

Be Surprised by Joy

There is suffering ahead of us, immense suffering, a suffering that will continue to tempt us to think that we have chosen the wrong road and that others were more shrewd than we.

But don't be surprised by pain. Be surprised by joy, be surprised by the little flower that shows beauty in the midst of a barren desert, and be surprised by the immense healing power that keeps bursting forth like springs of fresh water from the depths of our pain.

And so, with an eye focussed on the poor, a heart trusting that we will get what we need, and a spirit always surprised by joy, we will be truly powerful and walk through this valley of darkness performing miracles because it's God's power that will go out from us.

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Sunday February 5th, 2012

Matthew 7:7 (Good News)

Ask, Seek, Knock

- 7** Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.
- 8** For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those who knock.
- 9** Would any of you who are fathers give your son a stone when he asks for bread?

Next Sunday

Date: Sun Feb 12th

Leading: Sue

Sound: Juzzy

Vision: Jeff G

Renewal for 2012

Commitment to TLC

"We are many parts.

We are all one body"

If you haven't already, please think about how you could be involved in TLC this year. Fill out a green form and put in an offering cylinder. Thankyou.

Foodbank Needs

Please donate toilet rolls, tinned fish, milk, jam, sweet biscuits and pasta sauce. Thankyou.

Karen Tutors' Meeting

Thursday 9th Feb, 2012
7:30pm in the Coffee Shop
Visiting speaker: Moo Hei, pastor to Karen Community.
Any queries ring Julie.

Baptisms

Baptism Sunday will be **March 18th** this year. If you'd like to be baptised or be a part of an open discussion, join the pastoral team for pre-baptism conversations on:
Tues 28th Feb
Tues 6th Mar
Tues 13th Mar
They will be held at 7:30pm in the office lounge. Please see one of our pastors or call the church office if interested.

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Engagement

A big warm congratulations to Grace Williams and Greg Hallihan on their recent engagement! We're very happy for you both, and wish you well as you plan your future together. A wedding is planned for later this year.

Youth News

Introducing...

Dave Home and Tayla Smith as our new youth interns for 2012! We also welcome all the new youth especially those starting Year 7! And so to start the year we're having a...
YOUTH CAMP at the CYC Adventure Resort Phillip Island FEB 17,18,19th

For all high school students.

Come to Youth Group on Friday night, 10th Feb, 7:00pm in the Youth Building to find out more. Or contact the Youth Team via the office, or see Dave, Tayla, or one of the youth leaders.

Explore New Horizons

Stirling College in Mulgrave (CCTC's new name) is offering ministry studies for women in 2012 including Intro to New Testament and Intro to Pastoral Care.

For more details contact Janet Woodlock 9488 8800, John Williamson 9790 1000 or registrar@stirling.edu.au

WEEKLY AT TLC

Sunday

- Service 10am followed by lunch
- Jumbunna (Prep-Yr 6)
- YARN 7pm (check Facebook)

Tuesday

- The Brink 10am (arts & craft) including lunch

Thursday

- Cooking Together 10am
- Fresh Youth Theatre

Friday

- Youth Night

Public Lecture

Compass Australia would like to invite you to a public lecture titled '.it's about Life' with Dr Rikk Watts, professor of New Testament at Regent College, Vancouver, and a leading authority on the gospel of Mark.

Date: Friday 10th Feb

Time: Wed 10th Feb

Place: Ridley College Dining Hall, 170 The Avenue, Parkville **Cost** :\$5