

## A COMMUNITY CHURCH

### WHERE YOU GO

***Have you ever tried to walk backwards with no-one directing you? It can be very risky and you will inevitably fall over something.***

Many of us are doing just that—not literally but figuratively. You see we were all created with eyes to face the direction in which we walk. So we walk in the direction in which we look. And where we look, we walk.

This principle is so basic that we never think of it. But where you look you go. Go against that principle and it will never end up well. But apply that principle on a larger scale, on the scale of life and it can change our life.

Our life is a journey. Throughout the journey it is critical that we look in the direction that we are going and that we don't look in the direction we are not going. If we focus on that which is ungodly, impure, negative, evil, dark and sinful, we will end up going there, to a dark place and away from God. In the end, we will end up going where we looked. That which we dwell on, dwells in us.

Jesus fixed His eyes on Jerusalem during His final week on earth. That was His goal, so that is where He looked, long before He ended up there.

We need to focus on those things that are consistent with our calling and our destination.

We need to dwell on what is pure, high and of God. We need to focus on what is good and cease dwelling on what is not. We must continue to look forward to our heavenly calling.

***What is the direction of the calling in your life? Dwell only on that which leads to that destination and on nothing that doesn't.***



### Sunday Services

July 21st Preacher Judi.

Readings: Amos 8:1-12 Leah Colossians 1:15-28 Di

Helpers—Leah and Di

Communion Judi

July 28 Preacher Colin

Readings: Hosea 1:2-10 Val Colossians 2:6-15 Leah

Helpers—Val and Leah

Communion: Judi



**ALPHA** Our small group, including Tiny the rat and Abby the dog, enjoyed a lively discussion on the topic—"**Who is Jesus?**" We continue next Monday discussing the question: **Why did Jesus Die?**

There is a slight change to the times—we will be meeting around **5.50pm for a 6.30pm start**. Please BYO dinner.

**Carol Fudge** Judi has visited Carol again as well as having discussions with the Social Worker and staff about her care and the next step. Carol will need to enter residential care and Judi will be meeting with Nigel (Carol's relative) when he arrives from Ireland in a few weeks time. Sadly Carol has early dementia but if anyone would like to visit she would welcome this. Just be aware that she will repeat lots of things and it does not assist to correct her. She is in Casey Hospital.

**Donations for Pantry:** Please keep those donations rolling in. Although we received a couple of good donations, the funds can only be stretched so far.

**Prison Network** are our mission focus for the month of July. If you are able to place some funds in the special envelope we will be collecting the envelopes next week to be sent directly to Prison Network. Even 50cents can help.

**Community Lunch 28 July** Fiona will be joining us for the service and lunch. During the service we will be thanking Fiona for her dedicated commitment during her ministry placement. We will also be laying on hands in prayer for her next step.

**Prayer Room.** Our prayer tree is in place, along with various shaped and coloured leaves. Please feel free to share a prayer and hang it on the tree. The room is a great place to sit, reflect and pray.

**Plans for Homelessness week in August.** Judi would love to be swamped with your creative ideas on what we can do. As per the last 2 years, Judi will be working with Tim Richardson, his staff and the local schools to gather non perishable food items. But you may have an idea to boost what we collect.

**If you have publisher skills this would assist Judi to prepare the flyers/brochures and letters.**

## **PRAYER ROOM/LOUNGE**

### **PRAYER MEETING**

Friday's at 10am for 1/2 hour. All are welcome.

### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY -**

Friday's 10:30 - 1130am followed by a cuppa in one of the local cafes when time permits.

Don't forget ladies you can join bible study at any time and all is confidential.



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### **The Pastor Is In:**

Pastor Judi provides pastoral care to all who attend the church and overall site throughout the week. She is able to meet on or off site, depending on your preferences. Best contact 0423 375 714. Please note Judi does not work Tuesdays/Thursdays or Saturdays. However will return your call if it is an emergency.