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Wollongong Congregational Church

25 September, 2016

Welcome to all worshipping with us this morning.
Please continue in fellowship over a cuppa after the service.
You are also invited to join us at 7pm for our Evening Service.

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.

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:

Tuesday: 10am Bible Study at Annette's

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

Next Sunday, 2nd October

10.00am: Worship Service 7pm evening service



AGM reports due today!

Nominations close today!

Nominations are sought for the following positions:

Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer,
Secretary, Minutes Secretary
& Elders (AGM: 9th October)

ROSTERS

Date	25 Sep	2 Oct
Prayers	Con	Leonie
Bible Readings	Richard Janice B	Jill Leonie
Lawns	Rob	-
Servers	Lenore Glenn	Joan Cathy Anette
Cleaning	Cleaners	Diana
Morning Tea	Davina Robert	Cathy Gordon
Welcome	Yvonne	Lynda
Communion Prep	-	Joan
Crèche	-	-
PowerPoint	Annette George	-
Counting Offering	Allan	Davina Robert

The Glory of God

God's glory is such a huge topic to understand. We struggle to comprehend the vastness of God and His revealed glory.

Exodus 40:34-38 At the tent of meeting God's glory in the cloud and fire was a graphic demonstration of His presence and yet at times the people struggled to comprehend the God who desired relationship with them.

In Scripture down through history God portrays His glory as He progressively unfolds His glory in His creation (Romans 1:20) and through His people.

Genesis 17 God's promises to Abraham and the outworking of those promises through key players, like Moses, David, Isaiah, and many others, all record the desire God has to impact the universe with His glory.

As Jesus Christ comes to earth (John 1:14) it is clear that the promise given to Moses in Deuteronomy 18:18 was about to be fulfilled. John 17:8 leaves us in no doubt as to what the mission of Jesus is about. From the words of Jesus we see His desire to do His Father's will. To bring glory to the Father was Jesus' priority and we see that in the miracles, healings and raising people from the dead. We also see the misunderstanding by many, and the sovereign will of the Father taking Jesus to the cross, yet laying down His life intentionally under His Father's hand.

As we come to the apostle's writings, we see the witnesses to Jesus ministry of God's glory, point His people to the mystery of the gospel, Jesus Christ revealed. The apostle Paul points to the glory of God in the uniqueness of Jesus, His commission to pass the message of salvation on and to make disciples of all generations until He returns.

This brings us to consider how are we doing in the area of embracing God's glory in Jesus Christ and how are we doing this in our generation?

The challenges are many when it comes to keeping our focus on God's glory. Here are a few tips:

Keep God's glory (Christ) in the centre of your life by:

Having a daily time of reading God's word.

Having a daily time of prayer to connect with God's glory.

Having regular fellowship with God's people to embrace God's glory together.

Look for the opportunity to share a word that will reveal God's glory to another.

Harry Burgess

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
- ◇ Ron Ratcliff, in care, and requiring several ongoing treatments
- ◇ For Janice and her son Steve.
- ◇ Gail and Ray Warhola in Hong Kong, Jenny and Dave Rowe in USA:
 Roger Dethlefs, working in West Timor and the Edwards in Fiji;
- ◇ Our FCC Churches; Bexley;
- ◇ Church family members; Max and Judy Edwards;
- ◇ 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
- ◇ Also for the effectiveness of Con's radio program;
- ◇ Please keep Leonie and Con in your prayers
- ◇ Pray for Lynda who is suffering with back pain
- ◇ Bernice Beekman in hospital,
- ◇ Ralph Dunn for ongoing healing after a virus and heart attack
- ◇ Ralph and Janece's great granddaughter, Amari born with a hole in her heart

FCC Assembly will be held at Hazelbrook on 8/10/2016.

Fellowship of Congregational Women 2016 CONFERENCE:
Sat 29 October At Stanwell Tops 9am -1.30pm **SPEAKER: JENNY SALT**
cost: \$60 (by end of Sept) `

Diary Dates:

- 24 Sep - 9 Oct** **School holidays**
- 2 Oct** **Daylight Saving starts-clock forward!**
- 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.