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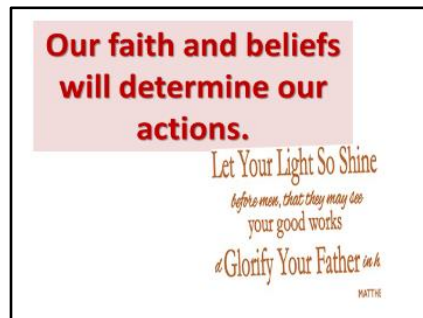
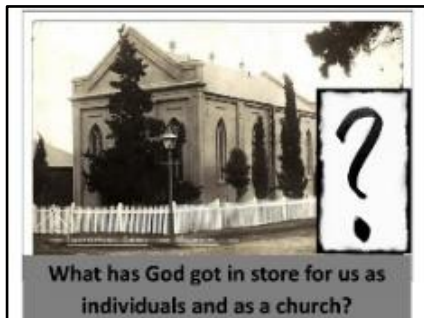
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Please continue to join our activities:

- ⊗ Listen to Con's recorded video devotion each Sunday from our website www.wollongongcongregationchurch.org
- ⊗ Tune into Con's radio program on Pulse 94.1 FM Sunday Worship 7-10am. Repeated Tues night 10pm. Morning devotions 6-7am daily.
- ⊗ Church Prayer Chain Ring or text Leonie
- ⊗ **Note:** Tuesday Bible Study will not meet for the next couple of weeks
- ⊗ Personalised cards can be ordered from Lynne Grimm, 3 for \$5.00 proceeds go to the Building Fund 0438770764



*Wollongong
Congregational Church*

27 September 2020

— Welcome all and be blessed —

We welcome our Guest preacher and his family today

Gavin Brett, Station Manager Pulse 94.1

Please only attend Church if well
Masks are available should you need them
Please follow Covid-19 protocol

Please stay for Morning Tea following our service

***Church meeting last Sunday was well attended and had a positive attitude to matters discussed**

***Minutes taken by Diane to follow**

***Con mentioned that he will be retiring as our Pastor at the end of this year**

Reminder! Daylight Saving starts on Sunday 4 October – Clocks ahead 1 hour

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Summary of last week's Sermon by Pastor Con

What did it take on the part of the Apostles and the other followers of the Lord Jesus to move on from the day of Pentecost? Their lives were characterised by the following:

TENACITY/PERSEVERANCE: Drive and or persistence.

FAITHFULNESS: Faithful to God's call, trusting in the Lord Jesus no matter what.

BOLDNESS: Confident, standing firm, unmovable.

OBEDIENCE: Submitting to God's will. Taking the Lord Jesus's words to heart and acting on them.

The faith journey begins with a simple step; not always the easiest of steps and I use the example of the little blue train who said "I think I can, I think I can, I thought I could!"

Nothing was going to shake these warriors from their God given task. In **Acts 5:29** the Apostles were faced with making an important decision. **"Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!"** What a great example for each one of us. **Acts 5:21 "At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people."**

Their obedience once again brought them into strife; they are brought before the powers that be. The desire of my heart is that it will stir your heart as well. The Apostles find themselves in strife again. It is the second time that they are before the Sanhedrin. The council was angry, they wanted to put the Apostles to death.

Evil is the opposite of God. Where God works wonders the devil will work overtime to destroy. His tactics are varied. He will sometimes come as an angel of light, with wonderful words and his intention is to destroy and to divert. Evil will seek to bamboozle us. It seeks to side-track us and in doing so will take us from the main thing. We should make the main thing the main thing. And what is the main thing? Peter summed it up well in **Acts 4:12 "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."**

I am certain that these verses are not new to you, I just want to encourage you: **The Lord Jesus said that He was the Way the Truth and the LIFE. Our faith and beliefs will determine our actions. For many their life contradicts their theology.** This will have an impact on our evangelism and the witness that we exercise at work, at home and at play. Did you know that at least 80% of effective church growth comes about because of the witness of people in the congregation? When the church takes that risk, God wonderfully blesses. In Acts there were signs and wonders. God ratified the witness of His people. He also confirmed the Witness of His Word. They were exciting times; they were also frightening times. It is no different today! When we stick our neck out in faith, it can be a scary thing; it can also be exciting to see God work.

I look at the church, and I wonder, I ask myself; what has God got in store for us as individuals and as a church? What does He want us to do as a Church? **Con**

Prayer Points

Please pray for:

- ◇ Our church family
 - ◇ God's leading and authority over decisions concerning our church
 - ◇ God's leading for new Elders and Deacons-Nominations sought
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- ◇ Church family members: *Tim, Naomi and Annabel Farrington*
 - ◇ Those In Care: Joan Weber & Dawn Coleshill
 - ◇ Cathy Edward's husband Jim in Ryde hospital after a fall and broke his ankle. Pray for strength for Cathy and Jim
 - ◇ Margaret, Diane and Wendie as they wait on the Lord for justice
 - ◇ Dennis Bagnall recovering from a knee replacement; now doing rehab through Wollongong hospital and is in lots of pain
 - ◇ Joyce Souter's son John, who is battling cancer
 - ◇ Bernice for healing of leg ulcers
 - ◇ Nabila for God's peace and healing
 - ◇ Janice Roworth still in Wollongong Private, with a painful leg infection. Also pray for her son Steve
 - ◇ Irma is waiting for hand and back surgery, so she and John have decided to self-isolate until then
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- ◇ Wisdom and opportunity to reach our community with the Gospel
 - ◇ Dennis and Karen Bagnall and the letter box distribution of "Living Water" (Gospels of John) throughout the Illawarra
 - ◇ SRE and school ministry workers as they serve their schools
 - ◇ Pulse 94.1 FM and the effectiveness of Con's radio program
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- ◇ FCC Churches: *2020 HEARTBEAT CHURCH, Concord; Gold Coast; Melbourne CBD*
 - ◇ Romani Evangelical Congregational Church in Macedonia
 - ◇ Jenny and Dave Rowe in USA working for Wycliffe Bible Translators
 - ◇ Persecuted Christians in **Syria**
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- ◇ Completion of outstanding repairs to Con and Leonie's new home