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Wollongong Congregational Church

5th March, 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.

Reminder: there will be **no Evening Fellowship tonight.**

Next Sunday 12th March,

10am Worship Service 7pm Evening Fellowship

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday: 10am Bible Study at Annette's

Thursday: 10am: Ruth's home group

9.30-11.00 am: Playday

ROSTERS

Date	5th Mar	12 Mar
Prayers	Wendy	Leigh
Bible Readings	Bernice Jennifer	Annette Pam
Lawns	Rob	-
Servers	Jo Rob Irma	Annette Max
Cleaning	Cleaners	-
Morning Tea	Annette Lynda	Gordon Robyn
Welcome	Roger Robin	Don
Communion Prep	Judy	-
Kid's Club	Laura	Laura
PowerPoint	George	George
Counting Offering	Annette	Rob

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.

OUR AGENDA SHOULD BE THE KINGDOM OF GOD

**"when we put God first,
all other things fall into their proper place"**

**SEEK FIRST THE
KINGDOM OF GOD
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND ALL THESE THINGS
WILL BE ADDED TO YOU.**

Matthew 6:33 ESV

Con's message from last Sunday...

What a blessing to hear the words of the Lord Jesus- it is obvious that the Lord challenged not only His disciples but all who heard and now read His words, words that were intended to be taken, personally and seriously:

"seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

I believe that when we put God first all other things fall into place.

I also believe that this is not as easy as it sounds, for each one of us has what I have already shared with you-

A tug o war- 'my will verses God's will' syndrome

this is not a bad thing it is healthy!

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LIVING AS PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM

SEEKING ITS GROWTH THROUGH OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE MISSION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH.

Barnabas was a man who endeavoured to live as a servant of the kingdom God. He took seriously the words of the Lord Jesus.

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations!

It is easy to say these things and much harder to live by them- my dilemma is that if I am truly genuine in what I do, I must ask myself the question- what is it to *seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness?*

To seek His kingdom is to seek the extension of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, to work on being part of the body of the Church- which is far bigger and greater than we could ever think.

To live as a citizen of the kingdom of God, this impacts the way I act and the way I think- There is no room for the hurts of the past to control, they should be stepping stones to far better and greater things-

Where there was hatred there is love

Where there was unforgiveness there is forgiveness

Where there was doubt and fear there is faith and power

Where there was confusion there is clarity and revelation

THESE THINGS ARE NOT MAYBES, THE CHASING OF THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM – THEY ARE A REALITY IN THE LORD JESUS-

T'was the Lord Jesus who said: ³⁶ *So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.* John 8:36

I believe that many may seek first the kingdom of God, but neglect to seek His righteousness in their lives.

To seek God's righteousness is to know that we are set free from the consequences of sin and that we are given 'power from on high' for living!

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— upcoming hernia operation.
- ◇ Janice and her son Steve,
- ◇ Gail and Ray (Hong Kong) for the children & 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; *Leichhardt Church*
- ◇ Church family members; *Lynda and Ron Ratcliffe*
- ◇ Pray for the needs of Pulse 94.1 FM and the effectiveness of Con's radio program
- ◇ Bernice hospitalized with another infection.
- ◇ God's leading as we make decisions concerning our property.
- ◇ Irma for deliverance from pain
- ◇ Karah Knight pray for a clear diagnosis

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.

Review of our Church Tithing - The Elders would appreciate suggestions in writing from our congregation prior to our next church meeting. Currently:

Bible Society
Board of Education (WCCEB)
Gail in Hong Kong
ISCF
Mission Australia
Pulse94.1 FM
Rowes
Scripture Union
Tear Australia
Togo

Diary Dates:

FELLOWSHIP OF CONGREGATIONAL WOMEN (FCW)

FRIDAY 5 May Dinner 7pm at Revesby (see poster)

SAT 21 Oct, 1 day Conference, Stanwell Tops speaker Gill Davis

Pastor Con on Pulse 94.1 FM

Sunday Worship 7-10am.

Also Tuesdays 10 pm to midnight. Daily devotions 6:45 am.