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# Wollongong Congregational Church

19th February, 2017

Welcome to all worshipping with us this morning.

During our service, we will be celebrating Holy Communion and invite all those who desire to deepen their life in Christ to share in this sacrament with us.

Please continue in fellowship over a cuppa after the service.

Please join us tonight at 7pm for our Evening Fellowship.

**Next Sunday 26th February**

**10am: Worship Service 7pm: Evening Fellowship**



## THIS WEEK:

**Tuesday:** Bible Study at Annette's

**Thursday: 10.00 am:** Home group at Ruth's

**9.30-11.00 am:** Playday in the hall

## Church Tithing

At our Church Meeting last week, we spent some time discussing our Church Tithing. Currently we tithe one tenth of our church income (approx. \$500 per month) to the following groups:

WCCEB Scripture in our high schools

Bible Society

Gail Maidment in Hong Kong, Missionary from our church

ISCF

Mission Australia

Pulse 94.1 FM

The Rows, Missionaries from our church

Scripture Union

Tear Fund

Togo Mission

The Elders have been tasked with reviewing this support and would appreciate **suggestions in writing from our congregation.**

## ROSTERS

Date	19th Feb	26th Feb
Prayers	Jill	Helen
Bible Readings	Annette Richard	Cathy Glen
Lawns	-	
Servers	Judy Rob Don	Jill Lenore
Cleaning	Cleaners	Wendy Robyn
Morning Tea	Leonie Gail	Cathy Judy
Welcome	Janice	Ruth
Communion Prep	Jill	-
Kid's Club	Jo	Jo
PowerPoint	Glen	Glen
Counting Offering	Annette	Robert

## Prayer Chain.

If you have a request, please ring  
Leonie or Con

## Offering.

### New Westpac Account:

Wollongong Congregational Church

BSB: 032695

Account No: 494743

### Building Fund balance

\$12,528.65

## Emergency Food Coordinator

Jill Donnelly 4229 5248

**This weeks' regular tithed giving will go to The Wollongong Combined Churches Education Board (WCCEB)**

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

### Con's message from last Sunday...

It is important to go back to the word of God, for teaching **and instruction in what it means to be a servant of Christ. 2 Timothy 1:13**

*"What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus."*

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** <sup>16</sup> *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,* <sup>17</sup> *so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**There are many Biblical principles spelt out for the child of God.**

A W Pink 1945 *"to "serve" Christ is to love Him, to give Him the supreme place in my heart and life, to devote all my powers and strength unto the doing of what He requires, and abstain from all He prohibits. Love to Christ is to be expressed in obedience unto Him:*

*"If you love me—keep my commandments" John 14:15. "*

Pink sums up what it is to be a servant of God: to "serve the Lord" is not to *do something* for him—as though we showed Him a *favour*—but it is to render something unto Him. It is to perceive His just requirement of me, to own His absolute authority, to dedicate myself wholly unto Him.

How should we live as God's servants? In Philippians 2, the example of the Lord Jesus. John 6:38 (He did the Fathers will, He was a servant)

<sup>5</sup> *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

***This is why I said that we are initially in the worship business, both private and cooperate- our personal relationship with God the Father, with the Lord Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit will in fact influence all that we do.***

There is a **tug o war** between our desires, our will and what we think God wants and requires of us. This is normal and I suspect that this is how it is supposed to be.

Christian service begins in the heart and mind, it starts with worship and an attitude of submission- to the Lordship of Christ.

**5 thoughts from Psalm 27 to encourage us in our commitment to faith.**

1. Salvation- strength is found in the provision of God to all his people- Acts 1 *'being endowed with power from on high'*
2. Worship is important- a desire to fellowship with God
3. If God is for us Who can be against us? Seek to be in the centre of His will.
4. Desire in your heart to be taught by God's word, to be led by His Spirit.
5. Our strength and confidence is in the Lord- He will never leave or forsake you.

### Prayer Points

Please pray for;

- ◇ Wisdom and opportunity to reach our community with the Gospel;
- ◇ Wisdom as we move forward with our maintenance program;
- ◇ One new church family;
- ◇ Ron Ratcliffe—pray for early date for hernia operation.
- ◇ Janice and her son Steve,
- ◇ Gail and Ray Warhola in Hong Kong, for wisdom and resources as they expand their work. Pray for children and families in all 3 schools
- ◇ Jenny and Dave Rowe in USA; Adam and the Togo Group
- ◇ Edwards family working in Fiji; Roger Dethlefs also in Fiji
- ◇ Our FCC Churches; **Ryde Congregational Church**
- ◇ Church family members; **Robyn Phillips**
- ◇ Pray for the needs of Pulse 94.1 FM and the effectiveness of Con's radio program
- ◇ Bernice as she has had another infection and stay in hospital.
- ◇ God's leading as we make decisions concerning our property.

**Leonie** needs a quantity of old newspapers for weed reduction in her garden. Please speak to Leonie if you can help.

**Newsletters:** Togo and the Rowe's newsletters, Australian Congregationalist, Eternity Newsletter and Christian Woman are available online. If you would like to receive any of these, let Annette know.

**Jennifer** is no longer involved in preparing the newsletter. Please send any notices to Annette or Con.

Concerns were raised at our meeting in relation to the hall and we have decided that we will not use the Sunday School room for the foreseeable future.

**World Day of Prayer: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10am at Wesley Uniting Church on the Mall.** Our church has been given a reading to do on the day. Last year quite a few of us attended. Let us know if you would like transport. It is always a nice morning.

### Diary Dates:

**22 February Intro to the Alpha Course** which seeks to introduce the basics of Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. All welcome, please invite your friends. Wednesday evenings 7.15pm at the church.

**3 March World Day of Prayer, Wesley Uniting Church 10am**

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