

Happy New Year! True happiness comes from contentment - from the joy and peace within which remains undisturbed by the circumstances on the outside. And so therefore, we wish you a happy New Year. Whatever may befall you, may your inward joy and peace grow deeper and may you know victory as you rest in the Lord and allow Him to control your life.

Jesus is described as the Good Shepherd, caring for His sheep. The sheep obey Him and in return are provided with their every need. When a sheep goes astray, the Shepherd searches for it and brings it home to safety. And to save His sheep from eternal death, the Good Shepherd has given His life. May we trust Him and obey His Word and so enjoy His everlasting care, His provision and His protection every day.

FIRST C.W.F. MEETING FOR 1979.

Tuesday, 13th February at 8 p.m.

"A Christian's Scrap Book" lead by Mrs. Wilson

at the home of Mrs. Stow, 34 Majors Bay Road, Concord.

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FEBRUARY DAY MEETING

Tuesday, 27th February at 10.30 a.m. in the Church Hall.

Our Guest Speaker - Mr. Peter Moyle.

The Christian Women's Fellowship includes all our lady members within its fellowship. We are all sisters in Christ - we would share each others joys and sorrows - do try to join with us this year. If you are not a member of this Church, we would especially invite you to join us. To each one we would say - Your contribution will enrich us and we trust that we will each one give of ourselves to each other in Christian love and fellowship.

THIS AND THAT

Holidays are over for most and there has been a great deal of journeying. We know that Mrs. Leach and Mrs. P. Ellis and family, Mr. & Mrs. Moyle and family, Ian Wilson and Steve Reiher have been to Western Australia. Who else?

Some have been to Federal Conference in Melbourne. This was held in January. Meredith Rogers flew over from Adelaide (a holiday within a holiday) to attend. The Millars, after a certain amount of 'car shuffling' made it. The Wilsons put in an appearance for a couple of days. Also seen there, were Mr. Rex Ellis, Dick Wakeley, Elsie Stow and Geoff Surtees. Everyone had a wonderful time - perhaps the most enjoyable part being the fellowship with those who live far from us and had gathered together on this occasion. Elective discussion and study periods proved very interesting. One of our ladies tried painting - I wonder how she progressed.

We were sorry to hear that Hilton Moses and family were involved in an accident while towing a caravan at Port Macquarie. We thank God, that whilst the car was extensively damaged, no serious injury befell the occupants.

During our Christmas break, Cheryl Collins and John Allen were married. Congratulations to them and may God grant them rich blessings as they set up their home.

Mr. Nev. Snow has spent some days in hospital and a convalescent period at Gosford. We trust that he is feeling better and that he has been able to benefit from the break from routine in other ways.

We were delighted to see Kaye Williams at our morning service on Sunday. She was returning to the New Hebrides on Monday. Our Burwood Church gives some support to Kaye. We trust that we will all give plenty of prayer support too. This is something we can lavish on those who go out on our behalf with the Gospel message.

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Alex Wilson Jnr enters Woolwich Bible College this year. We congratulate him on this step and also on his completion of his studies for his degree in Accountancy.

Already in College from this Church, we have Dave Salkirk who will finish his course this year and plans to go to work among the Aborigines. John & Elsie Hawkins are also studying there in their second year. John is planning to switch to the full four year course. We can also claim Roslyn & Eric Volker as part of the Burwood family because of their past membership here and their family connections.

All these students should have our prayers that they may readily learn what is taught, that they may also know the great working of the Holy Spirit in their lives and that they may not be discouraged as they seek to serve in special ways.

Dr. & Mrs. Elliott have left us for several months to provide an interim ministry at Toowoomba. May God bless them and the Church there. Mrs. Elliott is responsible for studies for the Federal C.W.F. Worksheets for the next two years. Next Federal Conference is in Sydney. This means that all preparatory work is done by our State and we'll be hearing more about it as the time draws nearer.

News now growing 'old' from New Guinea is that Wendy & George Elliott's little boys have been sick - Robert has had measles and mumps and Geoffrey has had measles.

We have enjoyed having fellowship with Deanne and Mark Willis and are sorry to see them leave us. Their father, Doug Willis, has taken up the ministry at Auburn so of course, Deanne and Mark have been able to return home. We wish them well in their work at Auburn and know that God will bless them there.

We hear that Rodney Booth is off to Wagga? - this week? More details later but we trust that he will be blessed in his activities there and look forward to seeing him whenever he can come home.

Rose & Peter Button have been attending and assisting at Telopea Church but are now moving to Nowra. The Nowra Church will be pleased to have them.

Linda Miller will be teaching at Guildford this year.

Mr. Chipperfield is planning a holiday with his daughter and son-in-law, Joan & Max Gray at Woolgoolga very soon.

I'm sure we've missed lots of news. If you know anything of interest please let one of the Executive or night committee know or better still - Mrs. Wilson, by the first Sunday in the month so that we can share it with others in our News Sheet. We will endeavour to produce this each month but its success will largely depend on your assistance.

6th March - at Haberfield Baptist Church - 7.45 p.m. - A Dessert and Coffee Night. There will be a speaker on Life in Russia. This is run by the Christian Womens Convention. If you need transport and would like to attend, please let Barbara Wells or Dorothy Wilson know. We cannot at this stage guarantee it but will endeavour to do so.

This year in our meetings we plan to have a question box. If you have questions about things that bother you or about God's Word, we will endeavour to answer them and/or discuss them. You do not need to put your name to them. If you wish to discuss some matter privately with some one, your name will be necessary but it should be marked 'Private'.

Your C.W.F. programme for 1979 will be issued in instalments. We hope to have the first three months available next week. Please make sure you receive one and mark your diary with the dates.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, who is in heaven.

Matt. 5:16