish to imply that he was a member of Belmore nor that he was making any comment about the Belmore church. — Editor).

"THE HOLY MILE"

To the Editor,

I read with interest an item in the Happenings column of the February 20 issue. The article listed a number of camp sites that exist along a section of Caves Road between Busselton and Dunsborough, W.A.

This section of road is often referred to by locals as, "The Holy Mile", although it does contain a few sites that don't really fit under this banner such as the legacy campsite, Scouts, Guides and the local football club retreat.

One Christian site missed was that of the Roelands Village campsite, which is ironical considering the article appeared in the issue advertising, and highlighting, Aborigines Mission.

The Roelands Village Campsite came into being to serve the need for a place to which missionaries could take their "extended" families for a reasonably priced holiday in pleasant surroundings.

The campsite caters for unit style accommodation, some on-site caravans, tent sites, a two bedroom cottage and a large camp house with separate ablution block. As the Roelands Mission no longer serves as a "mission" but more as a farm and convention centre, the campsite is open to all who wish to avail themselves of a very pleasant holiday.

— Rick Davey
(Busselton, W.A., a local resident and user of the campsite)
(This article was clipped from a secular magazine and sent to us by a reader and probably the person who wrote the letter did not realise that Roelands was also a Christian campsite. — Editor)

A.W. STEPHENSON

To the Editor,

It was with regret that I read of the death of A.W. Stephenson in "The Australian Christian" (March

26).

As a student at the College of the Bible I recall one occasion when he interviewed a church board on his own and my behalf.

I cannot speak too highly of his compassion and concern for those with whom he worked, and wish this note to be made. About a year ago I wrote to him, and his reply is of that same order of humility and churchmanship which we should emulate.

Note: Moorhouse Avenue church is just that, no "e"!

— W.B. Burn
(Morwell, Vic.)

LET THE WOMEN SPEAK IN CHURCH

To the Editor,

Thank you Ron Graham for providing us with an alternative interpretation of the apostle Paul's severe pronouncements against women. Surely it cannot be that we are "saved through childbearing" or "through persevering in faith and love and holiness, with modesty". This is in direct antithesis to his forthright teaching that works cannot save us, but that we are saved by faith and grace alone. Either Paul, Christian and all as he was, still had a lot of the pharisee in him, which he had managed to crucify and subdue by the time he wrote to the Galatians, or there is another explanation of the discrepancies in his letters. Perhaps, as Ron Graham suggests, his scribes had their own ideas and added them to Paul's teachings. Also David Odell-Scott's submission, that the translators' errors of

notation have contributed to a false interpretation of the Greek language into English, is worth considering.

Some may object that this is an impossibility and tampers with the understanding that the Scriptures are divinely inspired. There is a precedent for these findings, though, and it comes readily to my mind. Read Isaiah 45:11 in the K.J.V. and then read it in any of the later translations and you will see that they directly contradict the K.J.V. Read also Daniel 12:4 in the K.J.V. and Good News versions and tell us how the translators came up with two such utterly different meanings. Which is correct?

— Gladys Butler
(Bruce Rock, W.A.)

PARLIAMENTARY "BINGE"

To the Editor,

The reported parliamentary "binge" makes all decent citizens abhor those politicians of all parties who took advantage of a situation to participate in a crime against the rest of the community.

If the occasion mirrors the kind of people elected by us all to serve the nation, then God help us all. Such members make a mockery of their seats to which they were elected, for they would seek to steal from those selfsame people.

Members who did not pay for what they ate or drank should, without fear or favour, be sacked immediately so that some kind of parliamentary standing can be achieved.

We have had so few statesmen
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BOOKS

THE NEW AGE GOSPEL: CHRIST OR COUNTERFEIT? A warning to the churches in Australia and New Zealand.

by Morag Zwartz (Parenesis Publishing) \$9.95.

There has been a growing concern at the growing influence of the 'New Age Movement' in our society. A working definition of the New Age Movement, from a different source, is a broad coalition of various networking organisations that (a) believe in a new world religion (pantheism), (b) are working for a new world order, and (c) expect a New Age Christ. The writer of this definition notes that not all who participate in the New Age Movement are necessarily conscious of all these aspects.

In this book Morag Zwartz has sought to identify the influence of the New Age Movement in Australian society and in the church. She is calling Christians to be aware of the different theological basis of this movement and perhaps the influence that the movement may have on some areas of the church today.

Whilst I am aware that we need to warn our churches of the dangers of this new philosophical/theological approach I had real hesitations about what I read in this book. Too often the author links certain words and expressions to the New Age philosophy and then condemns Christians and church groups who use these terms. In fact some of these terms were originally used in mission circles and were then adopted by New Age writers. Attacks on ecumenism, the growth of liberation theology and some aspects of spiritual growth through such techniques as meditation are too wide ranging and some of the attempts to link these too tenuous to stand up to good theological examination.

This book is available from Parenesis Publishing, 8 Alison Ave., Boronia 3155. Phone (03) 762.2753. It costs \$9.95 plus postage.

— C.R.A.

DEAR GOD? WHY CAN'T WE HAVE A BABY?

by John and Sylvia Van Regenmorter and Joe S. McIlhaney (Baker Book House).

This is the sort of book which would attract our attention simply because it is relevant to our situation. Anyone with an infertility problem naturally wants to see and hear as much information as possible, not only to keep abreast of the latest treatments and techniques available, but also to satisfy a need for understanding of the heartache and anguish associated with the loss of a child who never was. John and Sylvia Van Regenmorter, have travelled this road too and in a very sensitive and honest way, have described how they have coped as a Christian couple throughout the long journey.

The current techniques described by Dr Joe S. McIlhaney are generally on par with those available in Australia, with a few minor exceptions. What can be ignored are the enormous fees applicable, thankfully only relating to the American system.

Although we didn't agree with all the Van Regenmorters' decisions on some of the channels open to the infertile couple, it was certainly interesting to see the ethical aspects from another Christian point of view.

The hardest thing for a Christian infertile couple to understand is why God would let us suffer so, but the Van Regenmorters wisely point out that "as you suffer in faith, you are bringing honour to God." They have learned to accept and live with their infertility and we think their experience would help other couples facing the same struggle.

— Phil and Pam Walker

SIGNS & WONDERS AND EVANGELICALS A Response to the Teaching of John Wimber.

edited by Robert Doyle (Lancer Books) \$7.95.

Evangelist John Wimber has attracted a great deal of attention lately with his 'signs and wonders' approach to the Christian faith. Late last year he visited Australia and was involved in a large conference in Canberra.

Three Sydney Anglicans (John Woodhouse, Paul Barnett and John Reid) together with the editor of this volume were concerned about the issue of the supernatural in an evangelical ministry which John Wimber raises. They examine the theological underpinning to John Wimber's 'signs and wonders' ministry from an evangelical and biblical viewpoint and find it deficient in some areas. It is interesting to see that they acknowledge the deficiencies of evangelical theology and practice that John Wimber has recognised but the various participants in this book believe that he has also fallen into the trap of an over emphasis on one area.

This is an interesting addition to the debate over the issue of 'signs and wonders' ministry from an Australian viewpoint.

— C.R.A.

A VISION FOR AUSTRALIA:

Key Issues 4 - 6

National Goals and Directions Inc. (Albatross Book)

The National Goals and Directions Incorporated was set up to initiate discussion among Australians on the ways to achieve a better Australia for individuals, families and communities, based on sound values and positive relationships. The national issues raised were to be viewed from a Christian perspective. A national conference was held last year (September) in preparation for the Bicentenary and these papers were presented at that time by experts in the various fields. The first volume which covered areas of Australian society, the church and foreign policy and relationships was issued last year.

There are three issues raised in this book: family trends in Australia, economic justice and justice for Aboriginal Australians. As well there are some excerpts from an address by Archbishop David Penman to the National Goals and Directions Conference that examines seven popular myths of current Australia. The issues raised are very important and all the papers should be considered by churches as they all impinge on some area of our ministry.

— C.R.A.

GOD IS RICE

Asian Culture and Christian Faith

by Masao Takenaka (WCC Risk Book Series)

This booklet is a collection of lectures in which Masao Takenaka, lecturer at the Doshisha University's School of Theology in Kyoto, Japan, reflects on Japanese culture in the light of the Christian faith. It is his attempt to grapple with the Christian faith in an Asian social and cultural context. One of the essays deals with a case study of Shozo Tanaka who was a pioneer in the Japanese church in the ecological movement and the people's movement.

There are some interesting reflections on Christ and his message from an Asian perspective which make more sense of his actions and words than our view from our Western understanding.

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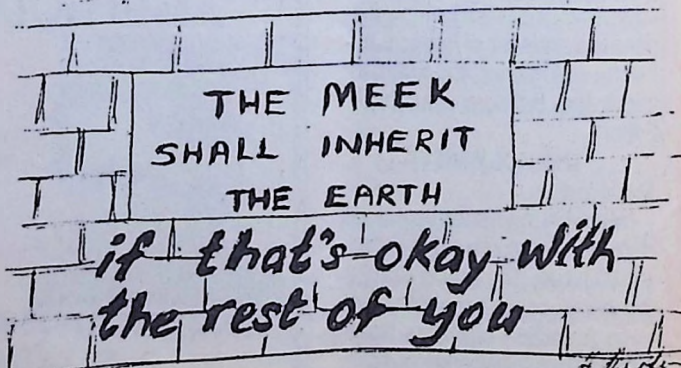
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Education a Priority for Tuvalu.

Tuvalu is a tiny Pacific nation consisting of eight coral atolls with a total land area of 26 square kilometres.

While primary school education is readily available on Tuvalu students who wish to study further often find their hopes frustrated. Over half the children who wish to go on to high school cannot do so as there is a severe shortage of places in the government high school.

The church of Tuvalu has long been concerned with this problem. It has mobilised local donations and manpower to build its own high school. The emphasis will be on appropriate education, relevant to the needs of Tuvalu.

In addition to the academic program a vocational training program will also provide oppor-

tunities for students to learn those skills which are in short supply in Tuvalu - agriculture, outboard motor repair and maintenance, carpentry, fishing and fishnet mending.

The local church has raised over \$15,000 toward the school and will be responsible for all costs after three years. It has requested assistance for the rest of the costs of building and running the school for an initial period.

Force Ten, a joint program of the Australian Council of Churches and Australian Catholic Relief, is assisting in providing this needed school. Further information is available from Force Ten at Box C199 Clarence Street, P.O. Sydney 2000. Phone (02) 29 2215.

White Fields in South India.

- Doug Willis.

On New Year's Day Shaun Kelly, a final year student at Kenmore Christian College, and I, arrived in Madras, India. The following day we were joined by the Rostvit Twins from the U.S.A. During the seven weeks that followed we preached in 100 villages where native preachers had been sowing the gospel seed for the past 12 months. Some days we conducted up to four street meetings, each followed by a baptismal service. Both group teaching and individual instruction was given to each candidate.

Meetings were also conducted in Bangalore, Madras, and on the South West coast of the state of Kerala where crowds were estimated at 500. In all 1,035 confessed Christ and were baptised. Two other White Fields's teams were in India during January. Those responding in their meetings brought the total number baptised to 1,864.

At one service I asked the crowd what they needed more than anything else. A high cast Hindu man replied, "heaven". He was later baptised along with an 80 year old man. Among the others baptised was a young man whose Hindu mother came shouting angry abuse at him. He simply said, "Go away, I want to follow

Jesus Christ. What have the idols of wood and stone ever done for us?"

The testimonies go on and on. For example, at the 8 a.m. meeting on February 6, an 80 year old man said before his baptism, "From

A Time for Auction!

It's a problem when you have over 250 campers and only eight spare ice creams!

The Easter Youth Camp at Toowoomba, Qld., was a great success despite rain, rain and more rain! One of the campers was Shem Tema from Vanuatu. Over recent years this camp, organised by Kenmore Christian College, has had a special focus on leadership training among Churches of Christ in Vanuatu. Shem is the first to benefit from the John Thompson Memorial Fund. John Thompson was our first Australian missionary to go to the New Hebrides, now Vanuatu.

Back to the ice-creams. The problem was overcome when they were auctioned and the money given to the mission offering fund. Eight ice-creams raised \$95! When you come across a good idea like that it is wise to try and explore it a little further.

One of the Kenmore students had a famous hat that had been his constant companion for seven years. In a moment of generosity he offered his hat for auction to benefit further the Vanuatu leaders. Tony bought his own hat back



Shem Tema

for \$118 having pleaded with everybody to donate funds for him to use at the auction. Together with the offerings taken the Leadership Training Fund is now some \$2,200 better off. On behalf of those who will receive the benefits of this giving, the present and future church leaders in Vanuatu, I congratulate the Kenmore Christian College and the campers for their commitment to mission. It was great to share in this experience.

— Jeff May



Baptismal service in Andhra Pradesh

today, he will be my Dad (an endearing term in India) until my death." A young man when asked if he was willing to turn away from all his old ways replied, "Hereafter, I will not go upon my past life." Day after day we saw people going away rejoicing.

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The newest exhibition at the Jewish Museum of Australia, Arnold St., South Yarra, is on the Torah. The exhibition will run from May to August. The exhibition will seek to explain the significance of the Torah (the 5 books of the Hebrew Bible given to Moses to this day and age as a spiritual centre of Judaism, yet with its message for all mankind. The exhibition will show the physical entity that we know of as the Torah and it will attempt to demonstrate how the Torah deals with some of the most vexing questions of modern day living.

For the first time in 40 years the Evangelical Church in the North of Vietnam has a college to train pastors. At present the youngest pastor in the north is 74, so new, trained pastors are urgently required. The Evangelical Church is estimated to have between 10,000 and 20,000 adherents in the north while in the south there are said to be several hundred thousands.

Believers from all over the Soviet Union are flocking to Moscow with appeals for the opening of churches (closed by the Soviet state) in time to mark the Millennium of the Orthodox Church a Council for Religious Affairs spokesman has revealed.

Sports and Leisure Ministry held a banquet on March 15 with Margaret Court the tennis champion as guest speaker. 4 athletes came to Christ at the banquet.

The Shroud of Turin photographic exhibition will have its only showing in Australia this year at the Newcastle, N.S.W., Regional Museum, Hunter St., Newcastle West. The exhibition will be open for 4 weeks from March 29.

An Australian Board of the International Christian housing organisation, Habitat for Human-

ity, was formed during March. The initial convener is Dr Gordon Moyes. The goal of Habitat is to wipe poverty housing off the face of the earth. Homes are built or renovated using as much voluntary labour and donated materials as possible. Habitat for Humanity Australia can be contacted at 10/30 Nelson St., Penshurst 2222, or contact Hal Blisset on (03) 898.8918.

420 recorded commitments at the Leighton Ford Celebration evangelistic meetings in Geelong March 2-8. Most of them had a church background, 236 were first time commitments and 181 were teenagers. Attendances averaged 2,500, including a choir of 500 and a 12 piece band.

More than 100,000 have died in the 13 years of civil war in Lebanon. When the civil war began in 1975 Christians lived throughout the country, but now they are confined to about 20% of the land, essentially in the East Beirut area.

Dr Gerhard Clas, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, died in a car crash in California on March 21.

An average of 88 ministers fall or are sacked each month in Southern Baptist churches in the USA. A new group, Pastors without Pulpits, says they should be offered more help, and says that too often other ministers fall to offer them the compassion they preach.

The 660 babies born in the first 5 years of IVF programs in Australia had cost \$32 million, or slightly less than \$48,500 a birth. This figure was based only on the direct Government spending on treatment cycles, and did not include laboratory work related to IVF, spending on the pregnancy and birth complications often associated with

the treatment, nor the non-government public expenditure on IVF treatments and babies. Of the 660 babies 32 were stillborn or died soon after birth, and a further 10 had congenital defects.

About 1 million Australian men and women have been sterilised in the past 17 years. Twice as many women have been sterilised as men. Many of the sterilisations were performed on young couples who did not want to have any children.

Almost 200,000 Tamils have fled Sri Lanka since violence began in 1982.

The head of the Coptic Orthodox Church, Pope Shenouda III, has repeated his opposition to pilgrimages to the Holy Land as long as the Palestinians are not allowed by Israel to go to their country.

An ecumenical 'Heal the Wounds' campaign is underway to help victims of a wave of South African backed violence against neighbouring countries. The effort is sponsored by the Zimbabwe Christian Council, the Society of Friends (Quakers) and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. The first phase of the program will involve aiding people injured by shrapnel, families whose homes have been destroyed and two children whose mother was killed in an attack believed to have been carried out by South Africans.

2 retired Baptist missionaries, returning to Albania after an absence of 47 years, were unable to find any trace of church activity. When asked the reason for this, their guide responded: "Our leaders have determined that all religion is harmful to the program of the state, so they have forbidden it. Anyone who continues in any religion is an enemy of the state and a

traitor. Traitors have to be shot."

The Australian Copyright Council is holding a special seminar in Sydney on "Copyright for Churches" on April 18. The venue is to be the Palladium Auditorium, Sydney Grammar School, College St., Sydney from 8 - 10 p.m. The registration fee will be \$12.

The Moody Chorale, a mixed voice singing group of students from the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, USA, will travel to Australia for a 3 - 4 week concert tour in June, 1989.

The Campaign for International Co-operation and Disarmament is holding a BBQ-Picnic at the Victorian Parliament House on April 17 from midday to 5 pm. Phone (03) 663 3677 for details.

Statistics produced by the Jehovah's Witnesses show that for every convert Australian Jehovah's Witnesses spent some 4370 hours witnessing during 1987.

The Radio Youth Crisis Appeal for Sydney City Mission in March, during which all 9 Sydney commercial radio stations co-operated for the first time ever, raised over \$250,000.

The church in Panama is deeply divided over ways to respond to the country's current political turmoil. While few actively support Manuel Noriega, the general who is Panama's de facto leader, many church people refuse to identify with the middle and upper class coalition that seeks his ouster.

The Christian Federation of Malaysia has urged a "fair trial in an open court of law" for more than 38, including 13 Christians, detained up to 2 years under the country's Internal Security Act. It says any pledges, statements or

confessions made under detention "cannot be accepted as conclusive". About 53% of the country's 16.1 million are counted as Muslims. Christians are about 6.5%.

In a message to UN General Secretary Javier Perez de Cuellar, World Council of Churches General Secretary Emilio Castro said the WCC is "deeply concerned" by the movement of more than 3000 US troops to Honduras. The action, Castro said, "contributes to the escalation of tensions in the region and disrupts the implementation" of last year's regional peace accord for which the WCC and "world public opinion" have expressed strong support.

Owners and managers of businesses around the Roman Catholic cathedral in Seoul are demanding that the archdiocesan administration be more resolute in preventing demonstrations there, which frequently end in violent clashes with police. The cathedral is located in the heart of the shopping district, and some business leaders have threatened to petition for its removal.

After 17 years of work, the Bible Society of Kenya has printed the first complete translation of the Bible in the Masai language.

In a letter to Russian Orthodox Patriarch Pimen, Brother Andrew, founder of Open Doors, and a notable critic of Soviet Union official church leadership, offered a million Bibles for the Orthodox Church to mark the millennium of Christianity in major parts of what is now the Soviet Union. The Open Doors offer came because Soviet church leaders have been saying it is now possible for the Soviet church to receive gift Bibles.

Something new at Brighton



Caretaker's cottage being demolished.

The old is making way for the new at Brighton, Vic., church. The caretaker's cottage on a site next door to the church, has been demolished. The present manse has been sold at auction for \$326,000. A new manse will be built on the old caretaker's site. This will give the Brighton church a new, low maintenance manse and a considerable sum of money left over to invest, the proceeds of which will enable much needed repairs to the church and hall

buildings, and new ministry projects.

Elra Clapp, who with her husband John, ministers at Brighton, says: "We believe God has guided us through this venture. He seems to be saying that there is a bright future for our church, that there is much work for us to do here. He has provided for our material needs, now we believe he will also lead us in our spiritual work for him."

S.A. Council of Churches Developments



Collin Dredge addressing the meeting.

The singing of "Ubi caritas et amor" marked the reception of the Catholic Diocese of Adelaide into the South Australian Council of Churches on March 12. For several months members of the diocese and members of the S.A.C.C. had discussed the implications of Catholic membership. The ease with which it was ac-

complished was a sign of the long process of Catholic participation in Council activities which preceded the affirmative vote.

At the meeting Collin Dredge, Conference President of S.A. Churches of Christ was elected as President of the S.A.C.C.

The South Australian Council of Churches now has nine mem-

Call for Reconciliation



Len and Melba Wallam

Recently a team from the Federal Aborigines Board were on deputation in New South Wales. During this tour the following report was made in the "Fairfield Advance" on March 8 under the titles "Pastor in Call for Reconciliation" and "Aborigines turn to Christianity".

"Whole Aboriginal communities in the outback had turned from alcoholism to Christianity."

Pastor Len Wallam said this at a recent meeting at Fairfield Church of Christ. He said that Aboriginal pastors were leading revivals in their own communities, restoring hope to many hopeless lives.

ber denominations: Anglican, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Coptic Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Romanian Orthodox, Salvation Army, Society of Friends and the Uniting Church.

The Church of Christ now has more than 50 Aboriginal people working to spread the gospel in 19 Aboriginal communities in Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Mr Wallam also told of his conversion to Christianity in 1980 from a life of drunkenness and of his present work in Bunbury, W.A.

Speaking before the meeting, he said the future for white and Aboriginal Australians lay not in disputes whipped up by radicals, but in walking side by side under God's leadership. "Until we learn to be able to accept each other, we are going to have the problem of not trusting each other," he said.

Mr Wallam said Aborigines were indebted to European settlers "because the white man came with the Bible."

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New Colac Minister

David Horne commenced a bivocational ministry with the Colac, Vic., church in February. He is currently driving a local bus to assist in financing a ministry. David succeeds Alf White who has done much to build the church up so well.

Trained at Kenmore Christian College and originally from Bundaberg, Qld., David and his wife Elaine, are a long way from home, but nevertheless feeling encouraged and warmly welcomed by the church.

A new study group has been commenced and at a recent baptismal service the church was thrilled with the 78 in attendance.

The Hornes are living in a large weatherboard manse purchased by the church in January with the assistance of the Properties Corporation. The purchase is a great achievement for the church.

Small churches facing rising costs have difficulty in meeting the substantial operating costs of full-time ministry. For Colac, David's willingness to take up a secular job is a great opportunity for development.

Church leaders hope that the level of church service can be increased as the work progresses. The Department of Mission, Education and Development has been active in advising the



David Horne

church and assisted in the negotiation of the appointment. Colac's progress parallels the pattern evi-

dent among Victorian country churches.

"Obstinate" young Christian members of the Soviet armed forces are often transferred "for disciplinary reasons" to Afghanistan. These young Christians have been carrying out a lively evangelistic activity among the Muslim population. They organise secret Bible and prayer groups and distribute Christian literature to the Afghans. The number of indigenous Christians is estimated as between 1,000 — 10,000.

The Albanian authorities have announced that names given to children must in future conform to norms consistent with atheism. In 1967, Albania banned religion.

The Anglican Church West Africa at its recent Provincial Synod here gave overwhelming support to a five-part resolution which cleared the way for each diocesan synod and its bishop to make their own decisions about whether to ordain women as priests. Each part of the resolution was voted on separately. Only one negative vote was cast, though there were a number of abstentions.

The Spanish Government has decided to set up a commission to look into more than 300 small religious groups considered as sects.

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Blackman Hall was suitably decorated for the occasion and at the rear of the hall were tables of handmade gifts and craftwork for display and sale. Special mention must be made of 12 year old Rachael Ferris who had her own personal table of beautifully covered baskets and miniature hats.

The program started with slides of the Australian countryside co-ordinated with the reading of Dorothea McKellar's poem, "My Country", by Graeme and Pat Hilbig. Two poems related to Australian Aborigines followed and then we were entertained by dancing, drama and singing by groups representing different ethnic groups resident in Australia.

Audience participation was not lacking either: most present had added the bicentennial colours to their clothes, resulting in a definite aura of green and yellow throughout the hall, and when invited to do so the onlookers

became performers joining enthusiastically in the singing.

At the conclusion of the items a cheque for \$1,200 was presented to Catherine Grant who represented the Diabetes Foundation, this year's recipients. Following this presentation the evening concluded with "Advance Australia Fair" sung by 14 year old Darren Roberts from the Nunawading church.

— J.Pye

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Dr John Baird

Kenmore Christian College is pleased that it has been able to secure the services of Dr John Baird, B.Th., B.A., M.A., Ph.D., as visiting lecturer during second semester 1988. Dr Baird is a widely experienced and well qualified teacher, specialising in the field of communication.

From 1974 - 1987 Dr Baird was Professor of Speech Communica-

Warragul reaching out into the community

The Warragul, Vic., church complex has been widely used these past few weeks. The high school chaplaincy annual meeting was held in the building and was a great success. The same week the World Day of Prayer service was held there with Jean Milne as guest speaker. A concert by the group "Endless Praise" tested the acoustics with pleasing results. Bowen Park Community Kindergarten has just completed its first term in part of the complex. St Paul's School holds assemblies in the chapel each month.

We have recently witnessed the first baptism (Stewart Duncan), and the first wedding (Kent

tion at the California State University. Prior to 1974 Dr Baird taught in many institutions including Manhattan Christian College, Kansas and Phillips University. At Kenmore he will lecture in Communication, New Testament I and Preaching II.

Both Dr Baird and his wife Eleanor are looking forward to seeing the country whilst they are in Australia.

The College will provide the visitors accommodation in exchange for Dr Baird's teaching. Students and faculty alike will benefit from Dr Baird's expertise and are looking forward to their arrival.

Claxton to Linda Johnston), in the new complex.

Easter has been a time of spiritual witness and growth with drama playing a part in the services and large congregations in attendance. Our ministers, Debbie and David Buesnel put a lot of preparation into these services, with help from various church folk. The CWF held an Easter service for ladies.

Five new members have been welcomed into fellowship. Attendances at the services have been averaging over 100. The Sunday School has over 50 attending, we also have 25 preschoolers and a playgroup is being planned. 100 attended the Sunday School picnic at Neerim East. The church has been full at both monthly gospel services. Tea meetings are held on alternate fortnights and special monthly family services are held.

The CWF President's theme for the year is "Reach Out Now". Our three CWF groups are putting this into action with exciting programs planned, as well as a number of fund-raising activities to support various needs within the church. The church care committee co-ordinator is now working along with a social worker to find out areas of need among the aged and lonely in the community.

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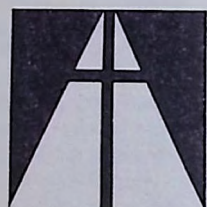
ENGAGEMENTS

ACKERMAN — SAXON Barbara and Charles Ackerman of Keilor are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter, Robyn, to Brett Saxon, son of Dorothy and Rod of Euroa. We wish them the happiest future together.

DEWILDT — ROSOLEN Peter and Hennie are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest son Paul to Nerida, daughter of Beverly and Kevin of Greenacre N.S.W. Wishing them God's continued blessings.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

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DEATHS

ANDERSON Alexander David of Swan Hill, late of Tresco on 26.2.88 aged 78 years. Loved husband of Edith, loved father and father-in-law of David and Norma, Keith and Wendy, Neil and Valerie. Fond Grandpa of 8. Loved brother of Ella and Jack.

GRENFELL, Nicholas Edward Simeon (Ted) of 3 Brendanbri Street, Toowoomba, Queensland. Peacefully, at his home, on 21st March 1988, aged 75 years. Much loved and loving husband of Eileen, father of Beverley Grenfell, Kathleen and Allan Male, Margaret and Neville Schulz. Grandfather and great-grandfather of their families. With thanksgiving to God for a life lived in service to his Father in Heaven, his family, his friends and his fellow man.

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Yours in Christ's Service
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CHURCH ON THE MOVE

The Southport Church of Christ is moving as from the 3rd April, 1988 and we desire to advise our regular visitors to the Gold Coast to take particular note of our new address, which will be **Parkland Drive, Southport, off Smith Street Connection** between Gaven Way and Gold Coast Highway. We are opposite the new College of Advanced Education (CAE). We have also changed our Morning service times as follows:

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Government launches Project Partnership.

The Minister for Housing and Construction in Victoria, Mr. "Bunna" Walsh, officially launched Project Partnership on March 16. This initiative aims to involve non-profit organisations such as local government, churches and community and welfare groups, in the building of housing for people on low income. The Project Partnership Guidelines outline the basic steps involved in creating a joint venture housing project with the Ministry.

The launch of the Guidelines follows the distribution of a discussion paper released in November. The Guidelines were significantly modified following responses by various community groups. In particular some of the concerns expressed by the Housing Policy Development Unit regarding nomination rights and management procedures have been addressed.

In responding to the Minister's statement, Bishop Peter Hollingworth, Chairperson of the National Committee of Non-Government Organisations for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, welcomed the initiative and called on community organisations, particularly church groups, to respond positively. "The lack of adequate and

affordable housing must become a moral issue which the community collectively responds to. Churches must give serious attention to the use of land and other assets not being utilised for ministry. Combining these assets with those of the Ministry to provide public housing would be a practical contribution the church could make to society."

Already church groups have responded positively to Project Partnership. 10 units of family housing have been built on land owned by the Baptist Church in Box Hill and a further 11 units for the aged on land belonging to a Catholic parish in Glenhuntingly. A Uniting Church in Broadmeadows is currently negotiating with the Ministry over a joint venture in youth housing.

A Project Partnership Kit has been produced which includes a booklet explaining the concept, examples of joint housing ventures and an outline of the assessment procedures for potential projects. Copies of the Kit and further information on project Partnership can be gained by contacting either Kate Sullivan or Sue Wood on (03) 669 1376.

Trevor Giles and Louis van Laar of the Department of Community Care attended the launch and would encourage Churches of Christ in Victoria who are considering this scheme to contact them on (03) 662.1411 to discuss a joint approach. The Essendon, Vic., church has constructed units at the rear of their chapel on a similar scheme.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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these last years that the present crisis is bordering on the dangerous.

Let politicians get on with the job of governing the country, obviously much too big a task for many who gave in when the party was on.

— W.B. Burn
(Morwell, Vic.)

Quality of Care in Nursing Homes

The Federal Government has been conducting a review of Nursing Homes and Care since April 1986. A further report is scheduled to be tabled by the Minister of Community Services in the Parliament on April 19.

Whilst the review is a Commonwealth wide review and the aim is to achieve uniform standards across Australia the current recommendations before the Minister have raised concerns in Victoria and South Australia. The basic recommendations relate to the amount of assistance that Nursing Homes should be providing to patients. The proposal is that the Federal Government will only pay for certain hours in the various categories of care.

In South Australia and Victoria, because of the higher average level of dependency of patients, and because of the greater development of resources that enable people to stay in their own homes for a longer period, the report will result in major losses of valued

staff and thus reduced support and care. The Vic.-Tas. Department of Community Care calculate that they could lose the equivalent of 4-5 full-time staff persons per week in at least one of their Nursing Homes. Other Nursing Homes will be similarly affected.

The problem as Trevor Giles, Director of the Vic.-Tas. Department of Community Care, sees in the future is that with the increased community support being contemplated those entering Nursing Homes will be increasing in the very frail category and in need of increased nursing care while at this time the Government is actually looking for a reduction in staffing levels.

Victorian churches have already been circulated with material to bring this matter before their members. If any readers wish to follow up this matter before the report is tabled in Parliament they should contact Trevor Giles on (03) 662.1411.

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Obituaries limited to 100 words.

REYNOLDS, Edmund Richards

(12.3.88). Ted Reynolds died at the Repatriation Hospital after some years of painful illness. For almost 50 years to retirement Ted had been a french polisher with Malcolm Reid. He married Mavis Tippet in 1932 and their children are Ted, Joan, Geoff, Glenda, Brian, Delma and Alan. Ted enlisted as a soldier in World War II, captured in the fall of Singapore, severely injured on the Burma Railway was in Changi when peace was declared. He and his wife built their home at Blackwood as did other ex-servicemen and women, all helping each other to mix concrete and make the bricks and tiles. Ted joined the church at Forestville, was a member at Blackwood and Magill. We commend him to the Lord's keeping and offer our love and sympathy to the family.

— T. Lawrie

WASHFOLD, Esther Maud

(25.3.88). Maud was born to Francis and Jane Parsonage in Launceston, 1892. She moved and was married to Albert George Washfold in 1916 at North Richmond, Vic., church. George predeceased her in 1963. Maud loved flowers and was known as the "flower lady" because she always wore a beautiful spray. She served and gave leadership in North Richmond, Bamba Rd Caulfield, The Patch and Malvern churches. She ministered to needy people and helped many. She also served CWF as committee member, superintendent and president of Conference (1947-48 and 1950-51). She entered the Emmaus hostel in 1976 and illness led to her transfer to the nursing home in 1984. She endured suffering and pain so that her death was a release. A service held at Bamba Rd church on March 30 praised God for her active life and capable dedicated service.

— W.W.Saunders

WOLSTENCROFT, Vera Eunice

(16.2.88). Vera was born in Melbourne in 1908 and began her association with Churches of Christ as a child at North Carlton. She developed a strong loyalty to the church which remained all her life. Her story is one of struggle and perseverance as she sought to give of her best to her family and to the support of church life and work, particularly at Preston. Vera was 30 when she married Bert and only two years later she was left a widow to raise two lively sons, Ian and Noel. As well as earning a living and eventually caring for her ageing mother, Vera coped with a further crisis when 14 year old Ian contracted polio and was not expected to walk again. His mobility today is largely due to Vera's dedicated persistence with a long-term rehabilitation program. For the past 12 years Vera was a valued member of Ringwood. Many long-standing friends joined the family to give thanks for Vera's life and witness.

— S. Ludgater

WA

MORAWA Nine young people from the Mukinbudin church conducted communion service on March 20. Their visit very much appreciated & very encouraging. Ken Wakeling guest speaker. Music provided by the visitors: two guitars, piano & organ, from the group "Finer than Gold".

WARWICK (G.B. Carslake, B.A. Eagles, L. Sara, L. Devlin). We were greatly encouraged by the musical ministry of John Callaghan & Russ White ... Visiting speakers have been Graeme Watkinson & Graham Johnstone of the Leighton Ford team ... Warwick hosted an afternoon for College students to meet Leighton Ford ... 40 of our older young people meet for Bible study with Bruce Eagles on Tuesday nights ... Church History elective has commenced with Graham Carslake ... 19 doing Bethel with Freda Carslake.

ESPERANCE (Peter Spence). Church voted unanimously to call Peter & Robin Spence into ministry ... Fund raising commenced for new chapel on church's land ... The Bruce family transferred to Perth. Ken was Elder & Treasurer ... Kings Kids (junior choir) provided half hour segment of singing & puppetry when Bicentennial exhibition opened in Kalgoorlie ... CWF commenced with 16 at first meeting.

FREMANTLE (D. Good). AGM of the church held on March 27 ... Church board consists of four elders & four deacons ... A.E. Rowe thanked for serving as a deacon for several years ... Active membership now 50 plus 12 Christians in Fellowship ... Board's recommended changes to the church's constitution were ratified by members ... UC choir's presentation of Easter cantata "Alive!" appreciated on March 20.

WEMBLEY DOWNS (John Somerville). Congregation enjoyed participation in Leighton Ford Celebration ... 14 members joined 500 volunteers from 14 local churches to present an Easter drama "Love in Action" to 2,000 primary school children during week preceding Palm Sunday ... Brian Wyatt, Aboriginal adviser

to Ernie Bridge, brought an Aboriginal perspective to our adult education program ... Everyone saddened by death of Win Hughes, a much loved member.

VIC

BRIGHTON (John & Elra Clapp). New format church service attracting new families ... Children's "ARK" after-school program well attended ... Three cell groups operating ... New manse building due to be completed in Sept ... Girls' Club held camp at Rosebud ... Church picnic followed Palm Sunday service, with YWAM drama "A Tale of Two Kingdoms" ... Playground

being re-constructed during building project.

WARRNAMBOOL (Peter Broadbent). We welcome pastor Peter Broadbent, wife Margie & family, Jonathan, Simeon & Naaman. After no minister for eight months we look forward to his leadership ... Thanks to Laurie Steel, Port Fairy, for his pastoral care in 1987 ... We have deeply felt the loss of Laurie Mogg, an elder & respected member of our church ... Family camp at Hall's Gap in March.

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my position as it applied to the church and its ministry.

When Dr Don Stewart introduced me to the work of Dr Dennis Guernsey, "A New Design for Family Ministry", I began to realise that my wife had been telling me some very important home truths. Backed by my own experience in family counselling and some study of recent church history, it soon became painfully obvious, that for the past 30 to 40 years the church has been doing a great disservice to its families. If you take the time to reflect on the church's ministry, you will notice that we have directed our attention towards ministry to all parts of the family, (children, youth, young adults, etc.) but where is our ministry to the family? Assisting the family to be the family.

It is interesting to note that from

the beginning, God chose the family as the most important primary group. It is in the family that children learn both language and culture (either good or bad, socially acceptable or not socially acceptable). Christianity is both language and culture, so it follows that the first discipling will take place within the family. When the church fails to assist parents through these vital years, what is it failing to do?

Paul Scully is minister of Acacia Ridge church, a suburb of Brisbane, Qld. Conscious of the need for family ministry, Paul has gathered together a group of parents with young children. Together they, on a weekly basis, are working through a course for parents with young children, entitled, "They're Driving Me Mad."

The course is in the form of a

series of workshops. Some of the areas covered are :- What is so important about families?; Who's the Boss; Working Mothers and Time Management at home; Styles of and goals for good parenting; The child's self esteem; and The importance of heritage.

May I congratulate Paul for taking this important step in setting the stage at Acacia Ridge for the church to be the family to its families.

Should you like to know more about this program, I am sure Paul would be pleased to discuss it with you, alternatively you could phone the Churches of Christ in Qld., Social Service Department (07) 378 0400, leave your name, address and phone number and I will contact you as soon as possible.

- Cyril K Muller.



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P.B.C. Commences year with Evangelism.

Involvement with the Leighton Ford Crusade was the main feature of the beginning of the year at Perth Bible College. During the Orientation Camp the students were trained as Crusade Counsellors and this set the tone for the following weeks.

The speaker at the Commencement Night service was Rev. Graeme Watkinson, one of the associate evangelists. His message was an encouragement to the students during the following week as they engaged in face-to-face evangelism.

Students attended all the Crusade meetings and counselled inquirers, but their involvement went much deeper than that. Prior to each meeting they held a street meeting in the Hay Street Mall and, as well as sharing the gospel message through testimony and song, invited several thousand passers-by to the Crusade meetings.

Following the Crusade meetings on Tuesday and Friday nights they helped in the Coffee Shop conducted for the young people and shared with many on a one-to-one basis.

Lunchtimes saw them out witnessing - Monday at Scarborough Beach and the other days on the Campus of the Churchlands College of Advanced Education where they worked in fellowship with the Christian students on Campus.

About 100 C.A.E. students completed a questionnaire on "Religious Beliefs and Attitudes", about 30 received a personal presentation of the gospel and three responded to claim Christ as Saviour.

As well as the above activities, the students visited the homes near the College and also invited others to the Crusade by phone.

P.B.C. has 16 new students this year which includes Garry Cowley (Rivervale), Kerry Griffiths (Inglewood), Wendy Hollingsworth (Thornlie), Diane Leathard (Bridgetown) and Bradley Parker (Scarborough).

VIC

BERWICK (Geoff Rowcroft). Guy Cooper concluded ministry at end of January ... Elders have implemented two identical services at 9.00 & 10.30 am ... Relocation plans temporarily halted as a result of Planning Tribunal upholding objection to proposal ... "Way of the Cross" procession enacted by all churches on Good Friday ... Serendipity small groups resumed, involving many members ... Spit roast organised as fund-raising get-together.

BELMONT (Bob Clymer). Tracey Allen was baptised on Palm Sunday when a special service, incorporating both occasions, was led by Trevor Banks ... Church fete netted \$2,000 ... A

discipleship class has commenced under the guidance of Lawrie Barker ... On May 8 we will commence evening services at 5pm instead of 7pm. This will continue for the winter period.

COBURG, BRUNSWICK, PASCOE VALE (V.Quayle, G. Crossman, D. Purnell). At Coburg AGM Alva Candish & Alf Urwin reappointed to LMC ... Good to see Paul & Christine Hammat & Nathan en route to Boort-Pyramid Hill ... Church rejoiced in afternoon baptism of Kate & George Ambrose, wide representation from other churches ... Sympathy extended to families of Flo Roberts & Rose Howell ... Brunswick AGM held, retiring members of LMC re-elected ... James Pearce gained award for best results for 2nd year

at COB.

It is reported from the USSR that Georgi Malenkov, former Soviet leader died on Jan. 14 at the age of 86. He was Prime Minister of the USSR after the death of Stalin in 1953 but was deposed by Nikita Khrushchev in a power struggle. Disillusioned with politics Malenkov turned to God in the early 1970's. He became a church elder in the Orthodox Church. He was the first Soviet Prime Minister since 1917 to be given a traditional Christian burial.

Richard Schiele has been appointed the first white bishop of the predominately black Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. In addition to Swaziland, parts of South Africa belong to this district.

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QLD

BURLEIGH HEADS (Allan Cunningham). Student minister Shaun Kelly again appointed for 1988 ... Attendances constant 90 morning, 50 evening services ... Planning proceeding towards building extension providing youth facilities, funding through I.C.A. ... Special missions week held March, speakers Jeff May (O.M.B.), Aileen Coleman (missionary in Jordan), Ray Everend ... Successfully held camp Tam-bourine - board members & wives ... Retired pastor from NSW, Harry Davies, speaker Easter service.

ALBION (Peter Overton). Former member Kathy Knight & husband Mark spoke of their work of distributing Bibles & Christian literature in South America as part of Operation Mobilisation. They were on "Logos" when it sank & will now join "Doulos" in Indonesia ... Combined bi-monthly evening services with other northside churches continue. Russell Ritchie was speaker at most recent service.

NSW

ALBURY (Rod Foster). Church most regretfully accepts minister Rod Foster's resignation to take up ministry in Tasmania in 1989 ... Highly successful "Step Out in Faith" weekend with Gordon Moyes' inspirational messages, Jordan Band's musical ministry, three baptisms, record attendances ... Weekly "Focus on faith" radio program extended ... Church prays for missionary Bev Winch's recovery from illness ... Attendances of 184 on March 13. **SALT ASH** (Max Hall). Max Hall conducted commissioning service on Feb 14 for Christine Newman, our own missionary to Niamey, Niger, Africa. Speaker David Hammer Secretary SIM NSW ... Pastor Hall baptised four in neighbouring pool prior to 11 am service Jan. 24 ... Buck & Doe night held prior to marriage of Donna Baker & Neil Harris ... Missionary Committee total 1987 missionary support \$2,580 ... Cult seminar held March 20.

PENDLE HILL (Ross Pelling, Rohan Burcham). Brian White

led successful parenting seminar recently ... Clinton & Trish Wardle join us for their first year at College ... Recent renovations have greatly improved the appearance & functioning of our buildings ... Grant & Andrea Mundy have new son Dean, born recently ... Ross led 70 folk in a Spiritual Gifts & Ministries seminar ... Allan Rae to commence chaplaincy ministry in 1989.

CHATSWOOD (Ian Alves). Thursday lunch-time services well supported ... Tongan choir & many visitors assist in making the church's 74th anniversary a memorable occasion with the challenging theme: "What makes a church great?" ... "Naamaroo" Conference Centre, Lane Cove River, is venue for church family day (April 9) ... Church welcomes home Narelle Barbarino and daughter, Yvette, on leave from Slavic Association in France.

TAS

NUBEENA (Gordon Henderson). Minister inducted Jeff Gray into the ministry at the Huonville churches ... Church farewell Mark Campbell who has gone into the Army in NSW & Glenyce Batchelor to Hobart to work ... Ethel Mundy, Alana Greatbatch & Greg Jacobson have joined Sunday School staff ... Youth group held at Gwenda Greatbatch's home with video & barbecue ... 30 ladies attended World Day of Prayer. \$77 offering. Theme "Open Doors". Ailsa Wilson guest speaker.

COLLINS ST., HOBART New minister, Jeff Weston, due to commence in July ... Rochesters returned from a month's teaching with SIM in Korea ... Freedman family on a years' teaching exchange in England ... Kerygma material to be used in one small group this year ... Hmong (Laotian) Fellowship leadership being progressively taken over by Hmong people. Four new families, a total of 21 people, recently arrived for which household goods & clothing has been collected.

LAUNCESTON (Gordon Stirling). Large attendance at memorial service for late H.W. Street ... Annual visit to Caveside on March 20 well attended fol-

lowing picnic lunch at Deloraine ... Clive & Joan Ward present on March 20 when Vic-Tas Pres spoke at all services ... Church & SS picnic held at Trevallyn Dam ... CWF Easter focus a very moving service ... Our young people have organised a state camp being held at Bicheno over Easter weekend ... Gordon Stirling spoke at 6 am Son-rise service in City Park on Easter Sunday.

VIC

CHELSEA (T. Frazer). 64th church anniversary guest speaker Stan Bannon, student minister 35 years ago ... Julie Trinnick, now returned from Vanuatu, guest at Tuesday meeting ... Youth group enjoyed weekend tent camp at Taggerty ... Sunday School continues with attendance of about 10 scholars ... Minister, T. Frazer, is leading Good News Club for boys & girls in primary school ... Good Friday service held at Chelsea Baptists with theme "The Fool of God."

OAKLEIGH (L.S. Dewberry). Freda Fraser & Dorothy Nash elected as deacons. A.A. Brown re-elected as secretary & Alison Walpole as treasurer ... CWF held outing to Grovedale & gave "Afternoon of Honour" to Alice

Hodges ... Commencing time of service now 10.45 am ... Mr Nell Stephenson celebrated 80th birthday with party in church hall ... Tom & Sylvia Weir spoke of experiences to evening group.

KANIVA (Ray Patterson). Informative & inspiring visit by Peter Sumner & Luther. Boys' Club members thought it would be great if he came every week ... On recent visit Harold Bischoff preached interesting sermon on C of C history ... Coralie & Keith Pickett have formed weekly discussion group ... Commencement time for Sunday morning service now 10.45 am. Sunday evening services now alternating with Uniting Church ... Whilst awaiting permanent minister we are enjoying warm & caring ministry of Ray & Wilma Patterson.

WEST PRESTON (Chris Field). Attendances well up on last year ... Roger & Rhonda Bone received healing at service conducted by June Newman-Davis ... Evening services going well ... Taylor family, mother & daughters providing musical items, Mr Taylor sermon ... Joan Garcia (nee Ross) husband & baby, missionaries in South America, shared with us ... Park lunches & family fun night enjoyed by all ... Family camp in planning stages.

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