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Wollongong Congregational Church

28th August, 2016

Welcome to all worshipping with us this morning.

Our Guest Speaker is Spiro Cassis from Compassion.

Please continue in fellowship over a cuppa after the service.

You are also invited to join us at 7pm for our Evening Service.

ROSTERS

Date	28 Aug	4 Sep
Prayers	Max	Wendy
Bible Readings	Irma Jennifer	Bernice Roger
Lawns	-	Andrew
Servers	Jill Lenore	Max Richard Irma
Cleaning	Wendy Robyn	Diana
Morning Tea	Gail	Leonie Cathy
Welcome	Don	Roger Robin
Communion Prep	-	Judy
Crèche	Laura	Lenore
PowerPoint	Annette George	Andrew
Counting Offering	Davina Robert	Annette

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.

Last week's retiring offering to the Work of Gideon's was \$195.00.

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
SCRIPTURE UNION
Additional gifts may be placed in the plate at any time, using a suitably labelled envelope.

THIS WEEK:

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, 4th September

10.00am: Worship Service and 7pm evening service



In Acts 4

we see the church come before the Lord in prayer, a prayer of thanksgiving, an earnest and sincere prayer.

May our prayer be one of thanksgiving and praise, an act of faith and trust in God the Father.

To say that the Lord Jesus is the WAY the TRUTH and the LIFE and to believe it with all one's heart and conviction will profoundly affect every area of your life. To take Peter's words to heart and act on them would be a radical thing. At the end of Peter's sermon he makes this point very clear. ¹² *Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.*" Acts 4:12

There was no compromise in Peter's words. It was belief in the Lord Jesus as the Messiah that set Peter and John on the road that they were travelling.

THE PERSON AND CHARACTER OF THE LORD JESUS IS THE VERY HEART OF THE GOSPEL.

The early Church did four things well: They devoted themselves to the Apostle's teaching, Fellowship, Breaking of bread and Prayer.

There was a body of teaching that the early church focussed on. This teaching was consistent with the fulfilment of the OT prophecies and with the words of the Lord Jesus.

Fellowship was something that they did well, *the only way to really get to know people is to spend time with them- the life and depth of a congregation is seen not only in its teaching and teacher, it is seen in the depth of the love and fellowship that is obvious within that fellowship.*

Breaking of bread, - It was a family meal a time of fellowship, where the Lord Jesus was central- The bread and the wine symbolised the blood and body of Christ-

Prayer was a vital aspect of the fellowship of the Church;

The Lord Jesus gave priority to prayer in His life.

"Prayer is the expression of the human heart in conversation with God."

Prayer is the means that God has provided for us to unburden to Him our desires.

Prayer is the surrendering of our minds *"Not My will be done"*

Prayer is being with God, not a word needs to be said.

Prayer is conversation with God. Good conversation is two way. The Holy Spirit is present to assist us.

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; Torrensville South Australia
- ◇ Church family members; Gail, Sam Dixon
- ◇ 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;
- ◇ Please keep Leonie in your prayers as she goes into hospital on Monday 29th August for removal of gall and hernia repair.

WCCEB Pie Drive: Pick up your pies from the kitchen this Sunday 28 Aug

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)

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

CHURCH 1-DAY CAMP 17TH SEPT– Please register asap!
9 -3.30 pm \$25 pp

Nomination forms available for church officers: Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Minutes Secretary & Elders (AGM: 9th October)

4 Sep	Fathers Day
17 Sep	Church 1-Day Camp at Girl Guide Campsite.
25 Sep	AGM reports due and nominations close.
8 Oct	FCC Assembly at Hazelbrook
9 Oct	AGM and 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.