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## WELCOME

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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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@wpcrc.org.au) and we can get you connected.

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## SERMON: ONLY THE GOSPEL CAN GIVE US PEACE NOT OF THIS WORLD

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### John 14:27-31 (CSB)

#### JESUS'S GIFT OF PEACE

27 "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful. 28 You have heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens so that when it does happen you may believe. 30 I will not talk with you much longer, because the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me. 31 On the contrary, so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do as the Father commanded me.

"Get up; let's leave this place. -- John 14:27-31 (CSB)

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## SERMON NOTES

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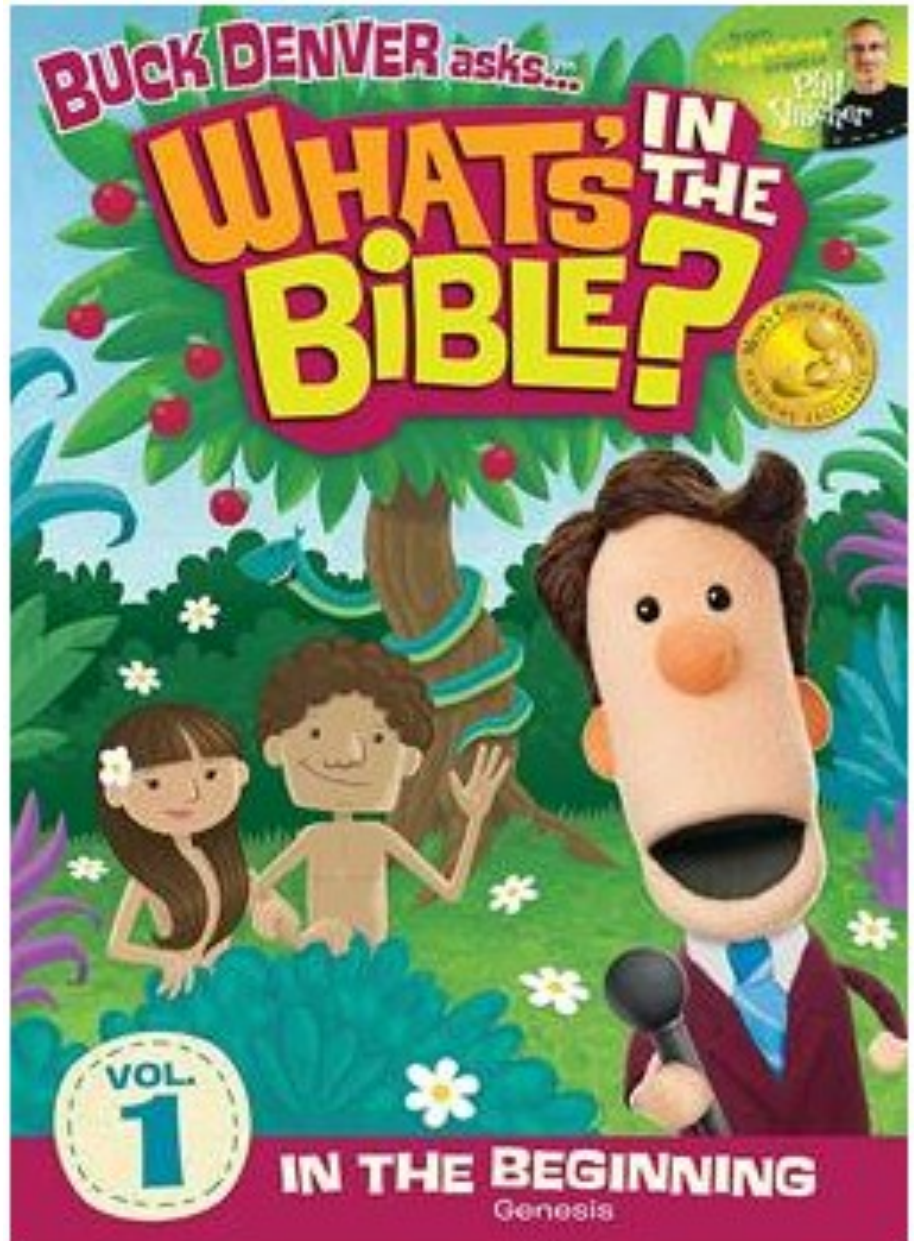
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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1) How would you describe the peace "as the world gives"? (v27).
- 2) In what ways do you find yourself drawn to this kind of peace today?
- 3) How is the peace Jesus offers different to worldly peace?
- 4) As you look back over 2020, to what extent have you experienced God's peace this year?
- 5) Why should the disciples have rejoiced knowing Jesus was leaving them? Why is this principle important for our own lives?
- 6) What did Jesus mean when he said the "Father is greater than I"?
- 7) What is the significance of Jesus going to the cross willingly?
- 8) Reflecting on Christ's defeat of Satan, how does this bring you comfort and peace personally this week?

As we continue our series on owning our input, I want to recommend a children's series to you. It's called "What's in the Bible". Made by the same people who created the original Veggie Tales series, 'What's in the Bible' aims to give children as young as 3 a solid understanding of scripture. Each episode of about 30 minutes explores a book of the Bible, explains how that book fits into the big picture story of scripture, and deals with any issues arising from that book. This is all done using puppets, cartoons and songs. For a preview, you can check out one of their songs here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rrv0JXxLwvA>



We have been using this series as our evening devotions with our kids, and it has both engaged and informed them.

What I particularly like about this series is that it doesn't shy away from the difficult topics within scripture, and they even explain Song of Songs in a way that is age appropriate for children! In fact, I recommend this series to anyone, whether they have children or not. This series will help anyone who watches it see how the Bible fits together, how it all culminates in Jesus, and what this then means for you and me today. I really cannot recommend this series enough!



# Diary

## Sunday 1st November

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

**10:00 am** Online Worship Service

happy  
birthday



Adri	Pretorius	22 October	Peter	Day	7 November
Wynand	Cilliers	22 October	Eveline	Van Dortland	8 November
Theodore	Pretorius	24 October	James	Van Veen	8 November
Timothy	Gray	25 October	Will	Oppermann	9 November
Retha	van Staden	26 October	Andrew	Remminga	9 November
Marius	Viviers	28 October	Esmeralda	Bakkes	13 November
Jannie	Holtzhausen	29 October	Izelle	Steenkamp	14 November
Elmarie	Kock	30 October	Will	Roodt	20 November
Armin Daniel	Van Wyk	1 November	Hendrika	Jooste	24 November
Alex	Aitken	6 November	Cailynn	van der Merwe	29 November
Mila Carien	Van Wyk	7 November			

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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** or alternatively **Peter Day (0404227776)** or **Margreet Day (0491117900)** 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](mailto: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

### 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>



money:course

**Manage your money better**

**and learn to**

- ✓ budget,
- ✓ save and
- ✓ spend well.



#### Course Info

**budget. save. spend.**

**Starting:** 29th October 2020

**Venue:** Online via Zoom



**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Book by calling:**

**Martin 0458 908 148 or Neil 0429 569 149**

**or email us on [neil\\_bester@yahoo.com](mailto:neil_bester@yahoo.com) or [martin.vandermerwe@bigpond.com](mailto:martin.vandermerwe@bigpond.com)**

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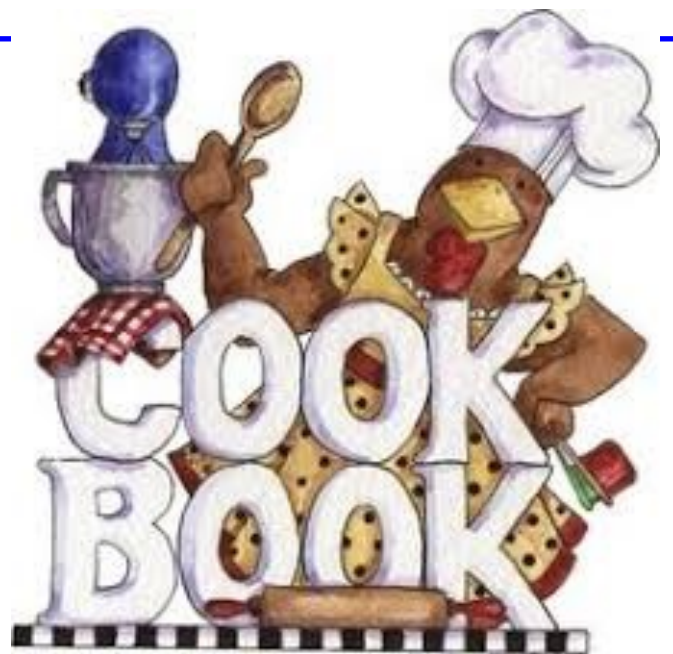
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During the last few years we have been able to share many divine meals and treats served at church. After some conversation around yummy things to eat during the Virtual Tea/Coffee there has been some key interest in sharing some of those lovely recipes, hence the suggestion of our own Wonga Park CRC Cookbook.

We would love it if every family could share one of their favourite recipes by emailing it to [admin@wpcrc.org.au](mailto:admin@wpcrc.org.au) by the end of November 2020 so we could compile something that would be just in time for the Christmas baking and cooking.



Looking forward to seeing those recipes

A great thank you to all the children who provided their lovely drawings for the creation of our new Working BEE logo.

You will start seeing this logo being used when we advertise our next working BEE.

Love your work!



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:  
P.O. Box 202 | Bayswater, Vic. 3153  
melbourne@emmaus.org.au  
<https://melbourne.emmaus.org.au/ministries/face-to-face>  
Phone 0417 398 278



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## BUDGET UPDATE

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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

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## UNITE 714 PRAYER

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Therefore, take up the whole armour 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 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...

— EPHESIANS 6:13-16

Our world has been rocked by plague, pestilence, scarcity, divisions, and disasters. We are living in what Scripture calls "The Evil Day." Fortunately, we have not been left unprotected and unarmed. We put on the armour of the Gospel today. Like divine cleats, the Gospel gives us the stability we need to stand firm in an hour when everything is shaking.

Heavenly Father, we come boldly before Your throne today, crying out before You with one voice representing 180 nations. In the name of Jesus, send a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit to revive Your church and result in the conversion of millions of new believers. As we proclaim the Gospel's message to a desperate world, help us to take our stand on its promises and its power.

We take up the shield of faith as we see depression, despair, and defeat piercing the hearts of many. The power of these fiery darts is extinguished through faith in Your promises. The shield of faith is a powerful weapon.

Lord, in the name of Your Son, Jesus, extinguish the pain of despair and depression burning in our hearts and terminate it also in the hearts of those we love. As we take our stand against COVID-19, we ask You to eradicate it. We remain shielded by faith in Your person and promises.

IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN.

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## NEXT PRAYER MEETING

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The next prayer meeting will be held on **Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November at 7.30pm**

Join the Zoom Meeting via the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81276612936>

Meeting ID: 812 7661 2936

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## PRAYER POINTS

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**Pray for the love which allows you to see the good in your companion. Pray for the love that makes weaknesses and mistakes seem small. Pray for the love to make your companion's joy your own. Pray for the love to want to lessen the load and soften the sorrows of your companion. Henry B. Eyring**

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

**That the Lord will help us to grow in our love for each other and that that love will spill out to all those we come into contact with so that all may know whose disciples we are.**

*"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35 HCSB)*

- Give praise and thanks to our Lord Jesus for the love he demonstrated for us by taking our sins upon him self and nailing them to the cross.
- Please pray for Maria Knol and give thanks that her operation went well, pray that she will have a speedy and full recovery.
- Please pray for Suzanne Nel who has had to go back into hospital for a short period, pray that she will heal quickly and that she will soon be home again.
- Please pray for Help a Child mission as we are at a crossroad and need to make some wise decisions as to the way forward.
- Please continue to pray for our nation as our governments try to steer us through the economic fallout of the corona virus. Pray that the people of our nation will humble themselves before God and seek his forgiveness for our sins and turn to the one who has each one of us in his hands.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria. Nigeria is facing a serious threat from Islamic terrorist groups. Militant Muslims are waging an insurgency to overthrow the government and rid the country of Christians. After losing ground in Syria and Iraq, the US Special Operations Command in Africa is warning that Al Qaeda, ISIS, and other Islamic terror groups are now trying to take over parts of the continent's most populous nation. Major General Anderson says Muslim terrorists have set their sights on Nigeria's southern and northwest regions "So we are now sharing intelligence which is absolutely vital to provide the government of Nigeria with understanding of what these terrorists are doing," Anderson said during a recent press conference. Their goal: eventually turn Nigeria into a Muslim country and force Christians, who make up half the country's population, to either leave or convert to Islam.

"Christians are the eye of the target and they are coming after them," warned Dede Laugesen with Save the Persecuted Christians. The numbers are staggering. Leading human rights groups say what's going on in Nigeria is a genocide. "Over the last 20 years, there have been massive attacks against Christians," Jeff King, president of International Christian Concern (ICC) said. "50 to 70 thousand have been murdered." For years, the main terror group was Boko Haram, which seeks to overthrow the government and create an Islamic state. "They go after Christians and moderate Muslims, they push a hard-line Muslim agenda and it is their intention to establish a caliphate and to rid all of Nigeria and West Africa of any Western influence whatsoever," Laugesen said. Now, there's a new actor on the scene.

In Nigeria's "Middle Belt" region, where the Muslim North meets the Christian South a terror group made up of Muslim Fulani herders are killing thousands of Christians. More than 1,400 Christians were hacked to death in just the first seven months of 2020 by Fulani herders. "Unfortunately, the secular media are quiet often biased and try to present this as a tribal conflict rather than religious," said Petr Jasek, who is author of the book, *Imprisoned With ISIS: Faith in the Face of Evil*. Nigeria's Muslim president has so far done very little to stop the bloodshed. His police and army are also mostly Muslims. "The attackers are never captured, they are not prosecuted, the security services respond very slowly, a full day can go on with attacks happening and no security shows up and frequently the government officials will provide cover," explained Laugesen.

Helpless and vulnerable to almost daily attacks, leading Catholic bishops are urging Nigerian Christians to defend themselves. Human rights groups are asking the White House to appoint a special envoy to end the persecution of Nigerian Christians. "Unless the world takes note and applies sanctions and visa bans on the officials who are responsible for not reigning in the terror, then Nigeria will continue to be a bloodbath," Laugesen warned. Meanwhile, King's group is helping more than 3,000 Christians who have lost their businesses, homes, farms, or land to Boko Haram and Fulani militant attacks. ICC has created communal farms to give victims the opportunity to rebuild their lives. "When they get back to work, the family is fed, they have a future, the kids can go back to school," King told CBN News. "It's a restoration of hope and means a lot to them."

**Source: CBNNews**

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### GIVING

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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/>