

THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN

NATIONAL JOURNAL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA

Registered for Australia Post Publication No. VAR 0761

Volume 92, No. 18

21 October 1989

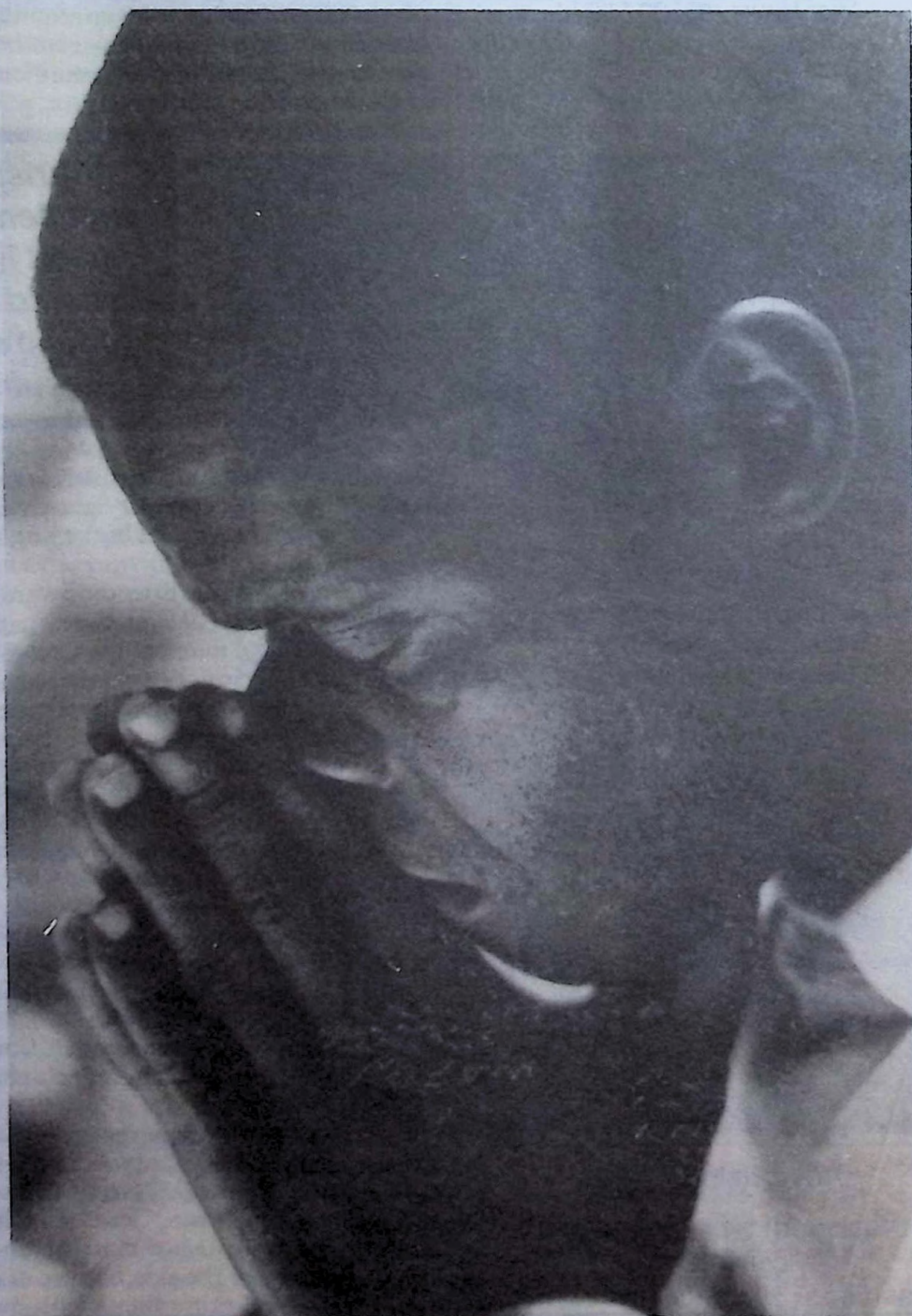
Many Nations, Many Views

A participant bows his head in prayer at the Lausanne II International Congress on World Evangelism held this year in Manila.

He was one of over 3,000 from almost 190 countries in what has been described as the most internationally representative event in history. There were 190 Australian participants, second only to the USA.

The congress was characterised by a wide theological spectrum, an acceptance of a social dimension to the Gospel and the great growth of Christianity in non-Western countries.

(See "The Manila Manifesto" on page 19.)



In this issue:

<i>The Healing Power of a Touch</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Focus on Footscray</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Thanks for the Memory</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Strategy for Inland Australia</i>	<i>20</i>

Issue	Deadline
4 November	25 October
18 November	8 November
2 December	22 November

Address for All Correspondence
(including all subscription payments)
PO Box 101

North Essendon 3041
Telephone (03) 379 1219
After Hours (03) 337 8349



Member
publication of the
Australian
Religious Press
Association



National logo of
Churches of Christ
in Australia

"The Australian Christian" is published by
the Board of Management of the
Australian Christian, a Department of
the Federal Conference of
Churches of Christ in Australia.

Keith Aird, Chairman (SA)
Don Burdett, Secretary (ACT)
Lindsay Mott, Treasurer (Vic)

John Batchler (Tas)
Merle Peacock (WA)
John Sheriff (Qld)
Robert Smith (NSW)

Printing by New Litho Pty Ltd,
63 Sunbury Cres,
Surrey Hills 3127

Responsibility for electoral material is
accepted by Chris Ambrose,
3 Hamlyn St, Essendon 3040

This publication is indexed in the
Australasian Religion Index
ISSN 0004-8852

Advertising Rates

Displayed: \$4.40 per column
centimetre

Classifieds: \$9 for the first 25 words
and 10c for each additional word

Growing Spiritually

God knows the importance of touch. Do we?

The Healing Power of a Touch

by Donald W. Spencer

In Rome in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel looms the massive central dome. After the construction of the spacious hemisphere Michelangelo (1475-1564) spent years lying on his aching back on the scaffolding boards painting the fresco. With careful brush strokes the Italian genius pushed the paint into the damp, fresh plaster. Paint and plaster often fell from its place and plopped onto his concentrating face. But Michelangelo persevered with his desire to paint his vision of the moment of God's creation of humanity.

Today millions of people stream through the Sistine Chapel each year bending back their heads to be amazed at the huge, celestial fresco. Dominating the skyscene is an awesome figure representing God as a powerful, bearded man riding on a billowing cloud. God seems to be moving across the horizon with his muscular arm extended towards the smaller figure. Adam is weak and pale with his beckoning arm outstretched.

One finger of Adam extends toward the approaching finger of God. Every gazing eye imagines the moment the Creator of the universes touched his creature. Awestruck, observers almost feel the touch of God on their own fingertips.

The Psalmist (Psalm 139) prays from his own experiential touch of the Creator. In wonderment he prays: "O Lord, you touched and formed all my delicate, inner parts. You knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you, O God, for making me so wonderfully complex. It is amazing to think about your touch at my conception and my creation. Your workmanship is marvellous."

God continues to stretch to touch. Could it be our skins have become desensitised to his touch?

Jesus modelled the importance of touch. An untouchable leper approached Jesus from out of the crowd. "Lord, if you will you can make me clean." Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. (Matthew 8: 1-3) Jesus knew the skin hunger of his day. He initiated skin contact with men. He was not embarrassed by touch.

Peter's household was off balance because of his mother-in-law's debilitating fever. Unembarrassed Jesus stretched out his healing hand to touch her. Skin contact has a healing power. Medical staffs learn the significance of touch in the healing processes.

The research of Harry Harlow and John Bowlby with animal and human infants verify the importance of skin touch to the developing young. Without touch, monkey and human infants deteriorate even though fed nourishing diets. Harlow once

quipped: "Monkeys cannot live by milk alone."

Counsellors hear the anguish of the untouched and the inappropriately touched. A young homosexual said, "I was born into a large family that was about as close as the

east is from the west. Life was a struggle in that jungle. My dad hated me. The only time he touched me was to abuse me. I had a deep desire for my father to love me. Pornographic literature seemed to touch me. Then a father-like man invited me to his place. He touched me. I was locked into the homosexual touch."

A 30-year-old woman wrote: "My father's words were abusive, hurting words. My father always worked hard to provide us things, but I feel as if he never really loved me. I remember him playing with us when we were younger. But for some reason he stopped. He never kissed; he never touched. My puberty seemed to be a disease: my father's dis-ease. I became an untouchable and still am."

Christians who have experienced the touch of God in Christ Jesus should be most willing to follow his example of the ministry of touch. In our homes and in our churches people are malnourished due to famine of skin contact.

Appropriately touch your children, your parents, your friends, your elders, your ministers... Touch to express the love and joy of the touch of Jesus. Touch and you will be touched in return.

• Donald W. Spencer is Principal of Kenmore Christian College.

**"Christians who have
experienced the touch of
God in Christ Jesus
should be most willing
to follow his example in
the ministry of touch"**

Worship Restructured at Wyoming



People sharing in time of prayer

The Wyoming church is an established church on the NSW Central Coast at Gosford, midway between Sydney and Newcastle. Gosford has seen a population growth over the past decade and especially in the last five years. A once semi-retired and rural community has now turned into an urbanised metropolis.

Consequently the life of the local church has felt this upsurge in lifestyle. As a result many changes have been adopted so as to meet some of the needs that become apparent, for example a brighter and more personalised style of worship. At no time are Biblical principles ever compromised with the restructuring in worship.

Every Sunday Has a Purpose

The first change we initiated was with the role of the "President". While the responsibility is still to lead thoughts around the time of communion, a schedule for each Sunday has been developed.

On the first Sunday of the month we have a time of looking for healing. This might be spiritual, emotional or physical healing. During the service people with specific needs are ministered to by prayer.

On the second Sunday of the month the service is more like the traditional Churches of Christ service with just one or two changes.

Practical Christianity is the

theme for the third Sunday of the month. The "How To's" of Christian living are emphasised. Worship may be around a roleplay. Equipping the saints in down-to-earth ways of the reals with the ideals is the slogan for this service.

On the fourth Sunday in the month we concentrate on the family of the church.

While the schedule is designed to assist in worship, flexibility is of great importance. A change in the program to meet any need that arises is adopted immediately. Ministry to people is regarded as far more important than any program.

Worship Leader

One of our highly inspirational and talented men, Bob Harris, was appointed to give leadership for the whole service. His job is to lift the congregation into an atmosphere of praise and worship.

This is achieved through singing choruses and hymns, solos, readings etc. An additional responsibility of the worship leader is to encourage individuals to share a testimony or a difficulty, a praise point or a prayer need.

Two microphones are passed around to those sharing so people with hearing impairments are included. Headsets are available for this.

Often people are encouraged to support each other in prayer as praise points or needs surface during the share time.

Preaching and Ministry Team

Jim and Heather Newton have been at Wyoming for the past five years. Nevertheless a team effort in association with the elders is a key consideration in the ministry. The preaching is shared with some of the elders who are very gifted and proficient in their ability to communicate.

Besides the normal Sunday messages extra instructions are available to those wishing further teaching. In recent times a "Spiritual Counselling Course" with certificate was made available. Also some teaching on how to reach the newcomers and visitors was taught by David Peters, one of the elders.

A Typical Service

- Welcome/Bible readings
- Chorus/Hymn
- Announcements (church secretary)
- Share & Prayer Time (opportunity for individuals to share what is happening in their life, or to ask for a specific prayer)
- Time of Praise (choruses)
- Communion (President now comes to the Table)
- Lesson (Appointed speaker—minister or elder)
- Invitation (with or without support music)
- Closing Hymn/Chorus
- Prayer & Benediction

The time for the service is about 1.5-2 hours.

A cup of tea or coffee is available in the hall after the service.

—Jim Newton



Stephen Willis, Carlingford College student, assistant minister

Robert Raikes Returns to Sunday School



Recently the children at the Nunawading, Vic, Sunday School enjoyed a special visitor—Robert Raikes (alias Les Anderson)—the founder of Sunday Schools in 1780. A huge birthday cake was provided to celebrate all Sunday Schools throughout history and to praise God for this ministry. The picture shows Les Anderson, in Robert Raikes' costume, admiring the Sunday School cake with some of the children.

New Minister for East Keilor



Michael, Ronald and Jenny Schepis

Ron Schepis has accepted a call to full-time ministry at the East Keilor, Vic, church starting in 1990. Ron is in his final year of study at the Churches of Christ in NSW Theological College, Carlingford, where he is completing a Bachelor of Theology and a Diploma of Ministry.

A qualified social welfare officer, registered general nurse and accredited spiritual and LifeLine counsellor, Ron is well qualified and experienced in meeting the needs of people.

Ron is married to Jenny, a trained primary school teacher and accredited Life Line counsellor. Jenny and Ron have one son, Michael, aged two. They are looking forward to another

child in January.

Ron's philosophy of ministry "comes as a response to God's grace, shown in changing my life". The local church is seen as "an expression of God's love to the world through the lives of believers in their local situations and beyond".

The excitement of a new ministry is tinged with sadness at the ending of the present ministry of Ian and Karen Smith and their two children, Laura and Kyall.

Ian has led the church through a time of spiritual growth and development from a part-time to full-time ministry. He has played an active role in ecumenical and community affairs.

Volunteer

"It is great to be part of the College family even as a volunteer and know that you are helping in a small way with the training of men and women for Christian service," comments Muriel Hack.

Without volunteers Kenmore Christian College would be like a ship with half a crew.

Muriel Hack is an important volunteer. She helps keep the library functioning properly. Her major task involves the purchasing of books and journals. She does hours of research to locate out-of-print books and the best prices for books. Muriel purchases textbooks and other supplies for the small bookstore on campus for students' convenience at reduced prices. She has been instrumental in assisting in the process of computerisation of the library.

Through tax deductible money donated for the Ewers Memorial Library, Muriel has been able to update the resources for faculty and student research. Muriel has become a keen observer of the advertising literature, discerning in co-operation with Jan Christensen what new publications the faculty may wish to order for the library.

Born and raised in Ipswich, Muriel's interests included Sunday School, youth work and church music.

She married Keith Hack, moved to Brisbane, and placed her membership at the Ann Street church. She has three children, Graham, Russell and Judith. When the college and church were started in Kenmore, the family became workers at the closer church.

Acting Principal Dr David Hammer invited Muriel to become the KCC office secretary and she served under the principalships of David Hammer, Frank Ewers and Randall Edwards. In 1986 she retired from the secretary's role but an emergency need in June 1987 in the library brought her back.

In September 1989 Muriel experienced the adventure of becoming a grandmother to the son of Graham and Kerrell. Grandson Daniel Guin is another attraction for Muriel at the KCC campus since he lives a few steps from her office as his father is a KCC student.

Muriel summed up her experiences at KCC, "Over the past 13 years I have been greatly blessed through the work and thank God for the opportunity to use my talents and time in this way.

"I have seen many men and women complete their courses and then go out to serve the Lord in various ways. It is a great interest to follow their ministries."

"If God: Why Evil?"

"If God: Why Evil?" was the central issue of Dr Richard Phillips' lectures at Kenmore Christian College. The course enabled the participants the opportunity to explore this difficult question with a theologian, a college professor, a solicitor (lawyer), a pastor, a husband, a parent and a US Air Force chaplain.

Kenmore Christian College was pleased to have Dr and Mrs Phillips join them for the annual ICEM (Institute for Continuing Education for Ministry) seminars on 11-15 September.

23 registrants discussed the problems of pain and suffering in relationship to personal spiritual growth and pastoral ministry.

Dr Phillips dealt with the issues related to the nature of God and the nature of evil as revealed in the Scriptures.

Other ICEM courses were "Dealing with Depression," with Principal Donald W. Spencer, and Dr Jay Adams, from Westminster Theological Seminary, California, on Biblical counselling with the major theme "Competent to Counsel".

Joint Role for John Clapp

The Board of the WA Christian Welfare Centre has invited John Clapp to continue as interim Director for another year. John has helped the Board put some initiatives into place and it is desirable for him to continue to have some input.

Because John and his wife, Eira, will commence a joint ministry at Wembley Downs in February 1990, John will only be available half-time for this work, and the Director's role will need to be significantly redefined.

An additional staff member will be needed to fill the gap and help extend the services

that are currently provided.

The Board, together with Wembley Downs, will carefully monitor this new arrangement to ensure that it is working adequately.

L. C. F. Higgins

**Chartered
Accountant**

**7 The Parade
Norwood SA 5067
Phones (08) 362 1665
& (08) 362 8619**

Leisure and Learning at Beverly Hills

The Beverly Hills, NSW, church under the ministry of Ron Kennedy has been developing new areas of ministry. Ron, who has been ministering at Beverly Hills for almost two years, commented to the local newspaper when he commenced his ministry: "The product we have is very great, but the marketing is Mickey Mouse." Ron was anticipating contemporary sermons with a greater social emphasis.

One of the new areas of activities is the Creative Leisure Centre, which meets at the church every Friday. About 40 attend each week to learn new skills. Seven volunteers teach oil painting, cottage craft, tapestry, patchwork, typing, machine applique and calligraphy.

The second development that the church commenced in an effort to meet needs was to start a sport and social and evening lecture program. About 20 attend each of these activities. The group is branch-

ing out into special events such as golf days, bus trips and even holidays. Good contacts have been made from the group. Visitation has resulted in a good reception although Ron noted that none have yet attended a service. One interesting sidelight was that through the program one of the bowlers, not a Christian, showed Ron a gospel audio visual.

The church now also calls itself the Beverly Hills Church of Christ Sports and Social Centre. Carpet bowls, snooker, board games, darts and table tennis are just some of the activities offered during this time. Ron commented that the centre offered activities and facilities that met recreational, physical, mental and spiritual needs.

All the church auxiliaries also aim to cater for the different age and interest groups of the community so that the church can provide opportunities for outreach and develop its community contacts.

Cummeragunja News

Denis Atkinson, minister of the Mooroopna, Vic, church, and Arthur Symes, minister of Echuca, attempt to visit the Cummeragunja Aboriginal Settlement at least once a week.

Denis conducts weekly cottage meetings, which are held either at Cummeragunja or in an Aboriginal home on a nearby farm. Attendances have risen to an average of 24-30.

Arthur comments: "At the beginning of the year I was trusting the Lord for 12 new Christians at Cummeragunja. This meant a new Christian each month. I thought that this was a bold step in faith. On the last day of August God certainly honoured this step in faith for 19 have made commitments. 11 of these are young people between 9-12 years old. They are involved in Bible studies to learn more about who God is and who they are in Jesus. A number of adults have

also made commitments and are also involved in discipleship studies."

A "Happy Hour" is conducted each Monday afternoon, which the children call "Sunday School on Monday". A Christian youth club is now established and meets twice monthly.

Permission has been granted to use the hall at Cummeragunja for activities. Hopefully funding or grants will be made available to enable equipment to be purchased.

Some of the recently committed older folk are keenly attending worship services at Echuca but transport is a big problem as the Echuca bus is too small.

They are actively working towards obtaining their own bus. This will provide them transport to church and for their children to attend Sunday School.

New Resources Popular



The report of strong sales of new resources produced by the Federal Board of Christian Education was well received at the Board's August Conference. Seen here are Brian White, (centre) with Kevin Caulton, ACT (left), and Jim Deutschmann of the Queensland Department of Church Development and Education, looking over the newest of the national study series *Lord Make Me Whole* written by Brian. Sales of this study released in April, 1989, have exceeded all expectations.

The Board has released 11 new resources since 1985, with another 10 in the course of preparation. Several of the

current publications are in their third printing. The co-operation of the Federal Literature Department (Vital Publications) in this publishing program has been a major strength of the venture.

A list of current publications has recently been forwarded to churches throughout Australia. Lists are also available from the Board at 52 La Trobe St, Melbourne 3000. In the coming year the Board will also have a new range of resources to undergird the national evangelism emphasis *Australia Grow*, which is being sponsored by State Departments of Church Development in association with the Board.

Ballina Growth

In the five years that the Ballina, NSW, church has been functioning many changes have occurred. With the hotel changing hands, which was where the church started, the facilities were no longer available so it shifted to Julie and Garry Warne's house for a period. However this proved to be a real restriction on their children so for the past 18 months the church has been meeting in the Seventh Day Adventists' chapel.

Following the World Convention in Auckland in late 1988 the church held a six-day mission with Carlos Field. The Adventists really supported the Church of Christ with prayer and attendance for this mission.

Ballina is located in the tem-

perate climate of northern NSW. The town's population is growing by 1,000 a year and is currently 14,000.

Roger Foletta, who is concluding a successful eight-year ministry with the North Turramurra, NSW, church, has agreed to commence a ministry in early 1990. The church is looking forward to a period of growth as it builds on the foundation that has already been laid. At the moment the church is about the best known in town as it advertises in the local TV guide each fortnight.

—Malcolm McArthur

**NEW HOPE
CAN BE YOURS
DIAL (03) 11610**

World News

We Can See!



Cataract operations on six young boys from St Vincent's School for the Handicapped in Haiti means that they will now be able to attend a normal school.

Each boy was born with congenital cataracts, which severely impaired the boys' sight. Simple cataract opera-

tions have dramatically improved each boy's sight and now they will be integrated into a normal school with fully sighted children.

Each year Christian Blind Mission doctors restore the sight of 100,000 needy people through simple cataract operations.

Tucson Talk

Richard Lawton, from Maylands, SA, accompanied by his wife, Dawn, is serving First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Tucson, Arizona, USA, as an exchange minister for three months. (Dr Jim Symons, of Tucson, is serving with the Maylands church; he is accompanied by his wife, Marilyn.) Richard writes:

First Christian Church, Tucson, Arizona, is a city church, one of six in metropolitan Tucson, a city of 630,000. The church has about 370 members. The co-minister is Mrs Frankie Oliver, a warm and very capable leader.

The church has two morning services: a small 8.30 service, entirely lay led, and a larger 10.30 service led by the two ministers and by a lay leader who reads the Scriptures and introduces and prays over the offering. It has four choirs (two adult, one childrens and one youth) and is about to commence a handbell choir.

There is a weekly spiritual direction group; a "Loving Group", which provides support for people who suffer loss; a fortnightly (but the Americans do not know that word) parenting support group; two adult Sunday School classes; two women's groups and numerous groups and classes.

The congregation is very active in welfare and justice issues. It is part of the Sanctuary Movement through which shelter and help are provided to Central American refugees, many of whom have fled to escape execution. Through

Operation Deepfreeze, shelter is given in the church building in winter to the homeless, of which there are many in the USA. Through the interdenominational Primavera Shelter, food and accommodation are provided for the homeless. In July three Vietnamese refugees were sponsored. Two Polish families were sponsored last year. The church has eight partner churches in Europe, including two behind the Iron Curtain. It is a peace church.

10 new members have been received in the three months, including an Australian woman who came from Perth as a war bride in the 1940s. Tucson has a hot summer: 85 centuries to the time of writing.

Many people leave Tucson for the summer; others come for the winter.

Most Tucsonans come from elsewhere, many for the sake of their asthma, arthritis and other ailments. The not-so-stable community has a below-average commitment to church-going.

Tucson has no major heavy industry but it has an air force base, and the University of Arizona, with its 30,000 students.

Organist Janet Pflugradt is one of the best organists in Tucson. Choir leader Greg Helseth has just left to be a horn player in the symphony orchestra in Omaha, Nebraska. Christian Education leader, Mary Alice Do, a widow with three children, has just left for a seminary in San Francisco. Ruth Miskell is in a seminary in Texas. First Christian is a fluid, but vital, congregation.



SWANSTON STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Melbourne
(cnr Swanston & Little Lonsdale Streets)

Sunday

9.00 a.m. & 11 a.m. Worship & Communion Services
7.00 p.m. Gospel Celebration

Wednesday

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Lunchtime Service
For further enquiries, please ring (03) 663 3884

L.M.C.T.
6549

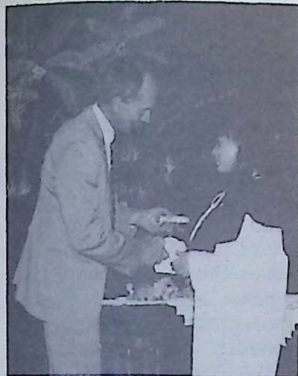
Ken Geyer

SELECT USED CARS

49 Bond Street, Ringwood 3134
Telephone: (03) 879 4004
A.H. (03) 722 1780

CONTACT KEN IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
A USED CAR OR NEED TO RENT ONE

Moon Festival Evangelism



Doug Adam presents a prize to T.H. Yen Dinh, one of the Sunday School members

The Vietnamese congregation at Richmond, Vic, combined an evangelistic meeting with the annual celebration of the Moon Festival on 16 September and 85 people, mainly Vietnamese and Chinese families, gathered together and later shared in a delicious Asian meal prepared by the Ladies' Fellowship and ate varieties of the traditional "mooncake".

The chapel was decorated for the occasion with traditional moon festival lanterns, in star shapes with lighted candles glowing through the coloured cellophane, against a chalk drawing on dark blue material, hanging as a backdrop. The chalk scene depicted the full moon, children carrying the traditional lighted lanterns amongst the trees and some of the music of the traditional festival song

A choir of 15 youth and a separate group of younger children sang hymns. Testimonies of the working of God's grace in lives were heard. The minister, Nathan Nhan, spoke on "The Love Gift Of God" 10 people responded to the gospel message. This part of the evening ended with a presentation of Sunday School prizes by Doug Adam, deputy chairman of the Vic-Tas Dept. of Mission, Education and Development.

Following the service presents were distributed to all the children by "an angel from the moon" and a "woodcutter", both suitably dressed for the occasion. The church youth provided lively musical entertainment throughout the remainder of the evening.

The event had been backed in prayer for weeks in advance, both by the congregation and by a specific group of five members. The church has set a goal to reach 40 Vietnamese for Christ by Christmas

Church of Christ SOUTHPORT

now meets in
Parklands Drive
9 am

Worship and Communion
6.30 pm

Gospel Celebration
Minister: Noel Newton
(075) 94 6154 or
94 6633 (Home)

KNEELER DESIGN PTY LTD

ARCHITECTURE
PLANNING
INTERIORS
LANDSCAPE



CURRENT PROJECT

MAJOR ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS
TO GLEN WAVERLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

TELEPHONE (03) 481 2293 OR 391 5598
234-236 DOUGLAS PDE,
NEWPORT, VIC 3015

Counselling Services at the Christian Welfare Centre

The Christian Welfare Centre Counselling Services in Perth, WA, can now proudly wear the second half of its name. After about five years without any counsellors on staff, the services of skilled counsellors are now available three days a week—Tuesday to Thursday.

Former ministers and ministers Bruce Clapp, Ken Patterson, Roger Ryall and Colin Wheat have made time available one day a week to be voluntary counsellors and help re-establish the counselling services of the Centre.

The Director, John Clapp, said, "Other agencies and all our metropolitan ministers have been notified of the new service, and we are hoping that in time we will be able to help a growing number of people." The Christian Welfare Centre is keen to see this service become an established part of its

ongoing ministry.

Meanwhile, the Director reported to the Board at its recent meeting that while the demand for welfare services had not increased significantly when compared with last year, the amount of assistance required by people had increased. "When the assistance given is divided among the people helped, we find that it has increased by 21.5%," claimed the Director. "This has placed enormous strains on our resources and we are likely to have to increase our expenditure on food."

These circumstances make the Christian Welfare Centre all the more appreciative of the donated food that is received from churches. It also means that any extra assistance possible is almost imperative for the survival of this welfare service.

Impressions of a Minister-on-Campus

I was privileged to be minister-on-campus at Churches of Christ in NSW Theological College in September. My thanks to the College for their invitation and welcome.

I was impressed by the well-balanced College program. The Acting Principal, Dennis Nutt, explained that there are three focuses: academic studies, the development of the personal and spiritual life of each student and preparation for the pastoral ministry.

The worship and prayer times were uplifting. At every meal there was opportunity for students to share prayer requests and one student read the scriptures and prayed. Worship times were varied in style and presentation but they were uplifting.

The care for students and the family atmosphere were of great value.

Tim Hanna's work as field work supervisor was a valu-

able link between College and church appointments.

Verlie Ellis is a very caring housekeeper.

The internship system, where selected students spend nine months of their final year in a local church is working well.

The exit class reflected a realistic approach to ministry. They see themselves as change agents. They are made aware of the restrictions that a local church will impose upon them. Their lecturers are prepared to follow through issues that they might raise in class. I sat in on lectures by Peter Dixon, visiting professor Dick Phillips and Lionel Berthelsen.

I was surprised to find out that seven of the fourth-year students plan to be in Victoria in 1990!

I hope my visit will help them prepare for the culture shock of moving to another state.

—Barry Jenkins

Letters to the Editor

Letters are limited to 200 words

Church Archives

To the Editor,

Referring to recent correspondence on the subject of church histories ("AC" 19 August, 23 September) and the preservation of archival material, it should be pointed out that the Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society exists and archives are housed in the Churches of Christ Theological College at Mulgrave, Victoria.

The Society was founded in 1957 and reports to Federal Conference. It is the aim of the committee to preserve important historical material and to foster a full appreciation of the beginnings and history of the Restoration Movement in Australia and to this end collect and publish evidence of our past.

Unfortunately space is very limited and it is not possible to store every church's records. However, the committee appreciates receiving copies of special functions, such as centenary booklets, and original documents, or copies thereof, especially dealing with the foundation of churches.

In addition to the federal body each state has its own historian who is kept in touch with the society by receiving minutes of committee meetings.

A Digest of items of historical interest is published quarterly and is received by members of the Society. Membership costs \$3 per year.

—Freda Morris
(Secretary, Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society, 27 Albert Street, East Malvern 3145)

OM and YWAM

To the Editor,

I have been following the debate between several readers on the subject of the Logos Foundation and its political associations.

Alan Matheson writes ("AC" 23 September) of the vulnerability and often naïve acceptance of groups into our

churches who may be targeting Australians with their political ideologies. I agree that there is need for discernment, and each organisation needs to face scrutiny.

However, Alan's letter refers to Doulos (part of Operation Mobilization's program) and Youth With A Mission (YWAM), implying that they are organisations which are US-based and Pentecostal-type para-churches.

I have worked with OM and YWAM both in India and Australia, and I have not been aware of any political agenda in their program or personnel at all. Both are international organisations based in Europe rather than the US. Certainly there is some US funding and some US personnel, as in most international organisations, but the need is for us to have discernment as we work along with these or other organisations.

I do not see them as political agencies; evangelical, yes—political, no!

—Barry Jenkins
(Ringwood, Vic)

Church and State

To the Editor,

My friend Peter Pitts ("AC" 2 September) has got it wrong. The separation of church and state does not mean that Christians do not enter into politics or speak out on social issues. It does mean that Christians do not by law try to enforce a Christian ethic upon those who do not have a Christian faith. Christian behaviour cannot be compelled by law. It springs out of a relationship of personal trust in Christ as Lord.

The function of law in a democracy is to protect the individual and the community from exploitation, oppression and harm. When laws are enacted to enforce particular beliefs on others they become oppressive.

Alexander Campbell, when opposing the imposition of "Sabbath" laws, wrote: "There is no precept or command in the New Testament to compel by civil law any man who is not a Christian to pay any regard to

the Lord's Day any more than to any other day...to compel men destitute of faith to observe any Christian institution...is commanding duty to be performed without faith in God (and is therefore) anti-evangelical or contrary to the Gospel." (*Millennial Harbinger*, 1834, p. 410).

This is why such groups as Logos Foundation are politically dangerous and destructive to the Gospel.

—Gerald Rose
(Cheltenham, Vic)

Interest Rates

To the Editor,

Australia labours under the unprecedented debt that followed swiftly on the heels of financial deregulation.

In April 1985 the interest rate ceiling on bank loans under \$100,000 was removed. Within a year banks were charging from 17–22% on personal loans

and overdrafts.

Unstable interest rates make planning precarious. Monetarism (manipulating interest rates to control demand) is a crude and ineffective tool of government policy. The logic of deregulation is that avarice and speculation will turn out to be beneficial. Experience does not bear that out.

For all its faults the medieval church was outspoken against usury—the lending of money at an exorbitant rate of interest.

Banks profit from huge loans for company takeovers. The interest is a tax deduction, but industries are left loaded with debt. This sort of unproductive activity would lose its attractiveness if interest rates were set at low levels.

My proposal is that governments should get together and progressively reduce interest rates, say at the rate of 0.5% a

Letters from Tertius

"According to Their Light"

To the Editor,

Sometimes our minister puts his neck out and has a question box in the foyer for member's questions. The question he gets most often is "What will happen to those who have died without ever having a chance of hearing the gospel."

In answering it he usually says, "I'm more concerned about the ones who were supposed to take the gospel to them and didn't." Then he goes on to say that he believes that those who never heard the gospel "will be judged according to the light that they have".

The people we always have in mind when such questions are asked and answered are of course those in remote parts of the world that haven't really been reached. No Australians would of course qualify for leniency on judgement day because they've all had "the opportunity".

I sometimes find myself wondering about that. I think of people who can't hear the gospel because their minds have been warped by phoney gospels and the real gospel can't get through to them. Who will be judged, they or those who have misrepresented Christ and his gospel? And I find myself thinking of street kids who have never had a chance or people who could have heard the gospel had it been presented to them but whose minds are now too crazed with drugs to take it in.

I remember once reading of a kid who didn't have a chance, being battered from pillar to post, until at last as an adult he was hanged. Someone prayed at his execution that God would find for him "a resting place for broken things too broke to mend".

Of course that doesn't let the likes of me off the hook of finding ways to mend such broken things before they are "too broke to mend".

—Tertius

Letters to the Editor

month, until an agreed maximum of 8% or even lower, is reached.

With interest rates restored to sensible levels stability and confidence will return and we will be on the road to economic strength and social cohesion.

—Arthur Peel
(Nunawading, Vic)

[Letter edited to conform more closely to the 200-word limit—Editor]

Back to Basics

To the Editor,

I read Ted Keating's Guest Editorial ("AC" 2 September) and ask "Why?"

I believe Churches of Christ have drifted away from the Scriptures. Once we used to say, "Where the Bible speaks, we speak; where the Bible is silent, we are silent."

There are several things that disturb me in Churches of Christ, namely:

The Name. I came into Churches of Christ almost 60 years ago and it grieves me when I see churches described as "Community Church", "Christian Centre" etc. I am proud of the name of the one whom we represent.

The Message. I believe we have the message. We plead for the restoration of New Testament Christianity but unfortunately we are not putting it into practice. We believe in the steps of salvation—faith, repentance, confession, baptism, but, in order not to offend, we do not insist on it. Sometimes I think we take the easy way out or settle for open membership.

Ted refers to choruses. Some have a real message, but many have no message at all. I do not believe they should take the place of hymns.

The morning worship service I believe is a time when we meet to remember the one who paid the supreme sacrifice on Calvary. If it is to be converted into a service of entertainment then I believe we are missing out on its true meaning.

—Alf Bourne
(Epping, NSW)

[Letter edited to comply more closely with the 200-word limit on Letters to the Editor]

Fragmentation in the US

To the Editor,

"One Cuppers", the "AD 70s", the "Covered Heads", the "Mutual Edification Group", and the "Saturday Observers"—one is horrified to learn of these breakaway groups from Churches of Christ in USA, as described by Adrian van Leen in "The Cultic Connection" ("AC" 23 September).

It is appalling that schisms should have arisen from such petty and trivial arguments.

Members of Churches of Christ in Australia have a close kinredship and fraternal relationship with the one-million-strong Disciples of Christ in the US. Some of us have a certain amount of regard for the Independent Churches of Christ and perhaps a modicum of respect for the non-instrumental churches of Christ as our own beginnings had non-instrumental elements and used tuning forks instead of organs or pianos!

But when it comes to this new and dissident fourth American group named Christ's Church Fellowship one tends to recoil, without knowing much about it. Surely the people concerned would have known of the principle of diversity within unity. And the disclosure of 42 divisions among the non-instrumental churches is far past the point of absurdity.

By contrast, in Australia, with the unfortunate Sydney exception mentioned by Adrian van Leen, ecumenicalism has reached a pleasing stage of progress.

—Jack Ludbrooke
(Toorak Gardens, SA)

"Baptism in the Holy Spirit"

To the Editor,

I am sure Debby Wyllie's article "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" ("AC" 7 October) won't pass without comment. I would like to comment on two matters.

First, I find it alarming that Sunshine Children's Ministries should be promulgating a doctrine in the way described. Perhaps Alan Matheson's

warnings in the same issue are well founded. On this point I would endorse Debby's concerns.

It is the conclusion that Debby draws with which I must differ. Dr Bill Tabbernee, discussing the heresies of the early church, said, "Heresy is truth taken to its logical extreme." It may be in this sense what Debby experienced was heresy but I think she goes too far in claiming that the entire Tongues Movement is Satan inspired. Jesus warned the Pharisees of the sin we have called "blasphemy of the Holy Spirit". Jesus was saying that to call something "devil inspired" when in fact it is "God inspired" is to ignore the evidence of the Spirit. Because of this I am always careful about what I say about those whose views differ from mine. I don't speak in tongues but I know many faithful Christians who do. How could I dare to suggest that their "tongues speaking" is Satanic?

—John Clapp
(Perth, WA)

[Edited to fit 200-word limit]

Holy Spirit

To the Editor,

I was very saddened to read "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" by Debby Wyllie ("AC" 7 Octo-

ber). I believe that if Debby understood the prepositions that Christ used in speaking of the Holy Spirit (with, in and upon), she would have little difficulty with the propositions.

The Holy Spirit was with the disciples when they were with Jesus. The Holy Spirit came in them in the upper room after the resurrection when Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit," when their minds were opened to understand all that Christ had been teaching.

I believe many Christians live lives that are spiritually impoverished because they have not reached the stage of having the Holy Spirit "upon" them, giving them the power and freedom experienced by the disciples. They have had the Holy Spirit "with" them to convict of sin and convince of the need of salvation. They have even had the Holy Spirit "in" them when they accepted Christ as saviour. But they have never known the joy and liberation of having the Holy Spirit "upon" them.

It changed the disciples from timid, vacillating disciples into men and women who were ablaze and invincible, who were able to "turn the world upside down".

—J. Olsen
(Merrylands, NSW)

FOR NEW HOLDEN & HONDA SEE MURRAY ECKERT

OVER 16 YEARS EXPERIENCE as a master sales consultant.

Competitive Prices in a competitive market.
Guaranteeing Integrity, Service and Sound Advice.

Member of Blackwood Church of Christ.

CALL IN OR PHONE MURRAY ON (08) 272 1600 FOR YOUR NEW OR QUALITY USED CAR



Claridge Holden & Honda
363 Unley Road, Malvern
Phone (08) 272 1600 A.H. (08) 278 4515

Media Review

Lausanne II Resources

The remarkable story of the Lausanne II Congress on World Evangelization in Manila earlier this year has been fully documented and is available from World Vision.

There are books, videos and cassettes, including the paperback report *The Whole Gospel for the Whole World*, a concise account of Lausanne II. Illustrated with photos and drawings, the book was edited by Alan Nichols. Of special interest is the book's documentation of Lausanne II's decision to embrace social concern as an integral part of evangelism.

The poverty that propels this theology and the people practising it are captured in *The Flame Is Now in Us*, a video report of Lausanne II.

Bible studies and other Lausanne II presentations are also available on audio cassette. Speakers include John Stott, David Penman, Luis Bush, Eva Burrows, Michael Cassidy and more than a dozen others.

Lausanne II books, videos and cassettes range in price from \$4 to \$20 and can be obtained by contacting Diane Le Griffon, World Vision Information Centre, on (008) 033 112 (or 699 8522 for Melbourne residents).

Papers

A Journey into Paradox

Dilemmas in the Personal Spiritual Pilgrimage
by Hedley Beare (Eremos Institute)

\$2.50 plus postage

The Eremos Institute (PO Box 131, Newtown 2042) issues occasional essays primarily concerned with spirituality issue. This is the 10th in the series and has been written by Hedley Beare who is Professor of Education at the University of Melbourne and who recently with his wife Lyn wrote *Praying in Secret*, a practical book on meditative prayer.

In this paper Hedley Beare looks at three Old Testament characters who epitomise goodness or righteousness and who lived out their lives in exemplary piety. Their faith is discussed in how it relates to a personal spiritual pilgrimage today. This is a very interesting discussion on the whole issue of spirituality and includes a long portion on dealing with going through a "desert" experience in the faith.

—CRA

Books

Four Thousand Year War

by Charles Fraser-Smith (Paternoster Press)

There has always been deep controversy concerning the Bible record of war and the participation of God's people in war. Charles Fraser-Smith's latest book is a fascinating account of

military tactics from Bible times to the present day. In this book he speaks of secret intelligence, espionage and secret agents, and strategic warfare, all in the pre-Christian centuries. Almost every chapter deals with a situation in ancient times, and relates it to a similar situation in more recent times, and the intriguing feature of the book is the comparison that is drawn to the modern solutions of military problems alongside the solutions arrived at by the ancients. There are many references to the Christian faith of recent military leaders, leaders such as Montgomery, Arthur Smith, Orde Wingate, Alan Brooke and Eisenhower. The author has written about these men, and others like them, in another book entitled *Men of Faith in World War II*.

At a deeper level he is concerned with the ongoing spiritual warfare between good and evil, which calls for greater resources and commitment than any battle in world history, challenges the reader to "fight the good fight" and shows how the Bible contains scenarios for spiritual victory.

For the ex-military person, who, like myself, has served in both good and bad times, and also for the uninitiated, this book is most intriguing. It is of the "could not put it down" type and is unreservedly recommended.

—Paul Payne

Ivan and the Secret in the Suitcase

by Myrna Grant (Creation House) \$6.95

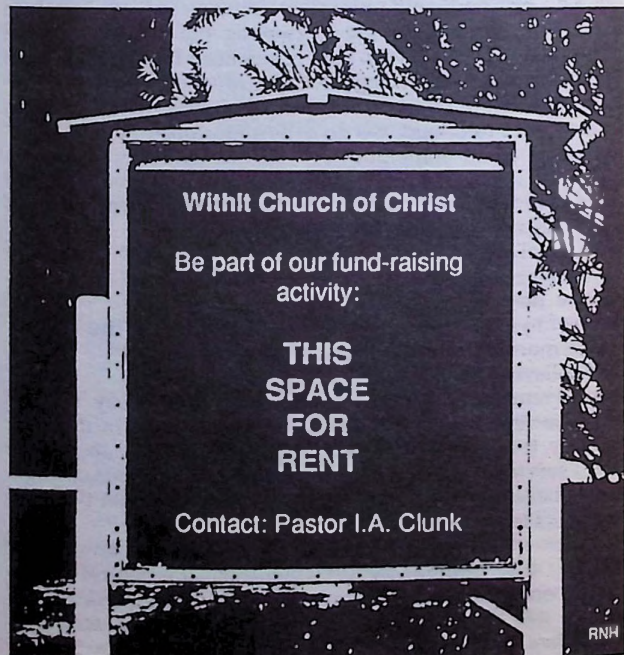

Ivan and the Secret in the Suitcase sees Ivan in a very difficult situation. After attending a secret youth prayer meeting he learns of men who because of their faith have been cruelly imprisoned. Their wives and children have been left in poverty as it is forbidden in Russia to help the families of criminals. Ivan and his family are going on a long-awaited holiday to Hungary. As it has more religious freedom than Russia he is approached to bring back Bibles and clothing to assist the needy families. The clothing is of no concern but Bibles are a different matter. To be caught with them would almost certainly mean the end of his family, yet in the back of his mind Ivan could see people in desperate need of God's word. He must again rely on God to make one of the toughest decisions of his life.

WORD bookstore

Books • Bibles • Records • Cassettes • Music • Gifts
Discount Prices, Mail & Phone orders welcome. Credit cards accepted.

Christian Video Library
Movies for Youth, Children, General audiences. Studies by top speakers.

18-25 Canterbury Rd, Heathmont, Vic. 729 3777
200 Northside Road, East Oakleigh, Vic. 544 8844
65 Grosfell Street, Adelaide, S.A. 223 4249
2422 Logan Rd, Eight Mile Plains, Qld. 341 8500



With Church of Christ

Be part of our fund-raising activity:

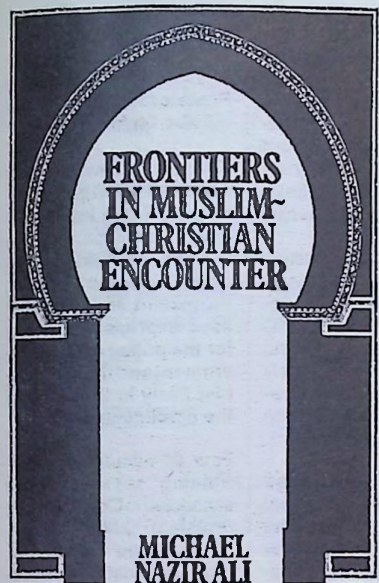
THIS SPACE FOR RENT

Contact: Pastor I.A. Clunk

RNH

This book clearly shows the difficulty of life in Russia and the risk Christians must take to do God's will. All Ivan books are written for young teenagers in a very challenging and easy-to-read style.

—Matthew Smith



Frontiers in Muslim-Christian Encounter

by Michael Nazir-Ali (Regnum Books)

In this book Michael Nazir-Ali, former Bishop of Raiwind in the Church of Pakistan, discusses themes of major theological and missiological importance for the Christian encounter with Islam.

In the introduction he argues: "A rapidly changing world will always challenge Christians to consider and adopt new and more

profound ways of serving society. Christians must not shirk this challenge. The Islamic context may truly be described as one of 'poverty with pockets of affluence'. Christian service in such a context will be as varied as the context itself." The late Archbishop David Penman commented, "This book meets a significant need and demonstrates vividly the potential in risking an encounter on such a crucial frontier...the reader is drawn into the meaning of the Christ for those living in a Muslim environment. It is an important encounter, but with Christ as he is and Islam so demanding, it will bring an incalculable reward."

Islam is growing in Australia, primarily by immigration from Islamic countries. However there are increasing numbers of converts to Islam in Australia, especially among those who marry practising Muslims. We are also very aware of the growing force of Islam in the world today.

This book examines Christian thinking and action in the light of Islamic teaching. Michael Nazir-Ali has four areas that he examines: theology, missiology, faith in dialogue and Christian social order.

This is an important book to read for anyone interested in a mission to Islamic people. It helps us understand the message we are trying to impart and how it is received by those whose thinking is influenced by Islam.

—CRA

Crossfire

Faith and Doubt in an Age of Uncertainty
by Richard Holloway (Collins)

Because of the finite nature of our minds and the infinite nature of God it is not possible for us to fully comprehend him. Although, from our studies of the Scriptures and our spiritual experience we can respond to aspects of him, there is, for the Christian, a constant tension between faith and uncertainty. It seems that faith must be tempered with periods of doubt if it is to gain strength rather than rigidity. Like Jacob, we, though wounded,

wrestle through the night with God, until in the morning comes the blessing.

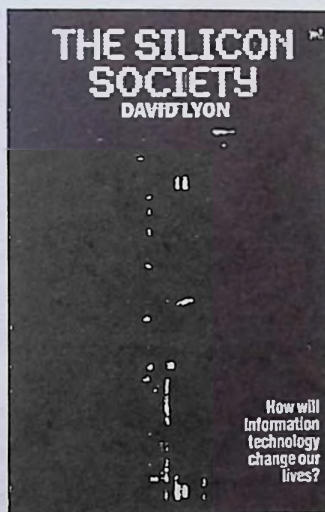
Richard Holloway is the Anglican Bishop of Edinburgh and, at times, his heritage is apparent; but this is not apologetic apologetics. With gentle scholarship, he gently but persuasively analyses the great paradoxes that are central to the human condition.

The author examines, first, our longing search for the transcendent; our innate need to believe that life has a meaning and value beyond our basic human existence. He, then, relates aspects of our human nature and aspirations to stages of Jesus' ministry—Gethsemane, Jerusalem, Golgotha and Galilee. It is very much the personal pilgrimage of Richard Holloway, as well as being a guide book for others treading the Christian path.

This is not "pop theology"; it is a book to be savoured; to be pondered over. It is not a book for those who demand certainty; it is a book for those who are prepared to struggle and grow.

The author concludes: "Faith has conflicts, but it also has its mysterious consolations."

—Graeme Addicott



The Silicon Society

by David Lyon (Lion Paperbacks) \$6.95

As the author points out very vividly the social changes associated with the silicon chip are huge and far-reaching. He is convinced that much of this technological advance related to the silicon chip and other computer developments is beneficial.

However David Lyon is realistic about the adverse effects and this book is primarily about these. He is also concerned by the way the new technology is shaping society and raises questions

about how society should be shaping the new technology.

David Lyon first looks at just what is meant by the "second industrial revolution". He then examines what computer automation means for the world of work, skill and (un)employment. All parts of the workforce are affected, or will be in the near future. (It certainly has made a difference in *The Australian Christian* office, in fact, for us, it has meant increased employment.) Moving on, David Lyon examines many aspects of the new telecommunications and their affect on society. Chapter four examines a range of questions raised by the increasing development of robots and their linking with "artificial intelligence". The final chapter comments on links between the new technology and "Big Brother".

David Lyon claims to look at the issues, first by analysis, i.e. asking what exactly is going on and why. He then hopes in this book to evaluate all this information, to ask ethical questions about the new technology. He comments that his evaluation is rooted in traditional Jewish-Christian thought. "I say 'Jewish-Christian' to emphasise that the Old Testament still has much to say to us. Jesus frequently invoked its wisdom as the way forward for his own followers." (page 8)

An interesting and informative book on issues related to the current technology revolution.

—CRA

Happenings

Australian Anglican, Peter Brock, has been appointed Director of the youth sub-unit of the World Council of Churches from September.

On 28 September the 1 millionth Chinese Bible came off the Amity Foundation/United Bible Societies' printing press in Nanjing, China. In addition more than 50,000 New Testaments will have come off the press.

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is calling for applications for Fellowships to be taken up during 1991. Merit in any field, which must be of value to the community, is the major criterion in the granting of Fellowships. To apply for a 1991 Fellowship send a self-addressed stamped envelope 24 x 12 cm to: Application Forms, The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, 218 Northbourne Ave, Canberra 2601.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Fairfax media group, Peter King, will be the speaker at the 6th Melbourne Prayer Breakfast being held at the Southern Cross Hotel on 27 October. Information and application forms from Ian Prescott, (03) 890 0499, or Bill Watson, (03) 450 9704, or by writing to Box 986H, GPO Melbourne 3001.

Television viewership for the 5 major television evangelists has fallen by nearly half since recent televangelist scandals, according to Arbitron Television Syndicated Program Analysis. Hardest hit of those presently on the air is Jimmy Swaggart.

When the display homes are ready at the Craigmere Estate in Smithfield East, Adelaide, SA, the Uniting Church will be there too. The church has bought 4 housing blocks and is building 4 properties adjacent to the main strip of display homes. The blocks will constitute the Smithfield East Church and Community Centre, and comprise a

minister's residence, a house for church activities and worship, a house for community activities and a house for children and youth programs and after-school care.

"It's clergy who have emptied the churches by their dull and irrelevant preaching." That's the assessment of Rev Dick Lucas of St Helen's, Bishopgate, London, who led a 4-day preaching school at Ridley College, Melbourne, recently.

Dr Robert Logan, American practitioner, lecturer and writer on church consultancy and church planting, will be visiting 5 Australian states during late October and early November. The seminars for the Australian Fellowship for Church Growth on "How to Develop and Resource Lay Leaders" will be held in Melbourne (26, 27 Oct.), Launceston (30, 31 Oct.), Adelaide (2, 3 Nov.) and Brisbane (9, 10 Nov.). In Perth (6, 7 Nov.) the seminar is "How to Plant Churches that Reproduce." Information and registration forms from Australian Fellowship for Church Growth, PO Box 1287K, Melbourne 3001. Audiotape sets of each seminar will be available in mid-November for \$35 plus \$6 packing and postage.

The World Home Bible League is co-ordinating a statewide project in Western Australia to put a plain English edition of the New Testament in every home in the state. The project, called "Celebration New Life", is publicising the slogan "A New Way for WA". More information on the project is available from Celebration New Life, 5 Colombo St, Victoria Park 6102. Phone (09) 272 3730 or (09) 472 3314.

Every overseas athlete and official at the Auckland Commonwealth Games will receive a copy of the New Testament as part of the Bible Society of New Zealand's Com-

monwealth Games outreach.

22 groups and at least 12 churches are now involved in planning combined outreaches to coincide with the Commonwealth games in Auckland, New Zealand, in January.

A Christian doctor has been ordered not to pray for his patients. The Minnesota Board of Medical Examiners has ordered orthopaedic surgeon Dr Paul Patterson "to abstain from offering prayer or deliverance as a form of medical treatment or in connection with a medical examination or treatment". The practices that landed Dr Patterson before the Board included "exorcism and things of that nature".

Attempting to use the crucifixion of Jesus Christ as an argument in defense of capital punishment, New York State Senator James Donovan remarked: "Where would Christianity be if Jesus got 8-15 years with time off for good behaviour?"

5,000 young people crowded into Cataract Park, 40 km south of Sydney, for a weekend of teaching, fellowship and Christian entertainment at the 4th Beyond the Black Stump Christian Music and Arts Festival, 29 September-2 October. Hundreds of young people were counselled, some making first-time commitments to Jesus. Beyond the Black Stump is organised by a consortium of youth organisations and backed by Scripture Union NSW, CYTA, Sydney Anglican Youth Dept, Churches of Christ, Baptist Union of NSW and the Uniting Church of NSW.

A new "low-rise pool" for adult baptisms by immersion is being added to the facilities of St Francis Xavier College Church, part of St Louis Roman Catholic University in the USA. One Australian observer de-

scribed it as another move in what he called the protestantisation of the Catholic Church in America.

In the Diocese of Georgia, Bishop Harry W. Shipps is willing to ordain women although no women have sought ordination. Georgia is home to an energetic traditionalist movement. About one-third of the clergy are members of the Fellowship of Traditional Clergy.

The Eltham, Vic, Christian Church School was badly damaged by fire on 7 October. An estimated \$250,000 of damage was done in the fire, which was deliberately lit. Police have apprehended and charged a man in connection with the fire.

Pope John Paul II issued the Vatican's first formal appeal ever to Muslims recently, pleading for their help in saving Lebanon. The Pontiff also called for a mobilisation by Catholics for Lebanon and announced a world day of prayer for Lebanon. He also indicated his intention to visit Lebanon.

Global cereal production is again likely to fail to satisfy the demand for the third straight year. The Food and Agriculture Organization says poor countries could face a growing hunger problem as a result. Reserve stocks are at critically low levels, about the same as in 1974, when the world suffered a food crisis.

The SA Conference are holding a workshop on "Building an Effective Ministry in the Local Church" for all elders, ministers and board members on 3 and 4 November at the Prospect church. Details from the SA Churches of Christ Centre.

With only one major refusal (the Presbyterian Church in Ireland) among Irish and British denominations, the new Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland and national councils for England, Wales and Scotland

will begin operations next year. It is to succeed the British Council of Churches. The Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales and the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland will hold full council membership. Several black-led British churches, plus some Pentecostal denominations will also be full members.

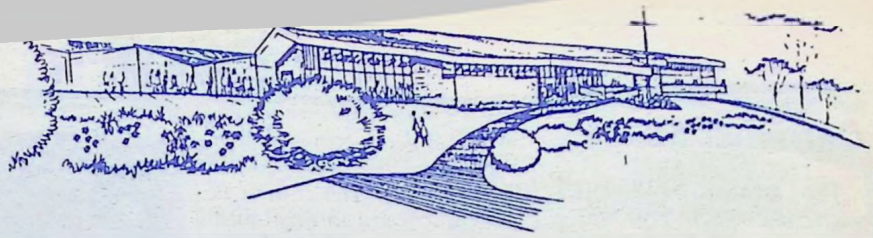
The government-run New China News Agency reports that the leaders of the 5 recognised religious groups in China (Buddhist, Islamic, Taoist, Protestant and Catholic) have expressed support for the policy of the Government and the Communist Party in the wake of the crackdown in June.

Four 90-minute preacher-training sessions were scheduled in October by the (Persian) Gulf Churches' Study Centre in Manama, Bahrain. Most of the dozens of Christian congregations thought to exist in Bahrain do not have clergy leaders. Most worship in Asian languages.

Advance Australia Where? by John Smith (Anzea) is the 1989 Australian Christian Book of the Year. Highly commended were *Breaking the Ice* by Rowan Butler (Albatross) and *Growing Christians in Small Groups* by John Mallison (Anzea). The Children's Book Award went to "The Little Monster" series by Peter Thamm and Robert Roennfeldt (Lutheran) and the Design Award to *Kakadu Reflections* by Bruce Prewer and Ian Morris (Lutheran). These were the 9th awards by the Australian Christian Literature Society.

The campaign for democracy in East Germany is finding its focus in the churches. The Gethsemane Church in East Berlin and St Nicholas's Church in Leipzig attracted thousands of worshippers during the country's 40th birthday. Churches have been unable to cope with the numbers trying to attend.

THE INSTITUTE FOR CONTEMPORARY CHURCH LEADERSHIP



- Preparing God's people to lead
- A ministry of WOLLONGONG CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST
- The largest Church of Christ in NSW and one of the fastest growing churches in Australia
- The Church has pioneered new forms of creative worship and ministry to all ages while keeping evangelism central
- It is the ideal setting for dynamic, church-based training for Christian Ministry
- Students studying with the institute serve within the Church as part of the ministry team

COURSES

DIPLOMA OF MINISTRY
BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY
4 years

These can be undertaken in conjunction with studies at Churches of Christ Theological College at Carlingford

Students spend two years (Diploma) or three years (BTh) at Carlingford then complete their studies at the Institute majoring in Church Growth, Creative Arts or Youth Ministries.

CERTIFICATE OF MINISTRY
1 year

This is undertaken entirely at the Institute and includes Biblical Studies and Spiritual Development as well as the specialised training in YOUTH MINISTRY, PASTORAL CARE, CREATIVE ARTS, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE OF MISSIONARY SERVICE
1 year

This course involves 6 months of intensive training and study at the Institute followed by a period of service in a missionary program in Australia or overseas.

FOR APPLICATIONS OR INFORMATION...



write to:

The Academic Dean
Institute for
Contemporary Church
Leadership
3-5 Regent Street
Wollongong, NSW 2500



Carramar 55

The Carramar, NSW, church celebrated its 55th year with a reunion on 20 August. Over 110 packed into the small chapel for the 9.30 am service led by Jack Pearson (long-time elder now at Pendle Hill). Three speakers were Lee Caspersonn (former youth leader now at Engadine), Ray Eldridge (recent past minister now at Hamilton, Vic) and Trevor Kallmier (past student minister and now Australian WEC leader).

Among those present were two original Bible School scholars—Elsie Friend (nee Briggs) and sister Doris (now Stevenson). Their dedicated service engendered the strong spirit of loving, caring and working earnestly to reach the area, which still prevails.

A slide show of people and the work from the earliest days was compiled by Jean Porteous and stirred many memories.

The current student minister is Trevor Firth, who is contracted to become full-time in 1991.

—N.L. Brown

Bridgetown 50

The church was begun in Bridgetown, WA, by T.D. Maiden in June 1937 and the first meeting was held in the home of Mr and Mrs H.J. Machin in Blechynden St. The church was formed as a part of the Brotherhood on 18 June 1939. There were 13 members who signed the minute book that day.

The church has had many meeting places up to the time of the building of the current chapel in the early 1950s. The converts in early times were baptised in the river that runs through the town.

One foundation member, Grace Shephard, is still living in Bridgetown and is a much-loved member of the fellowship.

The first resident minister did not arrive until September 1964. Lay preachers from other South West churches had taken most of the services before this time

and Ida Lucraft had faithfully kept the small group of Christians together. The church is looking forward to Errol and Coral Kirk ministering in 1990.

The Golden Jubilee will be celebrated on 12 November.

ACT Conference

The annual ACT Conference weekend this year included a dinner at the Belconnen church to raise money for the Churches of Christ Theological College.

The weekend began with the Women's Conference. Heather Miller led the devotions and the Lyons Dancers illustrated the Lord's Prayer.

Ian Allsop was the guest speaker for the weekend and at the communion service at the Lyons church he spoke on "A Vision for the Church".

At the business session Don Stewart, Federal Conference President, was speaker, it was announced that Don Herbert, from the Goonellabah, NSW, church, will commence as minister of the Tuggeranong church in January, and office-bearers elected were Peter Nelson, President, Les Davies, Vice-President, Thelma Leach, Secretary, and John Anthony, Treasurer.



Ian Allsop

Technicolour

After two years of planning, the Belconnen, ACT, church performed the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. 430 saw 90 cast and set crew work together for an hour and a half on two nights to display a very professional presentation. The show was produced by Heather Jauncey, with the assistance of Graeme



Joseph, complete with amazing technicolour dreamcoat, and other cast members at Belconnen

Butler, musical director, Cheryl Leach, choir and chorus director, and Amanda Butler, choreographer. Bruce Morris took the lead part of Joseph. He had seen the production as a child in London, and was very impressed by it, and therefore became very familiar with the part. Many different talents were evident from the sets, lighting and sound and costumes, music, singing and acting. It was an enjoyable experience for all concerned!

Magnetic Island Junior Camp

In the second week of the September school holidays approximately 27 kids from grades 4-7 from Charters Towers and Townsville gathered at Camp Irwin, Magnetic Island, for the Junior Camp run by Townsville Churches of Christ.

For the next five days we swam, we went to Shark World, we had a concert and people from the *Doulos* came to visit. But above all we had studies, conducted by faithful leaders showing us God's truth. The studies were about God's creation and how he has a plan for us. These studies were well accepted by the campers. Next year we hope some campers from Cairns will be coming along.

—Junior camper Karen Wright (Grade 7)

Modbury Extends

Thousands of volunteer hours over 20 weeks have extended and upgraded the facilities at the Modbury, SA, church. With the help of Mobile Mission Maintenance, local contractors and curious neighbours, amateurs of all ages and genders mixed concrete, twitched reinforcing rods, laid bricks and painted to extend the foyer and build a new hall. A shared vision of mission in the local community was the motivation.

SA Conf. Pres. Trevor Lawrie opened the extensions at a crowded service of dedication attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Tea Tree Gully, Mr and Mrs Tom Milton. During the dedication the congregation wrote individual messages and prayers, which are to be mounted and displayed.

Enjoy God's creation
in the peaceful surroundings
of

**FERN VALLEY
GUEST HOUSE**

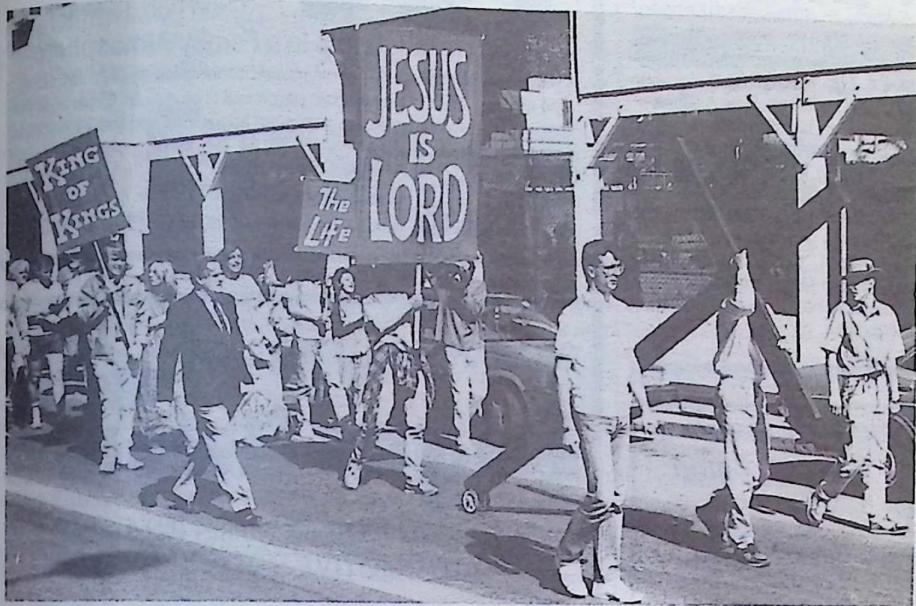
Balook

Comfortable accommodation,
home cooking, open log fires.

Your hosts: Des, Prue
and Aileen Davidson

Phone (051) 96 6141
Grand Ridge Road,
Balook 3971

Unusual Results from "Cleansing March of Witness for Jesus"



The "Cleansing March of Witness for Jesus" took place in Sydney on 2 October, following the route taken by the homosexual Mardi Gras Parade of 18 February.

According to the organiser, Rev Fred Nile, MLC, "The basic aim was to intercede with God to forgive the homosexuals of Sydney for the blasphemy and obscenity of their homosexual and lesbian Mardi Gras Parade and to have mercy on the City of Sydney. Secondly, we wanted to cleanse the streets of Sydney from the moral pollution caused by the Mardi Gras and thirdly, to unite all Christians in a positive witness for Jesus Christ, by making the theme of the Cleansing March the motto 'Jesus is Lord' and having it displayed on huge banners."

Negative and positive media reports were achieved. It was also the largest Sydney gathering of homosexuals ever seen at an evangelistic rally specifically aimed at them.

Some media reported only 1,500-2,000 present. The *Daily Telegraph* reported over 4,000 Christians in the march. The procession covered a length of over 2 km and a police estimate of the crowd was 10,000.

After a prayer at Parliament House the march headed for the centre of the homosexual community in Sydney, Oxford Street and Taylor Square.

The organisers expected 50-100 homosexuals and lesbians to be on the verge of the crowd. However as the procession made its way up Oxford Street the footpaths on both sides were lined with over 5,000 members of the homosexual community and its supporters.

When Fred Nile approached the microphone at the platform set up outside the Darlinghurst Court House a demonstrator tried to take over the public address system. Whenever Fred Nile tried to address the crowd militant homosexuals shouted him down with jeering and catcalls. The same tactics were used when others spoke, including a converted former prostitute and two ex-homosexuals who spoke of their personality changes once Christ became their saviour. Several homosexuals came forward for counselling afterwards. The situation became very tense and police had to step in several times to prevent the situation getting out of hand. Six arrests were made.

—Worldwide Photos Ltd

Back to Portland Church of Christ

Portland celebrates its 50th Anniversary 6-7 January 1990

All past members and friends are invited
 Guest speaker
 Sat 6 Jan. 5.30 pm Tea
 Welcome and fellowship
 Sun 7 Jan
 10 am Worship & Communion
 followed by fellowship lunch
 7 pm Service
 Speaker: R. Hough

VISITING CANBERRA?

Stay with a Church Family

A number of Canberra church families offer accommodation in their homes at basic bed and breakfast rates to help raise funds for "Home Mission" extensions in the ACT.

If you would like to enjoy friendly "one of the family" hospitality in Canberra write for particulars to:

Pat & Warwick Wright
 28 Kidston Crescent,
 CURTIN 2605
 Phone (062)81 3088

Barbara Kennedy
 6 Sharp Place,
 MELBA 2615
 Phone (062)58 1360

Advance bookings appreciated

FRANKSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST



GREENWAYS
 RETIREMENT VILLAGE
 330-356 FRANKSTON-
 DANDENONG ROAD,
 SEAFORD 3198
 1 & 2 BR Villas
 Motel Type Hostel Suites
 PHONE (03) 786 8679
 Waiting List Now Open



CHELTENHAM
 CHURCH OF
 CHRIST

CHRISTIAN RETIREMENT CENTRE

4 Chesterville Road
 Cheltenham 3192
 A resident funded centre
 comprising 1 and 2 bedroom
 units
 Enquiries welcomed
 Phone manager
 (03) 584 5202

Classifieds

BIRTHS

PROSSOR (WIGNEY) Merrill and Jeff have pleasure in announcing the birth of their second daughter Bethany Clare on 30 September. Sister for Corinne.

SILVER WEDDINGS

WRAY-FLETCHER Kaye and Reg of Owen, SA, praise God for 25 wonderful years. They were married at the Kalgoorlie, WA, church on 31 October 1964, by Pastor Graham Carslake.

DEATHS

MORRIS, Alexander Campbell (Cam). 9 October 1989 in Canberra. Beloved husband of Nan, father of Ian, father-in-law of Caroline, grandfather of Charlie, David and Nicholas. Aged 89 years.

TO LET

HEIDELBERG Room available and use of all facilities. Suit young person. \$60/week. Contact (03) 459 8810 (AH).

CALOONDRA, SUNSHINE COAST, Queensland 2 bedroom units. 2 minutes walk from Kings Beach. Rates from \$130 p.w. off season to \$390 p.w. holiday season. Phone (071) 91 7454.

HOUSEBOAT "White Heron" 10 berth. Moored at Blanchetown, SA. Phone (08) 380 5009 or (085) 40 5100 or write PO Box 65, St Agnes 5097.

HOLIDAYS

GRAMPIANS See beautiful Halls Gap in the spring. Holiday home available to accommodate 6. Phone (055) 62 4869.

MACALISTER LODGE For your next family or group weekend enjoy true Australian nature at its finest. Situated at Lake Glenmaggie, Central Gippsland, bordering the high country wilderness. Michelle and Dave Sanders cater for groups ranging from families to youth or senior citizens. You can enjoy many of our organised sport or bush activities or just do your own thing. Groups of 8-15 people, Friday evening to Sunday evening \$80 all inclusive of accommodation, meals. Includes transport to and from if required. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information on (03) 786 6001 (AH).

QUEENSLAND GOLD COAST Absolute waterfront unit Runaway Bay Broadwater. Peaceful area. Delightful views. Available privately. Only 45 minutes to Brisbane. Very reasonable rates. Enquiries: Len Brooks, 118 Wilgarning Street, Stafford Heights 4053. Telephone (07) 359 7227.

GRAMPIANS SUNRISE HOLIDAY UNITS Modern FSC 2 BR units at Pomonal. Superb views, peaceful farm setting. Bertram family resident owners. Phone (053) 56 6300.

BUILDERS

IAN & L.A. McDONALD Carpenters and builders. Renovations—kitchens and bathrooms. All jobs large and small. For free quotes please ring (03) 557 1257. 41 Somers St, Bentleigh.

LINDSAY FINGER & ROB DOEDENS Houses, extensions, renovations, car ports, pergolas, any job large or small. For free quotes phone (03) 873 1247. Vermont, Vic.

BICHENO, TASMANIA Seaview Camp

Units for hire
Powered sites
Group camping
Tennis court
An area of great scenic attraction

Manager:

Phone (003) 75 1247
Vic-Tas Department of
Mission, Education and
Development



El Kanah
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

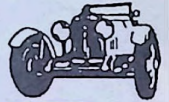
Christian Fellowship in a Family Atmosphere

We offer you guest house style accommodation from as low as \$42 a day, home-style cooking. Relax in the mountain playground of Marysville. Experience the comfort of our fully renovated, fire-proof guest house, including spa. Student and pensioner concessions available.

Phone or write to us:

El Kanah CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
Buxton Rd., Marysville, 3779. (059) 63 3229

GUARANTEED USED CARS



Pedigree Motors

658 CANTERBURY RD, SURREY HILLS 3127
AUTOMOTIVE SPECIALISTS

Whether it be your first car or you wish to "trade in" let **TED GRAY** and **STEVE GRUNDY** give you the benefit of long experience in the trade

ADVICE FREELY GIVEN

Phone (03) 898 9391 or AH 878 4807

Great range of cars—medium priced range

PHONE NOW—TELL YOUR FRIENDS

LMCT 4376

Les Lawlor says...

I stand behind every Lawlor Pest Control job personally—all types of buildings—anywhere. Everything unconditionally guaranteed! Weeds—birds on roofs—Argentine and all other ants—"white ants"—borers—carpet pests—lawn pests, in fact, any pest that grows, walks or flies.

LAWLORS PTY. LTD.
THE PEST CONTROL PEOPLE
6-10 Henley St., Torrensville
Phone (08) 43 9636



ALL PEOPLES CHURCH GROWS

Church planter Thampi Issac's new Fairfield outreach ministry saw 28 enthusiastic new contacts worship together on 8 October. This new evangelism strategy in an old and changing community needs your gifts and prayer now.

**DEPARTMENT OF MISSION,
EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

52 La Trobe Street, Melbourne 3000



A Church ABC

Footscray, the Melbourne western suburb, has been in the news of late with the unhappy demise of its Victorian Football League club, the mighty Bulldogs. Just down Gordon Street from the football club's home, the Western Oval, is the Footscray Church of Christ.

Footscrayites are fiercely loyal, hard-working, identifying closely with their industrial and residential suburb. They come from many ethnic groups. In the past there have been Yugoslavs, Greeks and Italians, now there are many Asian people.

The Footscray church is 110 years old and into its fourth building. They began in the Mechanics Institute, moved to Paisley Street (that site was later used for a picture theatre, which is no longer there either), then to Raleigh Street, next to the railway line. Meanwhile land had been purchased in Barkly Street for a new church. In 1970, when Kentucky Fried Chicken made an offer for the Barkly Street site, the church

was able to build the church of their dreams and move to Gordon Street free of debt.

The premises are very fine indeed. From the entrance and foyer one can walk into the building easily, as there are no steps. The church consists of a diamond-shaped chapel, a lounge, a large hall and a large

ship, an Explorers group for boys and a Good Companions group for girls, Bible School (at 9.30 am) and a youth group, "Tryfe". Men's teas are also held from time to time.

Footscray has people of all ages attending its services, from babies to old people.

Focus on Footscray

This is unusual for this area of Melbourne, as is its size. The church is also characterised by its very

kitchen, rooms for Bible School, and offices, with a car park at the year.

Currently the membership is around 65 with about 50 communicants. Services are held at 11 am and 7 pm. The minister is Dan Lundren who came originally from Minnesota, USA. Dan served in Albany, WA, for a period before returning to the US. A bequest to the Footscray church enabled them to bring him back to Australia. Dan and his wife Judy have two teenage daughters, Gretchen and Meghan.

The church has the usual range of activities including Christian Women's Fellow-

friendly, caring atmosphere. Lay involvement is very strong and the church gives strong support to the Brotherhood—many committees have Footscray members. Three Vic-Tas Women's Conference Presidents in the past decade have come from Footscray. Churches all over Australia have ministers or members in leadership roles who have received training at this church.

Footscray is a good solid church witnessing effectively to its people and Churches of Christ at large. Its caring attitude extends to the ministry, eldership, and its members.

Seminar

Jay Adams at Kenmore

A capacity crowd heard Dr Jay Adams speak at an interdenominational "Biblical Counselling Seminar" in September at Kenmore Christian College.

Six lectures stressed the "Competent to Counsel" theme, encouraging ministers to acknowledge their Biblical imperative to counsel using the revealed truth of God. Dr Adams laid the stable foundation of Biblical counselling beside the shaky foundation of the secular systems of psychology. Freud, Rogers and Skinner rejected all the presuppositions of Christianity. Each built his own system...rejecting not only Christianity, but also the systems of previous psychological theorists. Today psychology is in disarray, with little agreement among the theorists and therapists.

KCC Principal Donald W. Spencer agrees that the American mental health system is in confusion because of the proliferation of therapies and the lifestyles of the therapists. Therapists have no idea what a healthy person is. Their lives are often in as much trouble, if not more, than the mentally ill they are to change. Dr. Adams challenged the 133 registrants to

reject the popular buzz word "integrate" and build their counselling on Biblical views of God, man, sin, salvation, sanctification and methodology. The church has blindly attempted to integrate Biblical theology with secular psychology, ending up with a powerless hybrid. The basic presuppositions of psychology and Christianity are incompatible.

2 Timothy 3:16 calls the Christian leaders to a Christ-centred, Biblical base for counselling. The Bible reveals God's view of the problems of humanity and gives God's solutions to those problems. Rejection of God's diagnosis and therapy leaves the individual and the church impotent to change. For too long Christians have relinquished the authority for counselling to the theories that oppose Christian doctrines.

Dr Adams stressed the importance of instilling hope in the client. But a hope based on God's promises not the "hope so" with no certainties often discussed in psychology.

Depression "caused by the ways people mishandle stress" was a major issue presented. Such depression deepens and spi-

als downward when the person neglects the responsibilities of life. Irresponsible behaviour leaves more tasks undone overloading the schedule. Gradually the overloaded person despairs of ever fulfilling the responsibilities. Dr Adams urges the counsellor to assist persons to follow the principle: "Do your God-given responsibilities even when you don't feel like it."

Principal Spencer concurred that the future of an institute for teaching Christian counselling was bright and needed in Brisbane. The Churches of Christ have a golden opportunity to take up the challenge and establish such a centre near or on the Kenmore Christian College campus.

Common Life

Between anonymity and notoriety,
Wearing princely robes and prophet's
rags,
Somewhere in the glorious common
stuff that is life;
We will find you Lord.

—Garry Harris

White Papers

Looking backward, A.E. White sees what is real

Thanks for the Memory

There was a slight chill in the kitchen and I looked enquiringly across the table. There was a deceptively casual response.

"When was our wedding anniversary?" It wasn't really an information-seeking question and I should have been more careful. "23 March?" I offered.

"No, it wasn't!" Apparently still bent on self-destruction, I suggested that many other important people forget their wedding anniversaries.

"Who? When?" Well, I said, Louis Pasteur for one. In 1884. That wasn't very bright.

"How is it that your memory is so good about other people in other centuries, and so bad about things that concern us?" I tried again, "Well, how can you set one day above another when every day is so full of bliss?" That was a bit better, but not much. It was too little, too late.

We ought not forget the special events. Memory is very important and most precious. Looking backward, what we see is real. Looking forward, most of what we see is only guesswork.

Studdart-Kennedy wrote:

"God gave his children memory
That in life's garden, there might be
June roses in December."

With "down-under" seasonal difference, December roses are remembered in June, but the point is valid. Without memory there is no past, a confused present and an impossible future.

Two of the most important books ever written depended almost entirely upon memory. I refer, of course, to "Untitled Recollections", volumes 1 and 2, by a medico turned writer, named Luke.

He wrote his two best-sellers about 30 years after the events described, and his writing is a model for fact-finders.

He may have lacked the subtle interviewing skills of modern television Peeping Toms. ("Just how did you feel when the Romans had given you 29 lashes and you knew that there were 10 more to come?!")

Dr Luke just asked people what they remembered. "Just give the facts, man!"

Luke found people in Jerusalem who had been there in those momentous days following the return of our Lord in the Holy Spirit.

He asked them what they remembered and then he summarised their responses. "We spent our time learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, sharing in the common meals...and there

were the prayers!"

There was teaching. The new disciples had much to learn.

For most of us, commitment comes at the end of a long learning experience. Those people were just given a glimpse of a new world and a new life and they surrendered to it. It was like accepting a gift and then learning about it. They had to affirm their response by a rational understanding of the gospel and what it meant to be a disciple.

They were taught by men who had been three years in the school of Jesus. There were no lesson books. What they learned was by word of mouth from the memories of those who had been among the Twelve. Thirty years later, those teaching sessions were the first recalled.

Then there was the fellowship. The new disciples were so close to each other that they thought of themselves as brothers and sisters.

In those days, when they came together they would look anxiously around to see who was missing. The main cause for absence would be imprisonment or harassment. If that absence proved permanent, there was both mourning and rejoicing. Mourning for the loss of a loved family member, rejoicing because that ultimate witness would bring even greater strength to the church.

The fellowship was not only in worship. There was the common meal.

The Twelve had been used to having their daily meals with Jesus and for a time they continued the practice with the church that was the Body of Christ.

The common meal had a special part, the Lord's Supper.

And the prayers! I have been to many church anniversaries and have listened to reminiscences and read jubilee booklets, but I cannot recall one place that gave such honourable mention to the prayers of the past.

That table-talk with God must have been something special!

To those digging in their memories for the highlights of those days, these four things were the most precious.

It could be rewarding for you to look back to the great days of your church to recall what made those times so good. And if your great days are still with you, all the better.

We are grateful to Dr Luke for the roses of memory...!

And I wonder what did happen on 23 March?!

Profile

Katrina M. Kickbush



G'day! I'm Katrina, but my friends just call me Kal. In a few weeks I will be graduating from Kenmore Christian College with a Certificate in Biblical Studies. It only seems like a few weeks ago that I began my two-year commitment to studies.

Before I came to college, I was living at Nambour on the Sunshine Coast. I had a job as a process worker with the ginger factory at Yandina. That kept me out of mischief during the week. On weekends you would find me having fun in the sun on the coastal beaches.

The church at Nambour was responsible for nurturing me as I grew in my faith. Not only did I grow up going to Sunday School, but also passed through the ranks of Girls' Brigade. By the time I was 15 I was actively involved in the leadership of the youth group and Brigade. Around this time, I decided that I wanted to improve my leadership skills, so I began thinking about going to college. Five years later, I arrived on the doorstep of Kenmore.

While I have been at college, I have had the opportunity to develop my dramatic abilities. I plan to begin a drama group next year. My dream is to one day write and produce my own musical.

Next year I plan to return to the coast and have a ministry working with young people. I want to help them catch a vision of hope for the future. I want to inspire them to reach their potential in life. One of my goals is to be a camp counsellor on the American camp circuit.

When I'm not busy studying or involved in my student ministry, I enjoy playing squash, relaxing in the bush, writing poems and obtaining a suntan down at the beach. I enjoy listening to music ranging from classical to heavy metal. Basically, I'm a fun-loving person.

The Manila Manifesto

In July 1974 the International Congress on World Evangelization was held in Lausanne, Switzerland, and issued the Lausanne Covenant.

In July 1989 over 3,200 participants from about 190 countries met in Manila in the Philippines, and issued the Manila Manifesto.

During the 15 years between the two congresses some smaller consultations were held on topics like "Gospel and Culture", "Evangelism and Social Responsibility", "Simple Lifestyle", the "Holy Spirit", and "Conversion". These meetings and their reports have helped to develop the thinking of the Lausanne movement.

The Manila Manifesto takes up the two congress themes, "Proclaim Christ until He Comes" and "Calling the Whole Church to Take the Whole Gospel to the Whole World". Its first part is a series of 21 succinct affirmations.

The Twenty-One Affirmations

1. We affirm our continuing commitment to the Lausanne Covenant as the basis of our co-operation in the Lausanne movement.

2. We affirm that in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments God has given us an authoritative disclosure of his character and will, his redemptive acts and their meaning, and his mandate for mission.

3. We affirm that the biblical gospel is God's enduring message to our world, and we determine to defend, proclaim and embody it.

4. We affirm that human beings, though created in the image of God, are sinful and guilty, and lost without Christ, and that this truth is a necessary preliminary to the gospel.

5. We affirm that the Jesus of history and the Christ of glory are the same person, and that this Jesus Christ is absolutely unique, for he alone is God incarnate, our sinbearer, the conqueror of death and the coming judge.

6. We affirm that on the cross Jesus Christ took our place, bore our sins and died our

death; and that for this reason alone God freely forgives those who are brought to repentance and faith.

7. We affirm that other religions and ideologies are not alternative paths to God, and that human spirituality, if unredeemed by Christ, leads not to God but to judgement, for Christ is the only way.

8. We affirm that we

principalities and powers of evil.

12. We affirm that God has committed to the whole church and every member of it the task of making Christ known throughout the world; we long to see all lay and ordained persons mobilised and trained for this task.

13. We affirm that we who claim to be members of the Body of Christ must transcend within our fellowship the barriers of race, gender and class.

14. We affirm that the gifts of the Spirit are distributed to all God's people, women and men, and that their partnership in evangelisation must be welcomed for the common good.

15. We affirm that we who proclaim the gospel must exemplify it in a life of holiness and love; otherwise our testimony loses its credibility.

16. We affirm that every Christian congregation must turn itself outward to its local community in evangelistic witness and compassionate service.

17. We affirm the urgent need for churches, mission agencies and other Christian organisations to co-operate in evangelism and social action, repudiating competition and avoiding duplication.

18. We affirm our duty to study the society in which we live, in order to understand its structures, values and needs, and so develop an appropriate strategy of mission.

19. We affirm that world evangelisation is urgent and that the reaching of unreached peoples is possible. So we resolve

during the last decade of the twentieth century to give ourselves to these tasks with fresh determination.

20. We affirm our solidarity with those who suffer for the gospel, and will seek to prepare ourselves for the same possibility. We will also work for religious and political freedom everywhere.

21. We affirm that God is calling the whole church to take the whole gospel to the whole world. So we determine to proclaim it faithfully, urgently and sacrificially, until he comes.

**PROCLAMAR
A CRISTO
HASTA
QUE EL
REGRESE**

Proclamer
le Christ Jusqu'à
ce qu'il
Revienne

宣
揚
基
督
直
到
主
臨



LAUSANNE II in Manila
International Congress on World
Evangelization • July 11-20, 1989

ВОЗВЕЩАЙТЕ

الْمُنَادَاةُ

**بِالْمَسِيحِ حَتَّى
يَجِيءَ**

**ХРИСТА ДО
КОЛЕ ОН
ПРИДЁТ
VERKÜNDIGT
CHRISTUS BIS ER
KOMMT**

キ
宣
リ
べ
ス
伝
ト
え
を
よ
、
そ
の
再
臨
ま
で
。

must demonstrate God's love visibly by caring for those who are deprived of justice, dignity, food and shelter.

9. We affirm that the proclamation of God's kingdom of justice and peace demands the denunciation of all injustice and oppression, both personal and structural; we will not shrink from this prophetic witness.

10. We affirm that the Holy Spirit's witness to Christ is indispensable to evangelism, and that without his supernatural work neither new birth nor new life is possible.

11. We affirm that spiritual warfare demands spiritual weapons, and that we must both preach the word in the power of the Spirit, and pray constantly that we may enter into Christ's victory over the

Comment

In his second article on Outback Christians-in-Ministry Trevor Meares looks at...

A Church Building Strategy for Inland Australia

Bill sat in his bedroom contemplating his parents' invitation to go to church with them. He had anticipated their invitation but could not cope with his feelings at the thought of entering the Lord's house after his performance over the past few years.

After growing up in the church, he confessed his faith in Christ at the age of 13 and was baptised. His faith was reinforced and grew through Sunday School and youth group. At college he had actively participated in the Teachers' Christian Fellowship.

When he was appointed to a small outback school he saw it as a challenge to make his mark professionally and an opportunity to be a witness for his Lord by being active in the local church.

However, upon arrival he soon realised that the local people were not particularly interested in education and far less interested in religion. Teachers and Christians were viewed at best with suspicion and at worst with scorn. There was only one poorly kept church building in town and services were held monthly if the priest turned up. In some places he heard of, it was six-monthly.

He tried to make friends in the community but the only place where people got together was the local pub. He had never been in one and had always been told that pubs were the stronghold of the devil. But after a couple of months of a deep, indescribable loneliness he found himself at the bar.

He didn't know that it was OK to ask for an orange juice so he ordered a beer. He felt guilty and compromised but it was



Trevor Meares at Outback Church of Christ communion service

better than the loneliness and isolation that he had experienced so far. The people were friendly and shouted him drinks and after a few weeks he felt comfortable and accepted in the bar and the community. By the time there was a church service in town he had made so many compromises that he had no desire to participate, the church was not his denomination and was "pretty dead" anyway.

Bill mulled over his parents' invitation. He felt ashamed and dirty. He had been put to the test and had failed his Lord. Maybe he really wasn't a Christian in the first place so he just said, "Not today, Dad," and thought, "Probably never."

This is not the story of all our young people who are transferred to the bush but is the plight of far too many.

Many others do find a church home but almost always in an unfamiliar denomination. This is often a good, growing experience but more often than not they settle into its ways and are lost to Churches of Christ.

The church has generally failed in its commission to present the Gospel to the people of the outback because it has tried to function as it would in a city suburb rather than in a unique culture in mission-field mode.

It has relied too heavily on clergy to do the work of the ministry. The problems that this has generated are summed up in the words of one Anglican priest who was pleading for some "switched on" young people to come to his town, "Clergy don't count out here, they're already weird."

Outback Christians-in-Ministry is a para-Churches of Christ association which has grown out of my 11-year ministry in Broken Hill, NSW, and my eight years of experimental research into the ministry of the church in the outback while based at Dalby, Qld.

The first aim of Outback Christians-in-Ministry is to provide fellowship, communion, spiritual food, encouragement and pastoral care to Christians who live in the isolated inland of Australia.

We are doing this by setting up the Outback Church of Christ and conducting church services over the telephone using Telecom's Confralink system, linking together up to six centres at a time. Each centre has its own amplified phone and communion kit. We can link guest speakers from anywhere in Australia. Members receive pastoral calls via light aircraft.

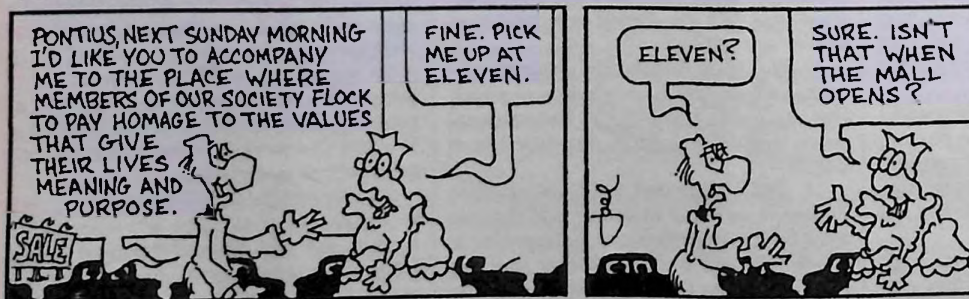
The second aim is to train Christians who can be transferred to isolated communities where they will help to devise and implement a "tailor-made" evangelistic strategy for each community to establish a

Christian fellowship or church, concentrating on winning locals to the Lord.

We are doing this by deputation to teachers' colleges, nursing schools etc. and setting up annual training camps for Christians-in-Ministry. We invite all in the Brotherhood to participate in this special ministry to isolated Christians through prayer and financial support.

(See advertisement on next page.)

Pontius' Puddle



Discipleship

•Melissa Waldorff, Kathryn Hardwick, Devonport, Tas •Bert Spratt, Carnarvon, WA •Wayne Horton, Werribee, Vic •Jody Nunn, Scarlet Cassel, Kalamunda, WA

Marriages

•Kristine Powell to Darryl Buggins, Kalamunda, WA •Sheryl Cassidy to Craig Rowsell, Keith, SA

Deaths

•Mabel Reardon, North Essendon, Vic •Olive Burdeu, Albion, Qld •Clance Batchelor, Nubeena, Tas •Alexander Campbell Morris, Ainslie, ACT

You are invited to hear a report on the WCC Faith and Order Commission Budapest, August 1989

and the

World Alliance of Reformed Churches General Council, August 1989

Principal Bill Tabbernee

Boronia Church of Christ
59 Boronia Rd
Boronia

Thursday, 9 November, at 8 pm
Enquiries: Keith Milne
(03) 762 5650
(Sponsored by Department of Christian Union and Boronia Church)

BRIGHTON

Church of Christ celebrates its 130th anniversary
Sunday, 19 November
10 am Service of celebration
Speaker: Ian Allsop
Followed by Fellowship Luncheon
All past members and friends are invited.
For further details contact:
Max Blsmire
12 Isabella Street
Moorabbin 3189
Phone (03) 555 0164
For catering purposes
RSVP by 31 October

Castlemaine Church of Christ 119th Anniversary

Sunday, 26 November
Speaker: Norma Hall
Morning 10-11.30 am
Lunch 12-2 pm
PSA 2.30-4 pm
Evening 6.45-8 pm
Contact: Ruth Wilson
(054) 72 3604

OUTBACK CHRISTIANS-IN-MINISTRY

Taking the Gospel to the Outback in the Language of the Bush
Please help us to help isolated Christians with communion services and pastoral care by sending their names and addresses to—Free Post OCM057

Outback Christians-in-Ministry
101 Nicholson St, Dalby, Qld 4405

All donations sent to the above address will be personally acknowledged

Help Us Stay Back Out in the Outback

ZADOK AFES GF ISCAST Ridley College

Your opportunity to hear Professor Malcolm Jeeves PhD (Cantab), FRSE, Professor of Psychology at the University of St Andrews.
Professor Jeeves is a well-known writer on topics relating to the Interface between Science and Christianity, and to experimental psychology in the area of brain and behaviour.

You can hear him at Ridley College

Friday, 10 November, 8-10 pm
"Issues of Science and Religion—Important Questions"

Saturday, 11 November, 4-6 pm
"Scientific and Christian Models of Man—Impact of Recent Advances in Neuroscience and Psychology"

Saturday, 11 November, 7.30-9.30 pm
"Evaluating Psychological Accounts of the Origin and Function of Christian Belief"

Dinner available Saturday evening
For further information call Jillian Quartel on (03) 898 5493

Vic-Tas Department of Community Care

invites anyone involved in or wanting to become involved in person care to an explanatory dinner and symposium to present a proposed new initiative in Christian community

Where: 225 Elgar Rd, Box Hill South 3128
When: Tuesday, 31 October 1989
Time: 7 pm for 7.30 pm
Cost: \$18

Keynote speaker: Helen Carr, Director of Lifeline, Melbourne

For further information or bookings ring Janet (03) 662 1411

Hey, Christian Single!

Interested in a Gold Coast holiday with other Christian adults (23+)?



CAMP SOLO

6-13 or 14-21 January

\$220 for seven nights shared accommodation and eight days of fully catered meals at the National Fitness Camp, Burleigh Heads, Queensland. 250 Christian singles in the holiday capital of Australia. Lighted tennis courts, squash courts, full gym facilities, lighted swimming pool...and all at a beach front facility.

Resort quality dining, including "pig-on-a-spit" and "formal banquet night".

Sightseeing in the day...bonfires on the beach at night. Good biblical preaching...great Christian fellowship. Definitely a holiday with a difference.

Speaker: Rev. Bill Foster

Camp Counsellor: Dr James Ridgway

Applications: Camp Solo, Daphne Foster, 13 Servante Street, Sunshine 3020
Phone (03) 311 6154

10%
DISCOUNTS
+ FREE SPAS
for GROUPS
in NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30		

Get a group of ten together and get away from it all!!

MARYSVILLE ELKANAH
ENQUIRIES (059) 63 3229

PRESENT THIS VOUCHER ON ARRIVAL AT ELKANAH

for * 10% GROUP DISCOUNT
* FREE USE OF GUEST HOUSE SPA

Church News

Tas

DEVONPORT (B. Butler) "Prodigal Son & Elder Brother" drama written & produced by Lorraine Jordan presented by Sunday School during two family morning services ... Family evening services continue to provide time of relaxation & bridge building with new families attending. Two baptisms ... "Good News" club commenced after school in home of Norma & Lylle Taylor.

NUBEENA (G. Henderson) Average attendances Sept am 42, 7.15 pm 22, pastoral visits 35 ... 4 ladies attended women's camp at Bicheno ... Father's Day service arranged by ladies ... Minister gave a series of messages on angels ... Church saddened by passing of a devoted member Clance Batchelor ... Minister & wife returning to home town Boort for holidays.

SA

HAWTHORN (Ron Hewitt) George Matheson Jnr speaker at Ron & Friends "Around the World in 40 Minutes" ... Sunday Soup 'n' Sandwich Night held with Colonel Light Gardens. Senior elder George Venus & three LeRaye girls provided the musical items ... Heather Emery returned from three weeks in PNG visiting Phil & Fiona & children. New baby Jared born on day of arrival ... Noarlunga puppets delighted Girls' Brigade parade.

BERRI (A. Chapple) Allan Chapple's ministry concludes in December. Church negotiating with a minister for 1990 ... Church organising Family Enrichment Week-end with Alan Bailey, Open Air Campaigners, 3 November ... Barry Galliford resigned as elder at annual meeting ... Ladies have recovered cushions on seats ... Sunday School presentation day well attended ... Mr Heinemann had surgery in Adelaide & part of his foot has been amputated.

GOOLWA (Graeme Ritchie) Elders & deacons held seminar with George Mathieson as speaker ... Members attended Gospel Celebration service at Victor Harbor with all local churches ... Children painted Noah's Ark animals for Sunday youth musical "The First Rainbow". Parents attended well ... Visit from Gideon International rep Robert Beard ... Shekinah Bible studies planned for mid-week groups ... South District Women's Conference held at our church.

KEITH (Ken Wray) Shekinah Bible studies proving valuable to both

groups ... Family camp held at Wellington. Guest speaker Bill Bowden ... Annual general meeting held in July. Some changes in board ... Home furlough visit by the Porters. Expecting to be stationed in Damascus with Operation Mobilisation ... Mundulla, Wamboony ladies visited at Keith recently.

BLACK FOREST (Allan Lochhead) Church held dinner to farewell our minister Ron Bassett, his wife & daughter Michelle. Ron presented with a farewell gift in the form of a cheque in appreciation at Black Forest, also at Park Rose

village ... Looking forward to 70th anniversary of church on 26 Nov. "New Connexions" singing at 3 pm.

WA


CARNARVON (Don Bone) Some folk attended convention at Mt Margaret ... CWF held program to entertain inmates Olive Laird Hostel. Their outreach meeting was addressed by Beth Dyal of Gregory Patrol (Uniting Church) ... Mrs Ethel Law-Davis celebrated 80th birthday & Andrew Jeffries 21st ...

Don Bone spoke on local radio. **KALAMUNDA (John Thornhill, Mark Proud, Paul Sanders)** Church camp at Baldvis enjoyed by some 170. Studies given by John Thornhill on vocation & ministry ... Church preparing for World Mission Week, 22-29 Oct. Theme "That The World May Know". Guest speaker Stewart Dinnen, WEC. Young people's singing group sharing in meetings ... Graeme & Mary Foster appointed to oversight & caring for Home Fellowship groups ... Young people shared in ministries at Quairading & Badgingarra.

COCOA

is involved in development in countries overseas.

Be a caring partner!



Send your cheque to Churches of Christ Overseas Aid. PO Box 320, Unley 5061.
(Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible)

Name

Address

..... Postcode

Amount for COCOA \$

• Vic-Tas Department of Mission, Education & Development Middle-Sized Churches Seminar

The Vic-Tas Department of Mission, Education and Development has maintained its commitment to groups of ministers in special groupings during 1989.

In September, 17 ministers and spouses from middle-sized churches met at Camp Waterman for the Middle Sized Churches Seminar. Input on ministry in these churches was given by John Sweetman (Bendigo), Rod Brown (Knoxfield), Ted Keating (Nunawading) and Check Chia (Grace Church).

Department Chairman, Dr Cliff Warmbrunn, and member, Dean Phelan, Manager of Human Resources Department at Epworth Hospital, looked at personal



Ministers' Association President, Barry Jenkins, with Graeme Bradley, Rod Brown and Paul Burnham

issues for ministers in the study and in leadership. Roger Risson, York St, Ballarat, led the Bible studies for the seminar and Dept staff shared at various levels.

The event was stimulating and well received by those attending, with strong recommendation to continue this form of ministry support.

Camp Seaview Development

Camp Seaview at Bicheno, Tas, looks set for a record year under the leadership of Ida and Basil Marden.

Recently they met with John Beard and Colin Orr to review the progress of the new building program. John is the senior camp manager for the Vic-Tas Department of Mission, Education and Development campsites and Colin Orr is the building project co-ordinator. Also present was Executive Director, Don Smith.

The Camp Development Committee, which met subsequently, received reports of a steady rise in camp bookings and of

the building program well on schedule. Volunteer work parties have made a good contribution to the program.

The site is currently being purchased from the Tasmanian Government. The sale is expected to be finalised shortly.

In 1990 an appeal will be made to all Tasmanian churches to invite gifts and loans to assist in the purchase. The appeal was previously authorised by the Tasmanian Executive Committee, which has strongly backed the purchase of the site. Ian Cumine of Howrah is Chairman of the Appeal Committee.

The Last Word

Faith is not preoccupied with taking its own temperature. Rather, it acts by responding to the Lord's will.

—Jim McNair

Boredom is a vital problem for the moralist, since at least half the sins of mankind are caused by the fear of it.

—Bertrand Russell

★★★★★

Another form of wastefulness is expenditure of words beyond the income of ideas.

—H.F. Henrichs

★★★★★

"Did they like my sermon?" the anxious young minister asked his wife on the way home. "They certainly seemed to, dear," she replied. "At least they were all nodding."

★★★★★

We live in an age which, having made a mess of things, cries, "Why doesn't God do something?"

★★★★★

Any chance of getting a job here as an assistant cook?

What experience have you had?

Well, I was a gunner in the army.

Good—you can start shelling these peas.

★★★★★

Mum, what happened to my new tape? You know, the one I played all day yesterday.

★★★★★

The professor was giving a lecture and concluded with: "Therefore, according to my calculations, the world will come to an end in 50 million years."

A student became quite alarmed. "How many years did you say?"

"50 million."

"That's all right then. For a moment I thought you said 15 million."

★★★★★



Dear Doctor,
"You're not exactly a spring chicken" is not what I call a diagnosis!



SUBSCRIPTION FORM

PO BOX 101, ESSENDON NORTH 3041

NAME:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ CHURCH

- RENEWAL NEW SUBSCRIPTION DONATION \$
- \$20 FULL YEAR \$3 REST OF YEAR
- \$1 REST OF YEAR IF RECOMMENDED BY A CURRENT SUBSCRIBER

SUBSCRIBER