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Wollongong Congregational Church

14th August, 2016

Welcome to all worshipping with us this morning.

Please continue in fellowship over a cuppa after the service.

Church Meeting to Follow

7pm Evening Service: Pastor Matthew Woolley

ROSTERS		
Date	14 Aug	21 Aug
Prayers	Leonie	Jill
Bible Readings	Andrew Joan	Cathy Judy
Lawns	Peter	-
Servers	Janice B Jo	Judy Cathy Rob
Cleaning	-	Cleaners
Morning Tea	Davina Robert	Cathy -
Welcome	Janice	Don
Communion Prep	-	Jill
Creche	Jo	Laura
PowerPoint	Glenn	Annette George
Counting Offering	Wendy	Allan

Prayer Chain. If you have a request, please ring Con or Leonie. If they are not available please ring Wendy, Annette or Tim. Phone numbers above.

If you would like to arrange to have your offering deducted by Direct Debit Please see our Treasurer.

Building Fund balance \$11,459.
(includes grant monies) If you would like to help with the cost of repairs etc please place your gift in an envelope marked Building Fund.
Thank you.

Emergency Food Coordinator
Jill Donnelly 4229 5248

This 4 weeks' regular tithed giving will go to the work of **TEAR FUND**
Additional gifts may be placed in the plate at any time, using a suitably labelled envelope.

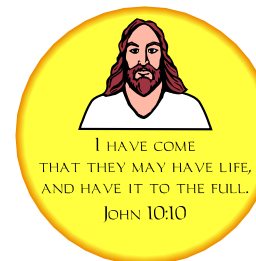
THIS WEEK:

Tuesday: 10.00 am: Bible Study at Annette's

Wednesday: 7.15 pm: Men's Bible Study at Church

Thursday: 10.00 am: Home group at Ruth's
9.30-11.00 am: Playday in the hall

Next Sunday, 21st August 10.00am : Worship Service
7.00pm Evening Service.



'Has God Got your attention?'

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Excite and provoke us to service.

Enthuse and spur us to action.

Encourage and motivate us to give thanks



Last Sunday I finished with the question; '**Has God Got your attention?**'. It was obvious that He got the attention of the lame man at the temple gate, also the crowd that scrambled to hear and see what the commotion was about.

Also, God's presence in our lives should:

Excite and provoke us to service.

Enthuse and spur us to action.

Encourage and motivate us to thanksgiving.

There are miracles happening every day of our lives. A miracle is something that works outside the natural. I often find myself praying that God would do something wonderful in a person's life, asking for a miracle, a special healing, the turning of the tide in an individual's life; something that would not normally happen if things were left to their own devices.

It is obvious the disciples were *excited, enthused and encouraged*. We also can see that they were energised by the Holy Spirit. There was a boldness and for some a fearlessness in the expression of their faith. There was also a sense of urgency as if they were the only ones who had the message of salvation. A message that all should hear: a message that demands a response from those who heard it.

Acts 3: Don't look at us, says Peter, this is God's doing! Peter wanted the crowd to understand that what had happened could only be attributed to God. It was not the power of Peter and John. He also makes it very clear that whatever faith this man had it came from the Lord Jesus.

In Verse 16, THREE things are evident:

1. The lame man had to acknowledge the Lord Jesus,
2. He also had to exercise personal faith in the Lord Jesus,
3. It is the Lord Jesus who takes that small seed of faith and turns it into something beautiful and something good

I love that! It doesn't completely depend on me; it is the Lord Jesus's name and the faith that comes through Him. I am forgiven; I am saved, yes even healed, not because of the preacher, or my will power or faith, but because of the Lord Jesus.

It is when we rely on these things, the externals, our circumstances, others and the trap-pings around us that we can be so easily led astray and distracted.

The cross was their answer, the ultimate rejection of God's plan-
THE EMPTY TOMB WAS GOD'S REMEDY and RESPONSE TO THEIR REBELLION.

This healing was proof that the Lord Jesus was alive. In such a public place, in such a dramatic way! God got their attention. Has God got your attention?

Con

Prayer Points

- ◇ Please continue to pray for the Evening Service;
- ◇ Wisdom and opportunity to reach our community with the Gospel;
- ◇ Wisdom as we move forward with our maintenance program;
- ◇ One new church family;
- ◇ Continue to pray for Jean Millman who is now home.
- ◇ For Janice and her son Steve.
- ◇ Lynda would appreciate continued prayers for Ron who is in care.
- ◇ For the Board of Education and its teachers for 2016 the local SU /ISCF staff worker, the Pastors' network, Gideons, Crossroads;
- ◇ Our FCC Churches; Richmond, Tasmania;
- ◇ Church family member; *Dianne Dent*
- ◇ Please bring our annual meeting before the Lord, also the nomination of office bearers (AGM: 9th October)
- ◇ Pray for the needs of Pulse 94.1 FM Appeal;
- ◇ Also for the effectiveness of Con's radio program;

FCC \$1 Habit Donation Money-box at morning tea

WCCEB Pie Drive: Family Pies \$8 each. Orders and money by 14th Aug to Annette or Lynda please. Pick up: Sunday 21st August

Fellowship of Congregational Women 2016 CONFERENCE:

Sat 29 October At Stanwell Tops 9am -1.30pm

SPEAKER: JENNY SALT

Early bird cost: \$55 by end of August (Late cost: \$60 by end of Sept)

Cost includes morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea.

Contact Leonie if you would like a form to register and if you need transport.

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| 21 Aug | Speaker for Gideons; retiring offering |
| 21 Aug | Delivery of Pies |
| 28 Aug | Nominations open for Church Office Bearers |
| 28 Aug | Guest Speaker –Spiro Cassis from Compassion |
| 17 Sep | Church 1-Day Camp at Girl Guide Campsite. |
| 25 Sep | AGM reports due |
| 9 Oct | AGM plus member's Meeting |
| 23 Oct | CHURCH ANNIVERSARY |
| 29 Oct | FCW 1-day Conference at Stanwell Tops |

Pastor Con on Pulse 94.1 FM Sunday Worship 7-10am.
Also Tuesdays 10 pm to midnight. Daily devotions 6:45 am.