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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](http://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
- ⊗ Tuesday Bible Study will meet at 10am this week at Con & Leonie’s home. 6 Holstein St. Calderwood
- ⊗ Personalised cards can be ordered from Lynne Grimm, 3 for \$5.00 proceeds go to the Building Fund 0438770764



Church account details:  
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*Thanks to everyone who has been faithful in tithing and giving*



*Wollongong  
Congregational Church*

*8 November, 2020*

*— Welcome all and be blessed —*

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

**NOTICES**

- \*AGM and Member’s Meeting on 15 November, 2020
- \* Nomination forms, Agenda and Minutes for Annual Meeting are available

NOVEMBER ROSTERS	Welcome	Prayers	Bible Reading	Power Point	Morning Tea	Counting Offering	Lawns
8 Nov	Janice	Jill	Janice Jennifer	Ross	Gordon Pam	Wendy	Rob
15 Nov	Jo	Jeff	Lynne Andrew	Glenn	Robyn Lynne	Glenn	-
22 Nov	Jennifer	Con	Pam Judy	Ross	Lynda Lee	Rob	-
29 Nov	Lynda	Helen	Abe Jenny	Andrew	Jenny Abe	Helen	Andrew

*Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their time*

## Summary of last week's Sermon by Pastor Con Despinidic.

The book of Acts tells the story of what God has done, and will do. The Church was growing steadily, men and women were being converted, many of the priests had embraced the Gospel and accepted the fact that the Lord Jesus was the Messiah. The proclamation of the Gospel had mainly been to the Jews. Any persecution that was experienced had come from the synagogue. Philip in his obedience to the leading of the Spirit, gives us a glimpse into the meaning of our Lord's words in **Mark 16:15** **"Go into all the world..."**. **Acts 10** is also the continuation of this commission as in **Matthew 28:19** **"to make disciples of all nations."** It was time that the nation of Israel realised that God's love and provision was for all the world. The early church is about to learn a lesson that it will never forget, so much so that Luke spends a considerable time writing about it.

**"Acts 10 tells the story that is one of the turning points in the history of the Church."** (William Barclay). For the first time Gentiles will be directly evangelized and admitted into fellowship with Jewish Christians. It will become a universal body embracing people from every nation and race. This is the fulfillment of the words of our Lord Jesus: **He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."** **Mark 16:15** The prophets said that grace would be to all nations. Isaiah spoke of a time when God would call Egyptians and Assyrians (two dreaded enemies of ancient Israel) as his people, along with the Israelites. **Isaiah 19:24-25** **"in that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. <sup>25</sup> The LORD Almighty will bless them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance."**

**Acts 10** starts with a description of the man named Cornelius who was a Centurion and a man of authority and means. Luke describes Cornelius and his family as **"devout and God-fearing"** (10:2). The description of Cornelius as **"a righteous and God-fearing man"** best sums up his spiritual qualities (10:22). Before Peter is introduced to Cornelius and his family, God works on his prejudices and preconceived ideas. God speaks through a vision that was sparked by his natural desires. In this vision God teaches Peter that He is able to make everything clean and that He has a wider purpose for the Church. What I love about this encounter is the fact that Peter only had a chance to share his introduction. God took it from there! God does the heavy lifting and He requires us to be faithful and obedient.

**"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism"** (10:34)

**Good news of peace (10:36)** There is a time in each of our lives where we must move into, think about, and allow God to direct us in a new direction. It may be philosophical, academic, changing the way we do things or geographical. Peter had his world turned upside down. This happened after Pentecost, teaching us that the Christian life is one of continual reform. How open are we to the leading of the Holy Spirit?

Con

## Prayer Points

### Please pray for:

◇ Australia: for God's wisdom, leading and authority over our Nation, Government, Land and Peoples

◇ Our church family. Surround each other with love  
◇ God's leading and authority over decisions concerning our church  
◇ God's leading for new Elders and Deacons - **Nominations sought**

◇ Church family members: **Robin and Roger McFarlane-Clark**  
◇ Those In Care: Joan Weber & Dawn Coleshill  
◇ Janice Roworth for her ongoing healing and the ability to cope and have support at home. Also pray for her son Steve  
◇ Cathy and her son Chris Edwards. Thank God, Cathy had the strength to attend church on Sunday as she really missed WCC  
◇ Margaret, Dianne and Wendie as they wait on the Lord for justice  
◇ Joyce Souter for ongoing healing and her son who is battling cancer  
◇ Bernice for healing of leg ulcers, and for Peter as he cares for her  
◇ Nabila for God's peace and healing

◇ 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  
◇ All students currently sitting for their HSC exams

◇ FCC Churches: **Living Bible Fellowship GOONDIWINDI (2004)**  
◇ Romani Evangelical Congregational Church in Macedonia  
◇ Jenny and Dave Rowe in USA working for Wycliffe Bible Translators  
◇ Adam and the work in Togo  
◇ Persecuted Christians in **Afghanistan**

◇ Praise God for his goodness and any answered prayers in your life