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*And this is the testimony:
God has given us eternal
life, and this life is in his
Son. Whoever has the Son
has life; whoever does not
have the Son of God does
not have life.*

1 John 15:11,12^{NIV}

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First Glance

By Colin Winrow, Editor.



Dear Readers,

Welcome to this October 2022 edition of the *Assemblies Outreach* magazine.

This one has more ‘variety’ perhaps than most, because there are more short articles. Some of these are purely factual but others might be termed ‘reflective’ or encouraging.

Hopefully readers will enjoy both; I know I do.

Have you noticed how most items of advertising literature these days contain a story or two, which might be fact or fiction. Personally I love true stories, don’t you? Many items of the Christian fund raising mail we all get contain stories of how someone was helped or healed, or is in need of such things.

Of course our Holy Bible is also full of true stories, in many genres, which make for both interesting and challenging reading.

There are examples in this issue of our magazine, and I would love more, in future! Anything from about 150 words upward, will always be

welcome. I’ll say it again – more, more, more, please!

Some stories have the characters and/or author named, but others have the names changed to protect a person from harm or persecution.

All stories have an impact upon us mentally and spiritually, and for good or bad. We are “moved” to empathise or sympathise and have compassion, or we may be repulsed or angered.

Either way, there is no doubt that stories are an excellent way to communicate facts, information and truth.

Please send me some of your stories to share with our readers. They can be short, long, news, a biography, or autobiography, testimonies, memoirs, true, analogies, or instructive. The list of types may be endless in fact. But the one thing they have in common is that they are meant to be used, shared, passed on, etc - especially to editors!?



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'Out and About' in NSW Assemblies & Churches

compiled by Colin Winrow

If you attend a CCAust(NSW) Inc church or Christian Brethren assembly, or you work with any associated Christian ministry, please feel free to submit your local news or event dates to this 'Out and About' section – so we can inform and encourage people in all our assemblies and churches.

Short items (even if only one sentence) are welcome and can be mailed to this magazine at PO Box 20, Pennant Hills, NSW 1715, or better still, emailed to:

outreach-mag@optusnet.com.au

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Join us for the final Co-ordinating Conference for 2022 on Thursday, 3rd November, starting at 7pm in the Burwood Office, 29 George Street. Come and celebrate with us all that the Lord is doing and has done this year.

We will be hearing from a few churches about how the Lord is at work, we will be singing together, praying together, hearing about some exciting plans for next year and enjoying spending time together as a church network.

Come and join us as we celebrate the Lord's work in and through CCAust NSW.

Meeting In-Person.

Blessings,

Glenn Baigent,

CCAust (NSW) Secretary

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Christmas Shopping Morning and Coffee Confab.

You are warmly invited to attend this special event in the Community

Room at Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, 3 Kitchener Road, Cherrybrook, on Saturday, 19th November, from 9 am to 12 noon.

The Ladies Auxiliary works hard to provide these special events for the village residents, but they are also open to other people who would like to come. We set up the Community Room like a cosy Coffee Shop, and have a good variety of items on the Menu (including Devonshire Tea / Coffee), and it is all at very reasonable prices.

There is always a Cake Stall selling lots of yummy goodies, a Gift Stall with a great variety of things for sale, Val's Hand Made Greeting Cards (these are quite beautiful) and NSW Assemblies' Evangelistic Mission is always present with Christmas Cards, General Cards, Books and many Christmas items for sale.

There is usually Parking on site, and if you would like any more information, please do not hesitate to phone Mavis Winrow on 0402 107 724. ➤

**"Whoever is kind
to the poor lends to
the Lord, and He will
reward them for what
they have done."**

– Proverbs 19:17^{NIV}

Meetings & Events

Please note that because of the ongoing uncertainties caused by COVID-19, any dates published in this section may be subject to change, even at short notice.

If in doubt, contact the organisers or view the website of any event(s) you are interested in below.

(Note: for the **latest details** of the Events listed below, please check on the organisations' websites.)

October 2022:

29th **GLO Ministries-** Dedication and Thanksgiving Day at Riverstone Community Church (15 Hamilton Street, Riverstone). 9am to 3pm.

November 2022:

3rd **Coordinating Conference** of CCCAust(NSW) at the Burwood offices; 7pm start.

12th **Prophecy Conference** (ATI) at Epping Gospel Chapel, 10am to 4.30pm. (see advert on page 2)

19th **Christmas Shopping Morning** at Elouera Gardens, Cherrybrook (see page 4 for details).

26th **'Pathfinders' Meeting** - Carol Singing and Fellowship; 7pm at West Pennant Hills Community Church. (See advert on page 18.)

28th **33rd Australian National Prayer Breakfast** (see advert on page 17)

March 2023: Men's Conference ??

September 2023:

15th, 16th **National Grandparent Conference (NGM) – a 2 day conference** at In-Person host sites (to be announced) and Online. Speakers confirmed are Anne Graham Lotz, Ross Clifford, and Karl Faase. Once further details are finalised, the information will be available on the NGM website:

ngmlegacy.com.au



Encounter – Short-term Mission Opportunities in 2022/23

Encounter is an initiative of AMT and GLO working together in mission.

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8 September 2022

Thanks for your prayers for God's work among Afghan refugees in Sydney.

Our food delivery to refugee families has continued to be an amazing way to meet, befriend and support Afghans. A few months ago with the various strains on the supply chain (rain, flooding and pricing) the food supply was considerably reduced but it seems to have stabilised, and we are supporting about 30 families each week on a fortnightly rotation so 60 families in total. Our days following food delivery are spent going back and visiting folks, explaining who we are and why we do what we do, sharing about Jesus and helping our new friends navigate life and culture here in Australia. It can be quite consuming as the needs are great – not just physical, but emotional and spiritually as well. Please pray we will have capacity for all that is needed and that we will balance the workload in a healthy way.

Various families are keen to spend time with us and learn more about life in Australia. There are many young women having babies and Lara visits with nappies and baby clothes to help them get started. It can be an overwhelming experience in a new country with limited family around. One friend describes having panic attacks and has been in and out of hospital with a dangerous



antenatal condition and she asked Lara how she remains so peaceful. Lara was able to share about the peace that comes from trusting in the Creator. Many families are under stress or still

suffering trauma. Today while visiting a young friend and drawing with her two little girls Lara drew some animals and the Ark and told the story of God providing a rescue plan for Noah and his family and how Jesus is the rescue plan for mankind. Please continue to pray for the language and increased opportunities to have these conversations and share about heart matters.

Our small Afghan house group continues, and we are about to start studying 1 Peter. Please pray for commitment and growth in our Afghan friends and that God will place on their hearts a desire to reach out to other Afghans.

Thank you for your prayers for our ministry and family, we value them greatly!





Greg & Sarah Clark
Camp Kedron
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26 September 2022

Thank you for the kind gift sent to us for the continued ministry of Camp Kedron.

We have just commenced our outreach Holiday Camps for the next 2 weeks yesterday.

Over 70 children will hear the Gospel and our prayer is that the seed will take root in their lives and produce a great harvest for the kingdom!!

We also have a High School camp that commences this Sunday and we hope and pray this will also be a blessing in the lives of these teenagers.

God bless. Greg

Brendon & Sarah Walker
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(extracts from emails)

11 September 2022

Dear Friends,

This has been a busy term for our family with Athletics carnivals, Public Speaking competitions, Book Week, Crazy hair Day and Annie's birthday. Kya, Obie and Annie all did their best and ran well at their School Athletics Carnival. They were very excited with

lots of ribbons coming home and Kya and Obie represented their school at Zone. Kya and Obie also did well at the Schools Public Speaking Competition with Kya being selected to represent at the District Competition. Annie turned 6 and had a wonderful time celebrating her birthday having a family adventure day. Kya, Obie and Annie also had a weekend at Nanny and Pa's house which meant that we (Brendon and Sarah) had our first weekend away 'Kid free' in over 7 years!

Please continue to pray for us as a family as we navigate life and ministry together.

Continuing to be a support

I am part of the teacher well-being team to help with the well-being of staff at Glenwood high. This term we have made a brochure about the supports available for staff both in and out of school. These supports include professional development, wellbeing of their mental health, money issues, WHS, family supports, different hotlines for them to contact if needed. They have listed me one of these supports which I am really grateful for, knowing that they see my role as supporting the staff in this way.

Please continue to pray for Brendon as he supports the students, staff and families, particularly those who don't have any other support network. Pray that he would have the wisdom to be able to know what support he is able to/not able to offer and that he wouldn't bring these situations home with him. Please continue to pray that God will continue to work in all these situations as people try to find meaning and hope in their lives.

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September 2022

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Dear email prayer partners,

Joanne is going really well, but Gary is feeling a bit secondhand, so we'll keep this newsletter short.

Since the last newsletter we have added recordings from the following speakers to PromiseBoxAudio.com. The first number is the number of new recordings at the top of each speaker's page and the number in brackets is the total number of recordings now on the speaker's page:—

Raff Agostino 1, Bob Bagley 1, Don Batten 2, Rob Bednarik 1, Walter Boyd 1, Neville Corfield 6, Timothy Duong 4, Jim Flanigan 3 (131), Don Fleming 18 (113), Hugh Fletcher 1 (3), Stan Ford 2 (43), Bill Forward 66 (192), Harold Forrest 1, George Galieh 7 (17), John Gellatly 21 (87), Lester Gellatly 2, Cedric Gibbs 5 (152), George Gilland 54 (91), David Gillies 1, David Godby 2 (3), Ian Hackfath 1, Bruce Head 2, James Hutson 1, Simon Pyatt 1, Arnold Rodgers 5, Don Turner 1, David Willoughby 1 and Cliff Wilson 18.

For those receiving this by email, we encourage you to click on the link below, which will take you to a page of links to subjects. You can easily search for subjects from Aaron to Uzbekistan.

<https://promiseboxaudio.com/subjects/>

Below are more encouraging responses from those listening to the recordings.

Jana, Pakistan: How is this for keen? If you can't follow what Jana is saying, as her English isn't great, she doesn't have a phone, but made a Whatsapp account on a friend's phone and listens to messages on her friend's phone, then makes notes and tells the message to the street children. "One thing, I'm live in Pakistan and I'm not talk good English, so when I write something, I excused for wrong words...Sorry for late reply,because I've no personal phone, my friend share her phone with me...I made my accounts in my friend' mobile...I listen the message from decoding, than note this on diary, than next I understand and I deliver this the street children"

Padman, INDIA: "I want to let you know that am blessed with the sermons that I have been listening to. Last night I was listening to Job's faith in God and am blessed."

Anonymous: "Politics of Islam from me and my family and I think I will talk secretly with you. God will bless us all Amen" This man serves the Lord in a church and is now listening, secretly, to Bible teaching through Whatsapp.

Muhehe, UGANDA: "I have connected this message on media so many people are liking this ministry May God bless you brother!!! ... Even in Sunday service people enjoyed so much dear brother"

Sika, INDIA, "Thank you so much for adding me into the group. Receiving wonderful audio visual teaching articles. It's really tremendous blessings for me as well my local church believers. Just I'm listening the teaching and translating to ➤

our local language. It's a great blessings for all of us. Thank you...Promise Boxes Audio is amazing learning platform. The almighty God put me in a right place and right fundamental biblical doctrine. I love to learn and teach my people. We are very close to the return our Savior, so we may love and help to one another, and be serious about his service... I'm regu-

larly receiving the audio visual teaching articles. Which is very helpful for our illiterate Leprosy community people to learn and grow in spiritually. It's a tremendous blessings for all of us."

May the Lord bless and keep you all.

Gary & Joanne Akehurst.



How is the Holy Spirit involved in a person's salvation?

an AFCI Blog Update

Answer #7: He gives us the love of Christ for the people around us.

Something strange happened when I began accepting in my heart the fact that God was sending me into the lives of people around me in life.

I started to care about them. It's not that I was cold and uncaring before that. The reality is that while I tried to be friendly and thoughtful toward people I encountered, I just didn't really think about their inner lives or what kind of brokenness might be impacting them. I didn't see much past the surface.

But that's not how Jesus sees people. The Bible tells us that when He saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. Why was it that I didn't have Jesus' concern for people around me until I made myself available to Him as his witness? The Bible says that it is through the work of the Holy Spirit that we have 'the

mind of Christ'. It tells us that when we receive the Holy Spirit he will give us the power to be Jesus' witnesses in this world.

That is, the Holy Spirit's power accompanies His purpose! What is His purpose? To enable us as we witness for Jesus. When I made myself available as a witness, when I accepted my sent-ness, then I put myself in the stream of the Spirit's activity in the lives of the people around me. When I began moving with the Spirit's purpose, then He began doing his work of activating the mind of Christ in me—Jesus' way of seeing the people around me.

How does the Spirit get involved in a person's salvation? It starts with what He does in me, the witness, as I accept God's role for me as He reaches into those people's lives. The Spirit changes my perspective on the people around me to be more like Jesus' perspective.

The Spirit will do the same for you as you move in step with Him toward the people in your life!



Another book by Ken Harding

by the Editor

This year Ken Harding has written and published another small, but very useful, book. It is called “Jehovah-Jireh, God My Provider”.

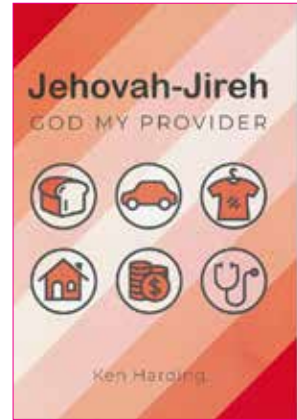
It contains 66 pages of details of how and what God has provided in Ken’s life during the years he’s had in both Christian ministry and Business. As the book’s fly-leaf says it’s “A Testimony to God’s Provision and Faithfulness over 60 years of Trusting Him”.

I’m certain that reading it will be an encouragement to any Christian, but especially one that might be just starting out on a life of faith and service for God.

In the Foreword by Andrew Cowell, it says “What you have before you is a script that contains real stories of a real God supernaturally working things together to provide for the real needs of real people in a way that ‘couldn’t be scripted’ at least humanly speaking.”

“More than that, however, this ‘script’ contains the personal testimony of Ken & Daphne Harding, a godly couple who have taken great steps of faith because they believed that God, who named Himself Jehovah Jireh, would live up to that name ...”. “... they retell stories of the Lord’s provision – with the hope that more people would be convicted, challenged, and called to do likewise.”

Early in his life, Ken wrestled in prayer like many of us do. He faced questions like “Does God answer prayer for ordinary people like me?” “Would He provide for me like He did for Elijah, the Apostle Paul and Hudson Taylor, for example?”



Looking back now, Ken’s answer is a resounding YES!! God can be trusted, for He is faithful!

This exciting book shows us that God is the same today as He always was and always will be.

It mentions only some of the miracles Ken and his wife and family have experienced in the area of provision for their material needs, and also for the needs of the ministries in which he has been involved.

Ken told me personally that he has not written this book to make a profit, but as a ministry for the Lord’s glory.

Copies of the book can only be obtained at present from Ken himself. Two copies will cost you a total of \$10, including postage. Sadly a single copy of the book would cost as much to mail as two copies. So, why not get two, one for you, and one for a friend?

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Are you struggling?

A short story supplied to the Editor

This story was told to me by a lady in a retirement village, with the expressed wish that it will encourage you, the readers. I won't mention her name, in case she never tells me another story! It's aimed at someone who may be struggling with self-esteem issues.

She said "I was in my 50s and my family was growing up, when I attended a Ladies Houseparty at Toukley. The study leader, Jean Raddon, had enough experience to know there would be someone in her audience who would be struggling with low self-esteem issues.

She said "it doesn't matter if you forget the studies from this weekend, but I want you to hear and absorb this fact, dwell on it, hang-on to it, and return to it whenever you need to!"

Jean Raddon said "God had so much value on you, and **He loved you so much** that He (Almighty God, the One who created you) paid the same price for you as He did for Billy Graham, or the Queen, or Princess Diana, or Mother Theresa, or that other one, or this one."

"Well, a light bulb came on in my brain! God thought me to be that valuable, that He put me up there, on that pedestal, with B.G.!!! Wow, Wow, and Wow again!!!"

"Then, on my drive home, I figured out the He paid the same price for Hitler, Idi Amin, or Gaddafi, or any of the other nasty despots that history records, but they rejected His offer of salvation. Does that not make it

incumbent of me to keep my 'nose clean' and keep short accounts with God?"

It raised the question, 'Did God get value for His sacrifice when He sent his only Son, Jesus, to die for my sin and provide me with salvation and eternal life?' I am such a flawed and broken human being. Broken, yet forgiven!!

Thank you Lord."



**Since we are surrounded
by such a great cloud of
witnesses, let us throw off
everything that hinders
and the sin that so easily
entangles, and let us run
with perseverance the race
marked out for us.**

— Hebrews 12:1

Please submit any items
for the December 2022
magazine on, or before,
18th November.

I'm 80! So what? "Well" said one person, "it's better than the alternative!" But as I have contemplated these past years I find that there are several dominant factors that stand out in my memory:

1. The faithfulness of God

Since I first stepped out, sixty years ago, to trust God for all my needs and depend on His promises to be my support and stay, God has been my Shepherd and, like Jacob, has fed me and kept me from all harm. Genesis 48:15.

2. The faithlessness of me, His servant

Also like Jacob, my life has been one of great grace and mercy in spite of many failures. Failures in my personal life and witness, failures in my study and preparation, failure in my speech and personal relationships. But the God who brought John Mark from failure to success and Paul and Peter from confrontation to commendation has greatly blessed my many relationships by His grace.

3. The full adequacy of my Saviour

When Jesus died on the cross He died for all my sin, both past and present as well as future sins, so I sing "All my sins were laid upon Him, Jesus bore them on the tree; God who knew them laid them on Him and believing I am free." Isaiah 53:6 "Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow."

4. The full comfort of the scriptures

One of the greatest problems of my life is that I have spent too little time in



the Scriptures, the Word of God. Or I, too often, read just to get through the chapter to salve my conscience rather than letting the Word speak and do its work in my heart. But Romans 15:1-7 and 13 show me the importance of letting the Bible bring me hope and assurance. The Psalms too, bring me constant awareness of God's comfort and care along with warnings that I need to keep focused on God Himself. See Psalms 1, 16, 17, 19, 23, 25, 27, 31, 33, 51, etc., etc., etc.

5. The fellowship of the Lord's people

While my major fellowship has been with the Lord's people in brethren assemblies of the 'open' kind, yet I have found that wherever I've found true believers who love the Lord Jesus, no matter their tag, there is a real oneness of heart – our fellowship in Christ. As Jesus prayed in John 17 "That they all may be one as You Father are in me and I in You..." So my life has been enriched with true believers from a variety of churches. On the other hand I have also found some very "hard" people among some of our churches where one would expect to only find the warmth of Christian love. ➤

In this regard, as commended workers by assemblies of the Lord's people, my wife and I have been well supported financially and prayerfully as we have served the Lord at home and in overseas areas.

6. In the family of God

What a family! Commended firstly by the old Claremont Assembly and then the Lynwood Assembly in WA, together with the Ipswich Assembly in QLD, and then more lately by Riverstone Assembly, NSW, we have been loved, supported and cherished. I have also been misunderstood, criticised, and even falsely accused. But then I have been guilty of some of these things myself. To those to whom I have gone with a repentant attitude and asked for forgiveness I have usually been received, forgiven and reconciled. But, on the other hand, there have been sad occasions when there has been no willingness to forgive or acknowledge wrong. Others have wept on my shoulder that "tough" brothers or sisters were unwilling to forgive or be reconciled. What a tragedy, for we will all stand before the Lord one day, 2 Cor. 5:9 & 10.

7. The family which God has given me

Somehow I had come to believe that I would never find a true help-meet, and I was all of 23 years and headed for India! But out of the blue, as the saying goes, God brought into my life "the woman whom Thou gavest me." Daphne was and is the greatest blessing of my life and she was willing to wait for me while I spent two years in the

first GLO team in India. From the start we were able to pray and share the Word of God together. We married nearly 54 years ago, and we served in Zambia for three years before returning to Australia. We settled in WA before coming to Sydney in 1978. Our three children did not always have the latest of everything but they grew to love the Lord and now have successful careers with many degrees between them. Our daughters live near us and are a wonderful support; while our son lives in the USA and keeps an eye on us from afar. Our two granddaughters love us dearly and keep in touch. We are truly blessed. In addition we have some "adopted" children who love us as we love them, even though they are scattered across this country and the world.

8. The forward look from this vantage point

Trying my hand at writing began seriously when I wrote a book on my father's life – mainly for our extended family. Then three years ago I wrote "My Link in the Chain" on my experience of witnessing for Christ. Two years ago I wrote a very small booklet/tract called "The Way" which combined the stories of "the rich young ruler" and the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, especially in his early years. (Some striking similarities!) Now this year, I've added a testimony to God's faithfulness which I've called "Jehovah Jireh – God My Provider". (Sixty-six pages of God's faithfulness over 60 years.)

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This year, Daphne has been in hospital six times with various illnesses such as stroke (quite mild) and open heart surgery (major) and then some complications. Altogether we almost despaired of her life. But God has had mercy on her and on me too. As I write this, Daphne is recovering slowly and is growing stronger. Then, after she came home from hospital, we both came down with COVID. Thankfully we were both fully vaccinated — resulting in both of us recovering very quickly.

Daphne has had a lovely ministry among the ladies, both in our Church and especially in our “Over 55s” village. But this is changing as they now seek to be a help to Daphne in her weakness.

As well as caring for Daphne, shopping, and doing house work, I have been helping GLO a little with correspondence, speaking/teaching by Zoom or in smaller assemblies, and doing a little writing. We both thank our Heavenly Father, our Saviour and Friend, the Lord Jesus, for the grace

that has brought us safe this far and the grace that is leading us home.

“Here we have no continuing city but we seek one to come” we read in Hebrews 13, so however long the Lord gives us, and with whatever strength He supplies, it is our intention to be *“All for Jesus, all for Jesus...all my days and all my hours.”*

Brothers and sisters, the Lord be with you in all your ways and in service for Him. His promises are true and He will be faithful to His Word. Trust Him. Love Him. Serve Him and keep looking up for His coming. A few lines of an old hymn speak for me:-

*I shall know my Redeemer when I
reach the other side,*

*And His smile will be the first to
welcome me.*

*I shall know Him, I shall know
Him when redeemed by His side I
shall stand.*

*I shall know Him, I shall know
Him, by the print of the nails in
His hand.*



Scientists say book readers live longer.

We didn't make it up: According to **a Yale study cited in the Washington Post**, “book readers experienced a 20 percent reduction in risk of mortality over the 12 years of follow-up compared to non-book readers.”.

How is the Holy Spirit involved in a person's salvation?

an AFCI Blog Update

Answer #6: The Spirit is the one that fills the void, for God has set eternity in our hearts.

We look at some people and think, "They have everything the world says you need to be happy!" ... and yet they are not. Quite often even the opposite—they are suicidal or depressed.

In the third century, Saint Augustine of Hippo said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." There are also countless examples of famous people talking about how they have everything, but they still aren't happy. Just do a search of Google and you will find them!

You see, God created us (humans) as eternal beings. We have a soul and have been made in the image of God. Without Him filling that God-shaped hole inside us, we will never be happy and content. From our innermost being there comes a yearning for God. To be close to Him and to have a relationship with Him.

The way I love to think about it is, the Greek word "Ēirene" which the Bible uses. We replace the word with peace, but it really means the tranquil state of a soul that is assured of its salvation through Christ, so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot—whatever that is.

What does all this mean for our relationship with the people around us who God has called us to witness to? What does it mean for you, as a witness

when you are talking to those people?

First of all, when we are praying for them and also speaking with them, we can do so with the absolute confidence that there is something within them that they are missing. It doesn't matter who they are, how much they seem to have from an earthly point of view, you can KNOW that there is something missing in their lives.

If you find yourself talking with someone who doesn't understand why they are not content, or why they are struggling with the pressures of life, share with them the inner need that we all have for God's Spirit in our lives. That God-shaped void and the God who will fill it. If possible, share with them how your relationship with God has changed your life. Talk about the "tranquil state of your soul". Give them examples in your life. Ask them if this is something that they would like for themselves.

And never forget to pray for them while you are doing this! It is the Holy Spirit who will awaken their hearts to the deep spiritual need they have for God. Pray that the Spirit would "set eternity in their hearts" (Ecclesiastes 3:11), and that He would show them that He is the only answer!



1 Peter 4:7 to 11

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

NSW WOMEN'S MISSIONARY PRAYER & SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP

It was in recognition of overseas missionaries as wanderers, living away from their homeland, and frequently finding themselves in difficult, painful circumstances, that the NSW Women's Missionary Prayer & Support Fellowship began, and continues. Priority is given to women's needs publicised in the AMT Global Prayer Matters, supplemented by information shared in private correspondence. Missionaries commended by NSW Assemblies are more intimately known so are remembered more frequently during our prayer times. Meeting with missionaries on furlough is an enjoyable highlight.

Meetings are held on the **second Friday of each month**, from **February to December**. Two home groups are available for anyone interested, one at Cherrybrook, and one at South Hurstville. Tea and coffee are provided at 10am before a prayer session from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

At Cherrybrook: in the home of Mavis Winrow, Elouera Gardens, 1/9 Julia Close, Cherrybrook.

Contact Lil Fleming ph 9858 5436 email: lflem@bigpond.com

At South Hurstville: in the home of Margaret Hind, 2/14 Rickard Road, South Hurstville.

Contact Margaret Hind ph: 9546 8545

email: margarethind@gmail.com

“Freedom in Prison”

Another prisoner’s story – relayed by a Prison Chaplain, from somewhere in Australia

Peter (not his real name) approached me at our prison recently asking for a Bible. He had what I would call a religious background. I was hesitant, trying to discern the inmates’ motives. However, a few days later when I handed him a Bible, I noticed he had with him a dog-eared copy of the devotional booklet “Word For Today”.

As he began to share, Peter said how much he had been inspired by reading Word For Today. He went on to say “I never realised that God wanted to have a relationship with me”.

From that point on, Peter began an insatiable thirst for the things of God. He disciplined himself to read large portions of the Bible daily. He also asked for extra copies of WFT to hand out to his fellow inmates. Before long, he was known in his unit as “the priest”!

On being transferred out to another prison, we kept in contact. He has shared how he is currently involved in Bible studies and chapel services on a regular basis as well as doing other Christian courses by correspondence.

At a recent Christian program run in the prison, about 25 inmates attended. I was told by one of the helpers on the program that nearly a third of all who completed it, were there because Peter invited them. He is a born leader.

In addition to all this, Peter’s relationships with many in his family have been restored.

Peter once said to me, “Because I know Jesus, I have far more freedom in prison than I ever did on the outside. I thank God for that.”

All because one day, out of curiosity, Peter picked up a copy of ‘Word For Today’ and began to read !! □



Australian National Prayer Breakfast

Mr David Smith, MP and Senator Matt O’Sullivan, co-chairs of the Parliamentary Christian Fellowship, would like to extend a warm welcome for you to join the 33rd Australian National Prayer Breakfast!

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— Editor

Please take some time-out **daily** to pray for these points and our Churches and para-Church ministries in general, and all the work of God in our nation.

Some General, on-going Prayer Points:

- > Pray that our churches can be salt and light in our changing world; that we can show the love of Christ through the way we interact with our neighbours, friends and family.
- > Pray that our churches will not forget that even though society changes, we have a sovereign Lord who is in control and we, His people, need to be taking the Good News of Jesus to a world of people who need this wonderful news.
- > Pray that our pastors and church elders will have wisdom as they lead our local churches, especially as we continue to recover from the disruptions caused by COVID -19 and face a new sort 'normal' life again.
- > Pray for our urban and rural communities as they learn to cope with the on-going effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated safety measures. Also as they recover from the effects of natural disasters and the on-going risk of flooding.
- > Pray for our Federal Government and all the elected MPs, that they will be honest, wise, compassionate, and careful in all their decisions, actions and utterances.
- > Pray that leaders and officials in all our Government Departments will turn to God for wisdom on a daily basis, and choose to be guided by the Holy Spirit and the Word.
- > Pray for the churches, ministries and workers you read about in this magazine, and that more will share news and short stories that will help fuel our prayers and faith.
- > Pray for our small assemblies and churches that have fewer than 30 in regular attendance. How can we help and encourage them in practical ways?
- > Pray for the ministry of CCC Camps. The Covid 'season' has severely hampered their normal activities. Now hiring staff for all three sites, Central Coast, Hawkesbury, and Blue Mountains. Also started an Outdoor Leadership Training Program for young people 18 to 24 years old. Contact: zoe@cccamps.org.au 

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Grandparents – leaving a Living Legacy

by Rev. Ian Barnett

If you are a grandparent, or will be one soon, have you ever thought about the question:

“How can Christian grandparents be more intentional about their faith and leave a lasting legacy of faith in their grandkids and their peers?”

If you are a pastor or elder in your church, have you thought “How do I minister to people older than myself? How might I encourage them and teach them how they can minister to their grandkids, whether their children are Christian or not?”

Ian Barnett is the former senior pastor of Figtree Anglican Church in Wollongong, and is the founder of the Australian National Grandparent Conference, held this year on Saturday, 17th September, in Wollongong, NSW, and also available online.

He wrote a welcome message in the Conference Booklet given to each person who attended. The major part of that message is reproduced here (with his permission) because I believe it will be a great help and inspiration to the grandparents (me included) who read this magazine, and may want to attend the Conference next year on 15th and 16th September.

You may also visit want to the website of the National Grandparent Movement at:-

<https://ngmlegacy.com.au/>

— Editor

In Australia, when we launched the National Grandparent Movement and Conference in 2017, we had no idea of its real potential, let alone how God might use such a movement to inspire thousands of grandparents here, and around the world, to consider the legacy they were leaving for their grandchildren to follow.

Grandparents everywhere are growing in their passion about reaching and discipling the next generation. Secondly, it is amazing to realise that even in 2022, God is using older people to do a new thing. Remember, that what you are part of is the only conference for grandparents in Australia.

Go to any church on any given weekend and you will see people of all ages gathered and talking together. It is one of the key things that people such as you and I love about church and community. We love being part of something that involves both the young and the old. Even more than that, we are always trying to find new and fresh ways to celebrate the gifts and qualities that make us who we are.

Without a doubt, each generation is a gift to another generation, and all are in need of encouragement and the grace and wisdom of God. You are leaving a legacy. The question is, “What legacy is it?”

This question has now taken me and thousands of grandparents on a journey of discovery about how they can become intentional in passing on their Christian faith to those who follow them, especially their grandchildren. ➤

This has led a growing number of grandparents to believe the time is now to chart a new course, to encourage and equip grandparents, and ministry leaders, to grab hold of their potential influence and instil in them a fresh vision to share their love and faith in Christ with their grandchildren, so that they are able, truly able, to leave a living faith legacy. The key legacy that I seek to leave my own grandchildren, and for others to follow, is a strong faith in Christ.

I love how Psalm 78 makes us sit up and take notice:-

“We will not hide from their descendants; we will tell the next generation, the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob, and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they, in turn, would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds, but would keep his commands.”


Of course, there is no denying that when you age, things do change and you are not as young as you once were or even think you are. But I resist the sense that we no longer have a voice and even the capacity to influence those who follow us or leave a legacy that can impact and help others, especially our grandchildren, to navigate the complex and changing nature of the world we now find ourselves living in.

Growing old can be dangerous; it is not “that we are blazing a trail as we grow older”, as one writer put it so eloquently. Look around you: others have gone before us.

Finally, one of the many things that I continue to realise is that “I am not done changing!” Grandparents may be young(ish) or they may be old, but we are not finished changing and there is much we can pass on to those who come after us.

In fact, I would go so far as to say that grandparents not only provide a connection to the past but also a light for future generations. If anything, we are in a season of life were young people and our grandchildren are craving both. This is something I believe only grandparents can provide.

Ian Barnett.

CEO and Founder of the National Grandparent Movement
(see also page 29.) 

**"Gray hair is a crown
of splendour; it is
attained in the way of
righteousness."**

– Proverbs 16:31^{NIV}

How is the Holy Spirit involved in a person's salvation?

an AFCI Blog Update

Answer #8: He uses my Bible in a person's salvation.

Sometimes when we are having spiritual conversations with people we assume they must have all sorts of objections and we try to explain things that they aren't even struggling with (until we try to defend them)! One such thing is the Bible as God's word. For sure, there are some people that will say, "Well I don't believe the Bible", but don't assume this is the case.

Even most non-Christians have a lot of respect for the Bible, though they may never have looked at it.

So when you are having spiritual conversations with someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus, just use the Bible as your authority and allow the Holy Spirit to fill the words of Scripture with spiritual impact.

A friend of mine was having a business lunch and asked the man he was meeting with if he could share something from the Bible that had come to mind as they were talking. He agreed and said, "Go ahead." After sharing that insight from Scripture, they went on with their meeting. The next morning he contacted my friend because he had gotten no sleep. He

couldn't get that verse out of his mind. He wanted to talk about how to include God in his life.

Hebrews 4:12-13 tells us that "the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account."

Don't be timid about bringing the Bible into your conversations. Most people are really interested in what the Bible says. The Holy Spirit will take the words of Scripture and use them powerfully in people's lives as you bring them into your conversation with them.



Jesus says:-

"Yes I am coming soon."

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20^{NIV}

How is the Holy Spirit involved in a person's salvation?

an AFCI Blog Update

Answer #9: He creates an awareness of God in the person.

I remember sitting down with Bill and asking him, "Tell me about your journey with God." His wife had just shared that she was on a journey to faith in Jesus, but Bill had not engaged in that conversation at all and seemed a little distant when God came up in conversation. He was a hard, tough man. To my surprise, Bill opened up very deeply about his life and told me why God would not be interested in him.

As I began to interact with Bill about God, I could sense that the Holy Spirit was guiding my words as I shared with him that God was reaching out to him, that nothing would keep God from loving him. All along I was praying in my mind that God would speak to Bill through me. To my amazement, big tough Bill started crying as I spoke with him!

God had broken through. In the middle of our conversation the Holy Spirit created in Bill an awareness that God was reaching out to him. That changed everything. Within a few days he had turned to Christ in faith.

Remember the Bible's account of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus? Here was a man who was not at all open to Jesus. He was persecuting Christians, dragging them out of their homes and having them put to death. No doubt seeing those Christians (like Stephen in Acts chapter 7) honouring God as they died was having an impact on Saul,

but he was rejecting any possibility that they had a relationship with God. He headed to Damascus to persecute Christians there also. Here is what it says in Acts chapter 9, verses 3 to 5:-

Now as Saul went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

In that moment – Saul's heart changed. He realised that God had been reaching out to him. **He was born again.**

This is one of the reasons that you must begin praying by name for the people in your life who don't know Christ yet. God wants to reveal Himself to these people through you.

As you pray for them and talk with them about Jesus, the Holy Spirit will create in them an awareness that God is reaching out to them. You can't create that awareness. Only God can.

So please call on Him to do it! 

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Three common features of young people

who don't leave the church

by a Youth Pastor

The concerning statistics about church-going youth keep some church leaders worried. It seems the number attending church declines when our young people leave high school. What are we doing wrong in our churches? Or in our youth ministries?

It's hard to sort through the various reports and find the 'real' story. And there is seemingly no one easy solution for bringing all of those "lost" teenagers and tertiary students back into the church, other than continuing to pray for them and speaking the gospel into their lives.

However, we can all look at the 20-somethings in our churches who are engaged and involved in ministry. What is it that sets apart the young people who stay in the church? Here are just a few observations I have made about such young people, with a few applications for those of us serving in youth ministry.

1. They are converted.

The Apostle Paul, interestingly enough, doesn't use phrases like "nominal Christian" or "pretty good person" The Bible doesn't seem to mess around with platitudes like: "Yeah, it's a shame he did that, but he's got a good heart." When we listen to the witness of Scripture, particularly on the topic of conversion, we find that there is very little wriggle room. Listen to these words: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has

come." (2 Cor. 5:17) We youth pastors need to get back to understanding salvation as what it really is: a miracle that comes from the glorious power of God through the working of the Holy Spirit.

We need to stop talking about "good Young people". We need to stop being pleased with attendance at youth group and fun retreats. We need to start getting on our knees and praying that the Holy Spirit will do miraculous saving work in the hearts of our students as the Word of God speaks to them. In short, we need to get back to a focus on conversion. How many of us are preaching to "unconverted evangelicals"? Youth pastors, we need to preach, teach, and talk—all the while praying fervently for the miraculous work of regeneration to occur in the hearts and souls of our students by the power of the Holy Spirit! When that happens—when the "old goes" and the "new comes"—it will not be "iffy". We will not be dealing with a group of "nominal Christians". We will need to be ready to teach, disciple, and equip a generation of future church leaders—"new creations"!—who are hungry to know and speak God's Word. It is converted students who go on to love Jesus and serve the church.

2. They have been equipped, not entertained.

I am not against fun things in youth ministry but youth pastors especially need to keep repeating the words

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of Ephesians 4:11-12 to themselves: “[Christ] gave...the teachers to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Christ gives us—teachers—to the church, not for entertainment, encouragement, examples, or even friendship primarily. He gives us to the church to “equip” the saints to do gospel ministry in order that the church of Christ may be built up.

If I have not equipped the students in my ministry to share the gospel, disciple a younger believer, and lead a Bible study, then I have not fulfilled my calling to them, no matter how good my sermons have been. We pray for conversion; that is all we can do, for it is entirely a gracious gift of God. But after conversion, it is our God-given duty to help fan into flame a faith that serves, leads, teaches, and grows. If our students leave high school without Bible-reading habits, Bible-study skills, and strong examples of discipleship and prayer, we have lost them. We have entertained them, not equipped them... and it may indeed be time to panic!

Forget your youth programs for a moment. Are we sending out from our ministries the kind of students who will show up to college in a different state, join a church, and begin doing the work of gospel ministry there without ever being asked? Are we equipping them to that end, or are we merely giving them a good time while they're with us? We don't need youth group junkies; we need to be growing churchmen and churchwomen who are equipped to

teach, lead, and serve. Put your youth ministry strategies aside as you look at that 16-year-old young man or woman and ask: “How can I spend four years with this young person, helping them become the best church deacon or sixth-grade Sunday school class teacher he or she can be, ten years on?”

3. Their parents preached the gospel to them.

As a youth pastor, **I can't do all this.** All this equipping that I'm talking about is utterly beyond my limited capabilities. It's impossible for me to bring conversion, of course, but it is also impossible for me to have an equipping ministry that sends out vibrant church men and women if my ministry is not being reinforced tenfold in the students' homes.

The common thread that binds together almost every ministry-minded 20-year-plus student that I know is abundantly clear: a home where the gospel was not peripheral but absolutely central. The 20-somethings who are serving, leading, and driving the ministries at our church were kids whose parents made them go to church. They're kids whose parents punished them and held them accountable when they were rebellious. They are kids whose parents read the Bible around the dining table every morning or night. And they are kids whose parents were tough but who ultimately operated from a framework of grace that held up the cross of Jesus as the basis for peace with God and forgiveness toward one another. ➤

Three common features (cont'd from p 26)

However this is not a formula! Some young people from wonderful gospel-centred homes leave the church; some people from messed-up family backgrounds find eternal life in Jesus and have beautiful marriages and families. But it's also not a 'lottery'. In general, children who are led in their faith during their growing-up years by parents who love Jesus vibrantly, serve their church actively, and saturate their home with the gospel completely, grow up to love Jesus and the church. The words of Proverbs 22:6 do not constitute a formula that is true 100 percent of the time, but they do provide us with a

principle that comes from the gracious plan of God; the God who delights to see his gracious Word passed from generation to generation: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Youth pastors, pray with all your might for true conversion; that is God's work. Equip the saints for the work of the ministry; that is your work.

Parents, please preach the gospel and live the gospel for your children; the work in our churches depends on you. □

Life is linear, not circular

by C.H. Winrow

Author and theologian, Robert Capon, has written several books. In one he writes about Jesus teaching about His return. Jesus wants people to be ready for His return in the future.

Capon reflects on a particular passage in the Bible and reminds us that history is linear not circular:—

"The course of the world and the course of God's action in it are like an arrow shot towards a target, **not** like a planet endlessly pursuing an unchanging orbital course."

Life often feels 'circular'. At the start of each year, it feels like another go-around the circuit of life - it will all come around again. The news feels 'circular', same old, same old, just another set of names involved. We can feel like there

is no rush or pressure on any choice we make because they will also all come around again.

Capon's point is that this is **not the case**. There will be a time when the arrow hits the target and it will be too late. The choices you have made will be fixed, even eternally fixed.

There is an endpoint to each of our lives, and to history as a whole, so each of us ought to be sure we are prepared for it! □

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“One at a Time” (a new book by Kyle Idleman)

An overview by J. Hanewinkel

Kyle Idleman is senior pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky (the 5th largest church in America).

His latest book is “One at a Time: The Unexpected Way God Wants to Use You to Change the World” (published by Baker).

Some pastors tend to measure their influence and impact for Christ by ‘how many’ and ‘how much’. Kyle says “We often measure impact by crowds. We gauge our success based on how many people are coming to church. I think that’s probably been true for pastors for a quite a while.”

He notes Jesus was constantly around crowds in His ministry. He cared about the crowds. The Bible says He looked on them with compassion (Matthew 9:35–38). But when a crowd surrounded Him, he would take time to find one person who had a need or a question. He would focus on that one person. Many of the accounts in the gospels record those one-at-a-time moments.

For people in ministry, it’s pretty easy to lose sight of that. One-on-one interactions require a lot more intentionality. I think the tendency is sometimes to focus on a program or an event as an evangelism tool. That can be effective at bringing people into the church building. But what draws people to Jesus is the relationship with the person who invited them in the first place. Conversations about Christ and decisions to follow Him happen in one-on-one relationships.

“One of the things we have tried to

do as a church is to pay close attention to what we celebrate. For example, instead of celebrating how many people come to the campuses over Easter weekend, the stories we tell are about a person caring for their neighbour, inviting them to Easter service and celebrating a decision that person made.” The way they measure their effectiveness is not only by the attendance ranking or how many people attend church, but by the **encounter stories** they can tell.

“For our staff, volunteers and leaders, we’re pushing proximity.” We need to create more opportunities for our people to get out of church rather than to have more people come into church. You have to get out of the building, out of the office, out of the sanctuary and out of your house. You need to be around people who need Jesus, and when you do that on purpose, it’s amazing the people God puts in your path. But it requires some intentionality. How many times do we see Jesus on his way somewhere when He comes across a specific person with a specific need?

Think of Jesus in John 4, when He sees the Samaritan woman at the well. Samaria was not a place a Jewish person would have gone. They would have avoided it, but He intentionally went into some of those places. More than ever, interacting with someone who doesn’t follow Jesus is not going to happen by accident. “It’s going to require us to intentionally put ourselves in spaces where we know we’ll have some interaction.”





As usual in this column, we mention Christian items on the Internet and World Wide Web which readers may find interesting or helpful, and worth a visit via their own computer, smart-phone, tablet or other device.

As mentioned in previous editions of this column there seems to be a growing amount of Christian material available to help us study the Bible; to help in worship; to teach the children; and to explore a range of issues impacting on Christians, the Church, and humanity in general. I hope you can find the time to explore some of the websites we mention, and these will no doubt refer you to others that you may also find useful.

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Please Note: to make it easier to visit these websites they have been included as 'hot-links' if you use the PDF version of this magazine. That version is available to subscribers to this magazine for \$3 extra per annum, or \$6 separately.

If you try out any of the following websites **please send me feedback** on your experience whilst using the specific website or product itself. With your permission, I may have room to pass on your thoughts to help our readers in future issues of *Assemblies Outreach* magazine, or via our website page:-

nswaem.org.au/Mag/overview.html

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There has been some interesting comments and reflections about Queen Elizabeth II's personal Christian faith since she passed away on 8th September.

A little time spent googling the Internet should reveal that, but another source would be the recording of Her Majesty's funeral service (also on the Internet) or extracts of it, like the Archbishop's 6 minute sermon. The discussion and comments in "The Pastor's Heart" podcast, dated 20 Sept 2022, were helpful in that regard:-

www.thepastorsheart.net/podcast/queens-funeral-review

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The Pastor's Heart podcast occurs live on Facebook at 2 pm on most Tuesdays and is then available on YouTube. Each week features a "deep-end" Interview with an Aussie Pastor. There was an interesting episode on 26th July with Ian Barnett on the subject "Helping Grandparents win grandchildren to Christ". It gives some insights to the topic addressed in the article on pages 20 and 21 of this magazine, and is well worth viewing:

www.thepastorsheart.net/podcast/grandparents

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The SparkLit Australian Christian Book of the Year award celebrates the endeavour and courage of Australian Christian writers.

You can read about this year's winner via this [link](#), and you may also >30

view the ten short-listed candidates for this year here:-

www.koorong.com/australian-christian-book-of-the-year

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The Mental Health & Pastoral Care Institute has launched a new online course, 'Press On: Building Resilience & Mental Wellbeing'.

It seems the pandemic and lockdown has put mental health on everyone's radar. This course is designed to assist **ordinary Christian believers** in maintaining their mental wellbeing so they can continue faithfully in Christ's service. To use the language of Paul we are encouraged to 'press on' in our walk with Christ (Phil 3:12-14).

The seven-session course draws upon biblical truth, as well as key insights from psychological science. Content includes: understanding mental health & wellbeing, stress & its impact, developing healthy habits and routines, and our 'PRESS' acronym of resources and activities that assist wellbeing (P physical, R relational, E emotional, S skills, S spiritual).

www.mentalhealthinstitute.org.au

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The Pacific Hills Christian School at Dural has been operating for many years across all age groups, and is now part of a network of similar schools all of which can be accessed via the website:-

www.pacifichills.nsw.edu.au/phcs/index.php

There is now also an online school operating, and this can be accessed via this link:-

www.pacifieducation.online

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Welcome to the **CCC Camps Newsletter!** It is obtainable by sending an email request to:-

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Take a look at what has been happening across all three sites this month. The CCC Camps team has experienced every form of weather, from rainbows at Central Coast, to phenomenal rain storms at Hawkesbury and even snow at Blue Mountains.

Information about programs at all three camp sites can be obtained here:

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<https://www.nlife.com.au/issue/4th-october-2022/>

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Christian Brethren Community Services

Providing communities of continual Christian care
Residential and specialist care provided to the aged, frail aged and those
living with dementia.



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Elouera Gardens Christian Retirement Village, Cherrybrook NSW

Elouera Gardens comprises 75 independent living units with 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units, surrounded by pleasant gardens. It offers a wide variety of styles and sizes of units and a supportive Christian community.

Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre, Cherrybrook NSW

Set in well established gardens, and with an enviable reputation for delivering a high standard of care, the 120 bed Cherrybrook Christian Care Centre provides high and low level care and special support for people living with dementia.

Glenhaven Gardens Retirement Village, Glenhaven, NSW

Glenhaven Gardens offers modern and spacious 2 and 3 bedroom villas. The village comprises 24 air-conditioned and private units, with either a garage or carport. All units are wheelchair accessible for those who need a little extra room to help with their mobility.

Carinya House, Glenhaven NSW

Carinya House is a 60 bed care centre providing high and low-level care support in a setting where residents enjoy the tranquil bushland setting and partake in a very full and stimulating recreational program. It includes a secure dementia support area and also offers ageing-in-place.

Lynden Grove Retirement Village, Cardiff Heights, NSW

Lynden Grove has 44 modern 2 and 3 bedroom villas. It has a semi-rural outlook with picturesque Mount Sugarloaf as a back drop. It is in a pleasant and quiet bushland setting, yet close to local shopping centres.

Groves House, Cardiff Heights NSW

Set on a ridge with panoramic views to the mountains, Groves House is a 60 bed care centre providing high and low-level care, dementia care and ageing-in-place to the people of Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and the surrounding districts.

For more information about any of our services please don't hesitate to call our Client Services Team on 02 9842 4111.