



WELCOME

Wonga Park CRC is a church that is committed to helping people grow in their faith, one step at a time. We believe people do this by encountering God in his living word, through prayer, and in community with other believers.

New here? We would love to meet and connect with you, so please fill in your details on the back of this newsletter or send us an email to pastor@wpcrc.org.au and we will get in contact with you.

God's Word: We encourage you to take notes in the place provided, to reflect on what God has been saying to you, and to discuss it with your family, friends and children.

Prayer: We have several places in our worship service where we pray. We believe that prayer is vitally important to our faith lives, and that God powerfully answers our prayer. If you have a specific prayer request, please let us know. We would love to pray with you.

Community: We are committed to our church community, even though we can't physically meet at this point in time due to COVID-19. However, many of our church growth groups continue to meet together online. If you would like to join in an online growth group, please contact admin@wpcrc.org.au and we can get you connected.

SERMON: Jesus: Genie or Judge?

John 14:12-15 (CSB)

PRAYING IN JESUS'S NAME

12 "Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

ANOTHER COUNSELOR PROMISED

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commands.

SERMON NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How will Jesus's followers do greater works?
2. In what ways has Jesus's promise of greater works been seen?
3. What does it mean to pray in Jesus's name?
4. Why are Jesus's words on prayer good news we can believe?
5. What can we believe about Jesus based on his words on prayer?
6. Who will you commit to praying for, that they would come to know Jesus?
7. How can you be a part of them taking their next step of faith?
8. In what ways are obedience part of accomplishing the greater works Jesus talks about?
9. In what ways do you need to be more obedient to Jesus?
10. What changes can you make today to start changing?

As we continue our series on owning our input I want to recommend another helpful movie to you.

Owning your input is about taking responsibility for the content we consume both online and in the media. Scripture teaches us that we are shaped by what we tend to think about.

Romans 12, teaches us that since we have been redeemed by Jesus, we need to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

Philippians 4:8 specifically commands us to think about things that are noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy. The obvious implication is that we should NOT think about things that are ignoble, wrong, impure and so forth.

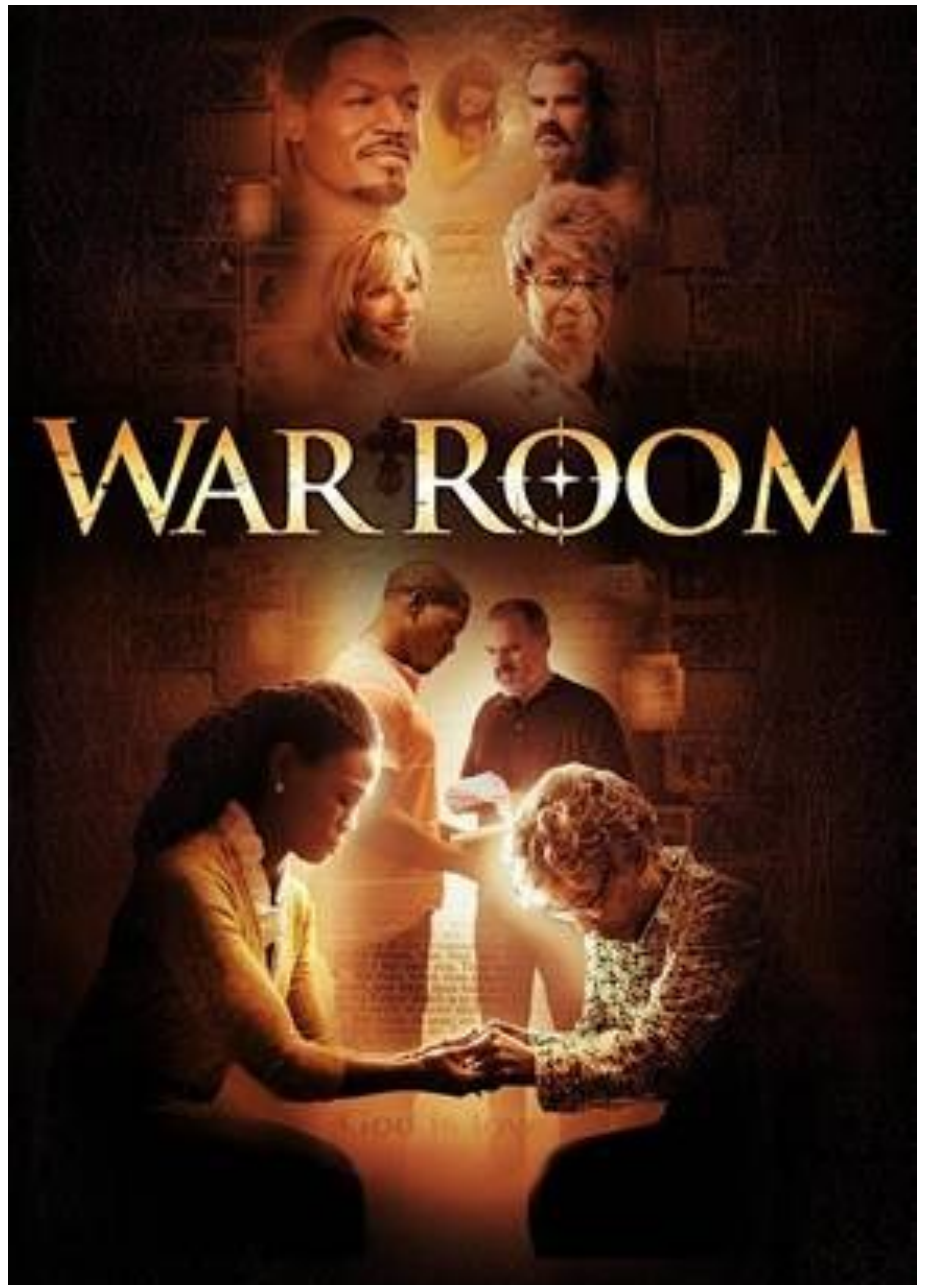
Owning your input is about putting this in practice in today's day and age. So over the next several weeks I am going to be sharing things I consider to be excellent input, things that we would be proud to own as our input.

Today I want to highlight an older movie about prayer called War Room.

We believe that prayer is powerful, that it matters and that it changes things. In War Room that belief is played out.

The story follows the life of a nominally Christian realtor, who is going through marital problems and meets a prayer warrior in the form of an elderly client who needs to sell her home. As the two build a friendship she grows in her ability to pray and bring things before God.

Ultimately her prayers are answered, and her life gets back on track. Her marriage is restored and her husband ultimately comes to a real saving faith in Jesus. While in some ways the film is a classic feelgood Christian movie where, of course, God makes everything work out for the best in the end, the film does touch on the fact that prayers are not always answered and that life is difficult. Nevertheless, prayer is vitally important, and it actually does affect our world.





Diary

Sunday 18th October

9:40 am Online Children's talk and Sunday school

10:00 am Online Lord's Supper Service



happy
birthday

Michael Van Veen	13-Oct	Retha van Staden	26-Oct
Susan Viviers	14-Oct	Marius Viviers	28-Oct
Peter Williams	15-Oct	Jannie Holtzhausen	29-Oct
Carel Wildenboer	17-Oct	Elmarie Kock	30-Oct
Elmie Schachtner	21-Oct	Armin Daniel Van Wyk	1-Nov
Annelie Van der Merwe	21-Oct	Alex Aitken	6-Nov
Adri Pretorius	22-Oct	Mila Carien Van Wyk	7-Nov
Wynand Cilliers	22-Oct	Peter Day	7-Nov
Theodore Pretorius	24-Oct	Eveline Van Dortland	8-Nov
Timothy Gray	25-Oct	James Van Veen	8-Nov

The ANGEL TREE

As a volunteer of Prison Fellowship I would like to introduce you to the program **The Angel Tree**.

This program is run by Prison Fellowship which gives gifts to children between the ages of 0 – 15 of prisoners at Christmas. Normally church members would purchase a gift, however because of COVID restrictions this is not possible and therefore we would like to ask you for a monetary donation.



I am coordinating this program with the diaconate and together we will purchase gifts from the money received on your behalf, and post off the gifts.

Helping one child is simple. All you need to do is make an offering of \$30.00 for a gift, plus \$12-18 for postage. You can deposit this money into the Diaconate Bank Account noting the deposit is for the Angel Tree by the 15th November 2020.

The giving of a gift is a blessing for these children who feel excluded from normal family life because they have a parent in prison. Through receiving a gift, both the children and the prisoners feel that someone cares for them, and in the past this giving has changed their lives.

Please feel to contact me on **0407309257** for more information if needed.

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Looking for Work

We would like to provide an opportunity for fellow congregation members to notify us if you are seeking employment so we could try and support you in the process.

Please send a confidential email to admin@wpcrc.org.au. If possible please attach your resume and give us an indication of what kind of work you are looking for and your availability. As part of this we would also like potential employers or people who are aware of vacancies within their businesses to please let us know of these opportunities by using the same email address.



JOB VACANCY

Ready to join us?
auspost.com.au/jobs



Australia Post is recruiting more than 4000 workers to help deliver an expected record number of parcels this Christmas. (Source [News.com.au](https://www.news.com.au)). Visit <https://auspost.com.au/jobs> and apply today!

Keep on eye on these job sites:

Christian Jobs: <https://www.christianjobs.com.au>

Ethical Jobs: <https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au>

Yarra Valley Water: <https://yvw.csod.com/ats/careersite/search.aspx?site=1&c=yvw>

Australia Post: <https://auspost.com.au/jobs>

Mathematics diagnostic tests for Students Y4—10

We have developed a series of diagnostic tests in mathematics for students from Year 4 to 10. The tests diagnose misconceptions, strengths and weaknesses at the most basic level so that further learning can be built upon a strong foundation.

The tests are available online and students can do it at their convenience. They get a report on their performance. I will offer them free of charge to the first 20 students.

Those interested can email me at JohnBarnard@bigpond.com for further information.

BUDGET UPDATE

Finance Overview		
Jun-20	Budget	Actual
Funds in	29,190	21,680
Expenses	25,962	28,186
Year-to-date		
Funds in	240,255	240,780
Expenses	260,021	240,663

Do you seek to engage
OLDER ADULTS in new ways?
FACE to FACE
is for you.

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

PREPARE

Talk with older adults *before* and *after* their Face to Face Encounter and help them discover their continued ministry.



PRAY

Pray with participants of Face to Face, and invite the entire community to pray, as well.



LISTEN

Listen to older adults' stories and to their reasons for attending a Face to Face Encounter. Invite participants to share their stories in weekly worship or at a midweek community gathering.



ENGAGE

After a Face to Face Encounter, help older adults in your community identify ministries where they can best engage their passion for God and the world.



FACE to FACE
THE UPPER ROOM®



Inspire, challenge, and equip older adults for Christian action
in their churches, homes, places of work, and communities.

“Face to Face is the best tool available for
building church leadership.”

– Dennis Reese, Pastor, Lakeside Community Chapel United Methodist
Church (Lakeside, MT)

“Since introducing Face to Face
to my small, rural church,
it has been transformed.
Those who have gone on an
Encounter return energized
and searching for how to make
a difference in our community
and in our church.”

– Donna Hinkle, Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus



Thank you for helping older adults reengage their desire for
Christian discipleship. We pray that as more and more people
participate in Face to Face they will be renewed in their faith
and on fire for the Lord.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Wednesdays (1.00pm to 4.00pm) 4th, 11th, 18th and
25th of November 2020.

Saturdays (9.00am to 12:00pm) 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th of
November 2020

Cost: \$40 per Pilgrim (\$70 per couple)

Contact the **Melbourne Emmaus Community** at:
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<https://melbourne.emmaus.org.au/ministries/face-to-face>
Phone 0417 398 278

UNITE 714 PRAYER

This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greek — ACTS 19:10 (ESV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of WEEK truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints... — EPHESIANS 6:10-18 (ESV)

Lord, the nations of our world are still being overwhelmed by COVID-19. Their economies are reeling, and their unity is increasingly fractured by growing tensions. In many countries, despondency has filled the land. Despair is slowly strangling the hopes and dreams of countless precious souls. We live in what Scripture refers to as the "Evil Day" — a day when it is impossible to persevere without Your supernatural help.

Heavenly Father, we come boldly before Your throne today, and we ask for divine strength to stand and pray faithfully. We implore You to destroy the cloud of fear and despair covering the peoples of our world.

Lord, we are not defenseless in this dark hour. For You have given us a full set of spiritual armour—the armour of God (Eph. 6:10-18). We buckle the belt of truth around our waists so we will not stumble and fall in the day of battle. Our reality is not determined by the siren of hopelessness and despair. Our reality is determined by Your Word! Therefore, we boldly proclaim the name of Jesus is greater than the name of COVID-19. We also stand on Your promise that when we humble ourselves, turn from our wicked ways, and pray, You will heal our lands. (2 Chronicles 7:14) We refuse to live by what we see. Instead, we choose to live by what You say.

Heavenly Father, we boldly come before Your throne in the name of Your Son, Jesus, armed with the truth of what You say. We ask You to eradicate COVID-19 and heal our cities and nations.

We also freshly put on the breastplate of righteousness today. Through Your redemptive work, Lord Jesus, we have been declared righteous. Nothing can separate us from Your love. We also desire Your continued work of sanctification, for we want to become more like You.

Heavenly Father, we have been given the righteousness we need through justification by faith to come before Your throne and pray this prayer boldly. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on the nations of the world in such a way that Your Church is revived and millions are saved. In Jesus' name. #UNITE714

NEXT PRAYER MEETING

The next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday the 20th of October at 7.30pm

Join the Zoom Meeting via the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5625807703>

Meeting ID: 562 580 7703

PRAYER POINTS

When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles, when he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs, when he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy. Corrie Ten Boom

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

That in all decisions we make, all circumstances we face, in everything we respond to, we never fail to first fix our eyes on Jesus.

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. (Hebrews 3:1 NIV)

- Give praise and thanks to our Lord Jesus for the wonderful example that he set us to follow while he was on earth.
- Give praise and thanks to our Lord as we rejoice with Ryan and Christel Weston as they are expecting twins, please pray that everything will go well for mother and daughters.
- Please pray for Johann van der Walt who is in hospital having had a heart attack and suffered from pneumonia, pray that he will fully recover.
- Please pray for our young people studying for their year twelve exams as they are almost upon us. Pray that they will know the peace of God as they prepare themselves and that they will do as well as possible.
- Please pray for our communities as we continue to struggle with the affects of COVID-19, pray for patience and that we will look at the many blessings God continues to bestow on us and not concentrate on the negatives.
- Pray for our police force and others in positions of authority that they will be encouraged as they seek to fulfil the tasks entrusted to them.
- Please pray that God will work mightily throughout our nation and use the effects of this virus to bring many people into his kingdom.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Mozambique. Islamic extremists have unleashed a reign of terror in northern Mozambique leaving churches burned to the ground and people beheaded. Over 100,000 people have been displaced and at least 700 have died in the majority-Christian country since 2017, as the spread of radical Islamic extremism in Africa is starting to plague the continent's southeast region. The UN's High Commission for Refugees said it is boosting its response in Mozambique's north-eastern Cabo Delgado province, an oil-rich coastal region on the Indian Ocean. Although southeast Africa was once considered relatively peaceful compared to its counterparts in the north, there's concern that the region is becoming a foothold for militants that appear to be aligned with Islamic State. Tens of thousands of people have recently been displaced and traumatized, according to a report from CBN News. Bishop Lisboa of Pemba Diocese says the rest of the world looks on this crisis with 'indifference.' Adolescent girls are being abducted and coerced into sexual slavery he says. The extremists also target young boys, forcing them to join their violent efforts or face death if they refuse. The surge of people fleeing the area has increased as the violence has risen. Bishop Lisboa says that 2020 has been the worst year since the beginning of the armed attacks began three years ago. Churches are doing what they can to provide food, social and spiritual help. – CBN News, Christian Post via Australian Prayer Network

Pray also for our family in Christ in India. Incited by Hindu extremists, thousands of Indians have driven Christians in three villages from their homes. Despite prior warnings police declined to prevent or stop the assaults. More than 3,000 agitators damaged homes sent Christians fleeing for their lives and left a woman hospitalized with serious injuries. Sivram Koyam, a displaced resident, says the mob was chanting Hindu slogans as they damaged homes. 'They are demanding that Christians give up their faith', he says. 'They say Christian prayers cause their gods to become "defiled".' The Christians submitted their grievances in a written complaint, but the magistrate confirmed the attackers' demands. Mr Koyam told Morning Star News the Christian community is not complying and will not deny their faith. India is ranked tenth on Open Doors' 2020 World Watch List of the countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian. – Morning Star News

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GIVING

In our church we have 2 offerings every Sunday. The first offering goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various ministry organisations we support. If you would like to support this work you can do so in a few different ways:

In church giving: Simply add your offering to the offering bag.

Bank Transfer: BSB: 063 167 **Acc:** 1015 8356. For the Deacons **BSB:** 063167 **Acc:** 1015 8372

Via Church App: Download it here <https://wpcrc.org.au/app/>