



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: Love One Another Self-Sacrificially

John 13:21-38 (CSB)

Judas's Betrayal Predicted

21 When Jesus had said this, he was troubled in his spirit and testified, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

22 The disciples started looking at one another — uncertain which one he was speaking about. 23 One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining close beside Jesus. 24 Simon Peter motioned to him to find out who it was he was talking about. 25 So he leaned back against Jesus and asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

26 Jesus replied, "He's the one I give the piece of bread to after I have dipped it." When he had dipped the bread, he gave it to Judas, Simon Iscariot's son. 27 After Judas ate the piece of bread, Satan entered him. So Jesus told him, "What you're doing, do quickly."

28 None of those reclining at the table knew why he said this to him. 29 Since Judas kept the money-bag, some thought that Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival," or that he should give something to the poor. 30 After receiving the piece of bread, he immediately left. And it was night.

The New Command

31 When he had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

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SERMON: Washing the disciples feet ... continue

33 Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so now I tell you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

34 "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Peter's Denials Predicted

36 "Lord," Simon Peter said to him, "where are you going?"

Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow later."

37 "Lord," Peter asked, "why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

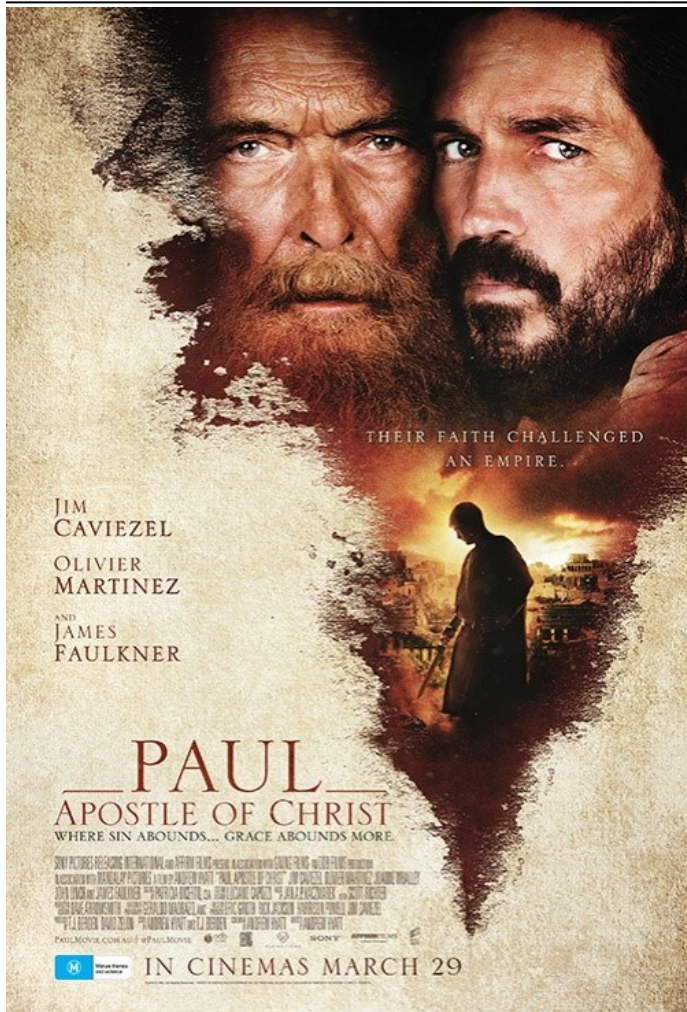
38 Jesus replied, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly I tell you, a rooster will not crow until you have denied me three times. -- John 13:21-38 (CSB)

SERMON NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are some examples of self-sacrificial love people have shown you, or you have seen in others?
- Are there people you would feel comfortable to share doubts or questions you have about the Christian faith with? If there are, what is it about those people that makes you feel comfortable about that?
- How can you assess whether a disciple who has failed has repented?
- How can a repentant disciple know if or when they've been forgiven? And restored?
- In our society, when people have failed, they may be required to spend time in the "sin bin" before they are restored. For example, a government minister who fails may need to spend a term or two on the backbench before being given responsibilities again. On the other hand, Jesus restored Peter pretty promptly in John 21 – but he was Jesus, and he knew Peter's heart. What's appropriate in the church – restore promptly, or wait a period of time? Either way - why? And if we decide to wait – how long for, and who decides?
- When is it appropriate to warn people about a restored disciple's previous failure, and when is it a black mark inhibiting restoration? How do you assess this?

DISCIPLESHIP DIGEST



There has been a new concept floating around Christian circles of late which I love. It is called “Own your input”. Own 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 a movie that is coming to Netflix.

This film follows the life of Saul of Tarsus, while he is still persecuting Christians, through his conversion, and then on to his life as the Apostle Paul. This movie is rated M for mature, because it

doesn’t hide the truth of the persecution Christians faced. At the same time the movie is not nearly as gory as “The Passion of the Christ”, which also stars Jim Caviezel.

The film is clearly a Hollywood adaptation of a true biblical account, and creative licence has been taken in putting the script together. Never the less, this movie helps us appreciate the persecution that happened in the early church, the strength of conviction they would have needed to convert to Christianity, and the earnestness with which Paul sought to spread the gospel.

This movie will be available to stream on Netflix from October the 4th.



Diary

Sunday 4th October

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

10:00 am Online Worship Service



Happy
Birthday!

J.D. Steenkamp	24-Sep	Annelie Van der Merwe	21-Oct
Mia Van Wyk	25-Sep	Adri Pretorius	22-Oct
Amelia Roodt	29-Sep	Wynand Cilliers	22-Oct
Christy Vanderjagt	29-Sep	Theodore Pretorius	24-Oct
Phillip Nel	30-Sep	Timothy Gray	25-Oct
William Lichtendonk	2-Oct	Retha van Staden	26-Oct
Tobias Lichtendonk	2-Oct	Marius Viviers	28-Oct
Maryke Versteeg	3-Oct	Jannie Holtzhausen	29-Oct
Kasha Schubert	4-Oct	Elmarie Kock	30-Oct
Jeanette Kotze	6-Oct	Armin Daniel Van Wyk	1-Nov
Michael van der Merwe	8-Oct	Alex Aitken	6-Nov
Michael Van Veen	13-Oct	Mila Carien Van Wyk	7-Nov
Susan Viviers	14-Oct	Peter Day	7-Nov
Peter Williams	15-Oct	Eveline Van Dortland	8-Nov
Carel Wildenboer	17-Oct	James Van Veen	8-Nov
Elmie Schachtner	21-Oct		

Notice from the Hub CRC: "A Service of Thanksgiving"

On Sunday 11 October at 2:30pm, the Hub will be holding a final worship service via Zoom. Sadly, this will be the Hub's last official service. We hope it will be a precious opportunity to reflect on the journey of the Hub, to praise God for his faithfulness, and to look to Him as we move forward in faith.

The Hub is so thankful for all the people and churches who have prayed and supported us over the years. As our partners in the work of the gospel, we would love you to join us for this service of thanksgiving.

Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89911968718>

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



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>

Mathematics diagnostic tests for Students y 4—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.

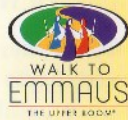
BUDGET UPDATE

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

Other Offerings

in the Emmaus tradition

Walk to Emmaus seeks to inspire, challenge, and equip leaders for Christian action in their homes, places of work, and communities.
emmaus.upperroom.org



Chrysalis is designed to help young people grow spiritually in ways that lead to wholeness and increased readiness to live out their Christian discipleship in today's world.
chrysalis.upperroom.org



Journey to the Table is an opportunity for young adults, 18 to 35 years old, to explore their faith through authentic teaching and open discussion, to build relationships with a community of their peers, and to create spaces of Christian action in a transitory time of life.
journey@upperroom.org



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Join us today!

Face to Face is an experience in the tradition of the Walk to Emmaus designed for persons 60 and older. Open to Christians of all denominations who want to strengthen their spiritual lives, Face to Face allows the opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence, gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and form friendships that foster faith and spiritual maturity. With no overnights, Face to Face can be held at a church, retirement centre or community centre. Though millions of people have completed the Walk to Emmaus in the past 30 years, Face to Face provides a new environment specifically designed to meet **YOUR** needs. We invite **YOU** to join us on an inspiring Face to Face Encounter during which you will meet Jesus as he is revealed to you through the scriptures and the presence of others.

Dates for Next Encounter:
Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th at 1:00pm
Saturdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th at 9:00am
for more information click on
<https://melbourne.emmaus.org.au/ministries/face-to-face>

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN A FACE TO FACE ENCOUNTER?

Face to Face was created to provide an opportunity for persons 60 and older to experience the best of the Walk to Emmaus without the stresses of a three-day, 72-hour program.

ENCOUNTER THE

Risen Christ

FACE to FACE



An Experience in the
Emmaus Tradition

FOR PERSONS 60 AND OLDER



FACE to FACE
THE UPPER ROOM



If you...

- Are 60 years and older
- Desire a deeper, more meaningful walk with the risen Christ
- Hope for Christ's love to be real in every relationship you have, and
- Wish to make a deeper impact on the world and your community of faith by living a life centred on Jesus, then

Face to Face

is for you.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him.

LUKE 24:30-31A

Face to Face is...

- An experience in the tradition of the Walk to Emmaus for persons 60 and older
- An invitation to join with other older adults in study, worship, prayer, and fellowship
- A journey through the good news of the Holy Bible
- A partnership between laity and clergy to renew the Church

At a Face to Face Encounter, you will...

- Hear fourteen spiritual talks about God's grace and love
- Participate in Holy Communion
- Enjoy in-depth table discussions with people your age, covering topics such as God's grace, grief, and end-of-life issues
- Experience God's grace personally through prayer and service
- Understand more fully the presence of Christ in the body of believers



Face to Face draws from the rich history and experience of Walk to Emmaus.

Walk to Emmaus is an adaptation of the Roman Catholic Cursillo (pronounced cur-SEE-o) Movement, which originated in Spain in 1949. Cursillo de Cristianidad means "little course in Christianity." The original Cursillo leaders designed the program to empower persons to transform their living and working environments into Christian ones. During the 1960s and 1970s, the Episcopalians and Lutherans, along with several nondenominational groups, such as Tres Dias, began to offer Cursillo. In 1978, The Upper Room of the General Board of Discipleship adapted the program for a primarily Protestant audience and began to offer the program under the name The Upper Room Cursillo. In 1981, The Upper Room made further adaptations and changed the name of the program to The Upper Room Walk to Emmaus. In 1984, The Upper Room developed a youth expression of Emmaus called Chrysalis.




The Emmaus family of programs continues to grow with new and updated ministries that seek to empower leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ.

DISMANTLED

A SCIENTIFIC DECONSTRUCTION OF THE THEORY OF EVOLUTION

A powerful new creation / evolution documentary is about to be released

You can [watch it for FREE](#) during the world premiere in two weeks' time: **Fri. 9 – Mon. 12 October**  **Mark it in your calendars today!** 

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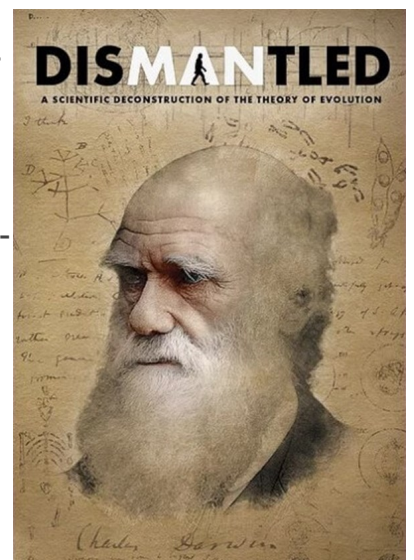
A scientific deconstruction of the theory of evolution

We've been told that modern science and the theory of evolution have disproved the Genesis account of creation.

We've been told that the fossil record proves that humans evolved from ape-like creatures (known as *hominins*) over a period of several million years.

We've been told modern genetics shows how our evolution from such hominin ancestors occurred—through a steady process of mutation and natural selection.

However, compelling evidence from major scientific fields—including biology, paleoanthropology, and genetics—has cast serious doubt on this evolutionary account of our history. In fact, DNA analysis of people living around the world powerfully reveals that the biblical account of creation is far more scientifically accurate than what **we've been told**



DISMANTLED presents fascinating evidence supported by leading, peer-reviewed scientific journals. Interviews with well-credentialed scientists further shed light on how the findings of modern science are **collapsing the theory of evolution** and simultaneously confirming the biblical view of origins recorded in the book of Genesis.



[Watch the Trailer](#)



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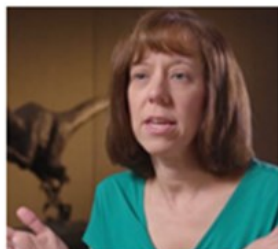


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PRAYER POINTS

My Father is my God
My Brother is my King
My Friend is my Judge
My beloved holds my life in his hands
How blessed am I!!!

Unite 714 Prayer

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call...

— EPHESIANS 4:1-4 (ESV)

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them." — GENESIS 11:4-6 (ESV)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Your Scriptures make it clear that unity creates tremendous blessing and releases extraordinary power. We see Your matchless power released when even two Christians agree on anything, as seen in Matthew 18:19. Unity is an impactful multiplier of spiritual power. When Your people unite in prayer they become agents of transformation in the culture.

Lord, we thank You for creating Unite714, this worldwide coalition of unified prayer. We refuse to waste this divine opportunity. We come before You with one voice, asking You to heal our wounded lands, restore our broken economies, and pour out Your Spirit on the peoples of the world.

Lord, the enemy fears the power of divine unity and will do anything to see it shattered. He has found good soil for sowing discord, frustration, and impatience. In 2020, our enemy, the accuser of the brethren, has had the opportunity to sow seeds of division into our homes, cherished relationships, and churches. This is why the Apostle Paul's command to "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit" is even more essential in this critical hour. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the unconditional love of God we have the power to love, to forgive, and to humble ourselves—even when everything around us is shaking.

Heavenly Father, in an hour when social tensions are on the rise, and the unity of nations around the world has been fractured through ethnic, class, and political divisions, the unity of Your church is vital. In the name of Your Son Jesus, unify the homes, relationships, and churches of Your people around the world. Give us, we pray, the strength to contend for the unity You desire.

Lord, there is great power in unity. We know the enemy is terrified by the very thought of Your people walking and praying united. It is clear from Genesis 11 even unbelievers have incredible power when they are unified. Before You scattered the peoples of the world at the Tower of Babel, You described the awesome power of unity with these words: "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language,...and nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them." If this is true of unbelievers, it is impossible to calculate the power released when Your church comes before You—with one voice—in unified prayer.

Heavenly Father, today we come before You as part of a prayer coalition spanning the globe, made up of millions of believers around the world who are praying with one voice, through every time zone. In the name of Jesus, preserve our unity, heal our lands from the ravages of COVID-19, and freshly pour out Your Spirit on our fractured planet.

NEXT PRAYER MEETING

Pls check with Herman Linde, see contact details on last page under Prayer Ministry

UNITE 714 PRAYER

#UNITE714

I know of no better thermometer to your spiritual temperature than this, the measure of the intensity of your prayer. **Charles Spurgeon**

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

That our Lord will not withhold his mercy but will look upon us and our nation with favour, granting us healing and restoring us to himself.

I have heard all about you, LORD. I am filled with awe by your amazing works.

In this time of our deep need, help us again as you did in years gone by.

And in your anger, remember your mercy. (Habakkuk 3:2 NLT)

Give praise and thanks to our God for his amazing works and his wonderful answers to the prayers of his people in ages past, may he answer us in our day.

Please pray for the Berends family and for Maria and Henk Knol and the Hanscamp family as they mourn the passing of Mrs. Berends and Martin Hanscamp. May the God of all comfort be their comfort and peace.

Please continue to pray for our elderly folk, pray for Ina de Graaf, Eveline van Dortland, Phillip and Suzanne Nel, Corrie van der Walt, Johann and Hanna van der Walt, pray that they will know the loving arm of their Lord and Saviour around them.

Please continue to pray for Thinus du Plessis, pray that the Lord will continue to grant him the health he has enjoyed for a while now and may it improve.

Please pray for our young people studying years 11 and 12 as they are about to enter the last term of a very difficult year. Pray that the Lord will continue to sustain them in their studies and that the fallout of the corona virus will not have a detrimental impact on them.

Please continue to pray for the spiritual wellbeing of our nation that the current situation will cause people to turn to Jesus.

Continue to pray for our governments as they seek the best way through this pandemic both for our health and our economic wellbeing.

Please pray for pastors affected by covid-19. Pastors around the world are facing destitution and even starvation because of the devastating impact of COVID-19 on church incomes. The pandemic has forced churches in countries that rely on cash-giving into severe financial hardship. Open Doors reports that many pastors are struggling to feed themselves, let alone give anything to those turning to them for help. Jo Newhouse, with Open Doors, says many daily wage earners in poorer countries are left unemployed or unable to work. One pastor, who can't be named for security reasons, says he has been left with no source of income and is unable to meet family needs. Finding alternative sources of income has been virtually impossible for some of the pastors. – Open Doors

Give praise for the continuing work of the Holy Spirit. An ISIS leader has come to faith in Christ after tuning to Christian satellite TV in the Middle East. After viewing the Leading The Way program, Mohammad*, at first decided to contact Peter, a follow-up counsellor, to kill him. (Names have been changed for security). But through a dream about Jesus, Mohammad's life was dramatically turned around. Following a second meeting with Peter, Mohammad surrendered his life to Jesus. He told Peter that the first time they met he had a knife in his pocket and wanted to kill him, but something prevented him. It was revealed that Mohammad was in fact a Prince of ISIS who other people would pledge allegiance to and die for. ASSIST News reports that countless viewers are responding to the broadcasts with many accepting Christ. Leading The Way's field teams are ready around the clock to answer questions and share the Gospel. – ASSIST News Service

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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/>