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An Urgent Reponse to Recent Predictions

Recently I received a phone call from a sincere soul who I love dearly, telling me that probation for the church will close sometime in March next year. We only have a few months to go. And they appealed to me to watch a video by David Gates - Uncle David as he is affectionately called.

So I watched the video. Now after watching the video I want you to know that I believe David Gates is a sincere and faithful man of God. I also AGREE 100% with the tenor of his message, namely, Get ready, get ready, get ready! We are to be ready TODAY, right now in THIS SEALING TIME. However my concern is his preaching of definite time for events that the SOP says we are

not to preach definite time on. Now, there are certain prophetic events that we are to act upon. We are to know what events are coming--both on earth and in heaven--namely the Sunday law, the blotting out of sin in the final work of the atonement, the universal death decree, the close of probation, the seven last plagues, and the time of Jacob's trouble when you and I will stand on earth without a mediator. And these will come just as soon as God's people are ready. But NOTE, and this is IMPORTANT: The universal Sunday law is brought as a RESULT of the preaching of the third angel's message in power under the LATTER RAIN. Not the other way around. Latter Rain falls FIRST, then the Sunday laws come as a RESULT. (See Early Writings p.33-34; 85-86; 271; GC 604, 606, 607; 5T 452-453; 6T 18, 395:1; 7T 141; 8T 607:1; COL 412; 4SP 444-445. 7BC 984:4.)



**CLOSE OF
PROBATION
MARCH
2019?**



And WHEN will the Latter Rain fall?

NOTE:

“Not one of us will ever receive the seal of God while our characters have one spot or stain upon them. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. THEN the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.” {5T 214.2}

Hence, we need to be preparing for the Latter Rain, not the Sunday law. And we SHOULD NOT and DO NOT need the excitement of “definite time” messages to motivate us.

“The Lord showed me that the message must go, and that it must not be hung on time; for time will never be a test again. I saw that some were getting a false excitement, arising from preaching time, that the third angel’s message can stand on its own foundation, and that it needs not time to strengthen it, and that it will go with mighty power, and do its work, and will be cut short in righteousness.” (ISM 188.3)

That last phrase, cut short in righteousness is significant. Malachi 3:1-3 applies to us today.

“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he [is] like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap: And he shall sit [as] a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons

of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.”

Jesus right now as our High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary is purifying his people that they may offer an offering to the LORD in righteousness. When will that offering be offered? Just as soon as you and I are perfected in character. And this can be right now today. Today we are to let the message of Christ our righteousness take hold of us in such a way that we manifest perfect obedience to all the commandments of God today—not tomorrow, not in four months’ time, but today. Today we are to let our light shine to the world. Today God’s glory is to fill the earth under the movement of Revelation 18:1-3—His character reflected in you and me.

“Those who wait for the Bridegroom’s coming are to say to the people, “Behold your God.” The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love. The children of God are to manifest His glory. In their own life and character they are to reveal what the grace of God has done for them. {COL 415.5} “The light of the Sun of Righteousness is to shine forth in good works—in words of truth and deeds of holiness.” {COL 416.1}

“The members of the church, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to “the principalities and powers in heavenly places,” the final and full display of the love of God. Ephesians 3:10.” {AA 9.1}

This is our message.

“I have no specific time of which to speak when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take place—when the mighty angel will come down from heaven, and unite with the third angel in closing up the work for this world; my message is that our only safety is in being ready for the heavenly refreshing, having our lamps trimmed and burning.” (RH March 29, 1892).

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...time will never be a test again. I saw that some were getting a false excitement, arising from preaching time.

“The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God.”—Review and Herald, July 21, 1896.

So, beloved, let us stay safe. Keep your lamp trimmed and burning. Keep your faith strong in the Lord. And let’s unite wholeheartedly in giving all we have to share this last message of warning to the world today. To do so, God needs your time, your talents and your means. We have a lot of work to do. People are needed. And finances are

needed. So I am appealing to you to please return a faithful tithe so that we can carry forward the pastoral evangelism work effectively. Please also give generously to the support of your local missionary work. And please remember to support our Union media department work – video production and equipment – so that we can continue to produce content for channels like this: <https://www.youtube.com/goodtidings>.

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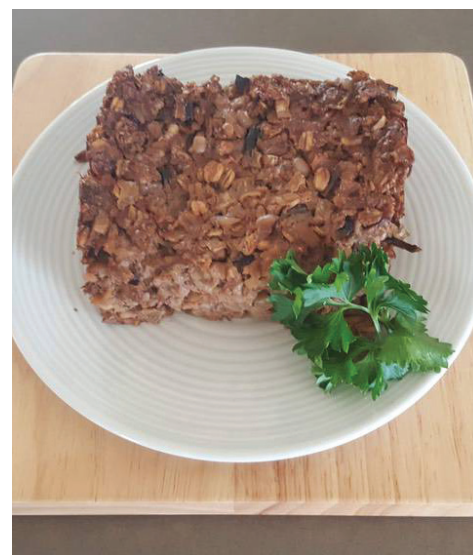
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View the video I published in response to David Gate's message [here](#).

~ Paul Chapman

Praise the Lord for His Wonderful Works!

We held our first cooking demonstration in the Riverina since moving to Wagga on Tuesday 16th of October at a Uniting Church Hall in Glenfield Park, an outer suburb of Wagga. We had limited spaces specified on the flyer for about 25 spaces, which we had a lot of calls and interest shown exceeding that number. Although on the night only 15 that registered came, we were still thankful, especially with the interest, interaction and feed back shown by them. We had some attend who were health conscious, one who had just become vegetarian only a few years ago and some who just wanted to



broaden their knowledge and variety of cooking.

We started the evening off with a presentation from Domenic just giving an introduction into vegetarianism and who we were. He covered the benefits of vegetarianism and our goals for cooking demonstrations which are to provide meals that are:

1. Cost effective;
2. Healthy and Simple;
3. Tasty and presentable.

Following on after the presentation was our demonstrations presented by Jodie Matthies and Nadine Polistina.

Jodie demonstrated a Hearty Soup where all the ingredients were orange and red in colour and also a Carob Mousse. Nadine presented Walnut Oat Patties and Raw "Egg" Salad.

The evening ran smoothly and with success thanks to the Lord's help and all those that were involved. Looking forward to holding our next one in three months' time and making friendships with our attendees and getting to know them better as we show God's love and demonstrate it in a practical way through health.

~ Domenic Polistina

WA Field Camp

The WA Field conference this year was entitled “From the Head to the Heart”. At the beautiful seaside Baptist camp ground we gathered to consider the relationship between what the mind knows and the heart believes.

Some of the topics presented were: How to change your belief system, How to receive and know I have a new heart, Intrinsic or extrinsically motivated and The passion of a new heart. The meetings were greatly enjoyed by all, as was the delicious food.

On Sunday the Children had a great time visiting the local reptile park before returning back to camp for a hearty lunch.

On Monday morning we all pitched in to clean up camp before leaving to travel back home.

Thanks to Brother Paul Chapman for joining us at the camp and his presentation that really touched the heart of the listeners.

~ Luke Kneebone

Dudley Foord House Visit by Focus Singers and Friends

We praise the Lord that we had the opportunity to visit Sister Sas and the residents of the Dudley Foord House on Sabbath afternoon of the 22nd of September, 2018.

After a successful mini concert a few months back, Focus Singers were invited once again with their friends to present another singing program. Although we were limited in numbers



this time round, our songs and instrumental items were very much appreciated by all. It was great to see a full room of spectators with approx-

imately 40-50 residents and staff singing along to some of the well-known hymns and songs presented. Focus Singers led out much of the singing program and were joined by items from Alan and Dawn, Joe and Lidia, Szabi and Larry, children's items from Ivan, Owen, Zephaniah, Levi and Isaac, and instrumentals from Alan, Isaac and Ivan.

We spent a little time talking to the residents and staff after the program concluded and it was lovely to hear that they all thoroughly enjoyed the program.

We hope to visit them again soon and thank God for the missionary work through music.

~ Reported by Ivan Feaveai



Schofield's Cooking Demo

8, 15, 22 October 2018

How quickly the time came for the Schofields Church to once again hold another series of Vegetarian Cooking Classes. These took place on three consecutive Monday evenings during October.

It was nice to see once again many familiar faces present and was awesome to meet new ones too. They all enjoyed listening to the health talks that were presented by Domenic and Danica. The attendees were then eager to see-how and to sample-taste each of the dishes demonstrated by Rosetta, Amy, Vivian, Tanya and myself. As always, a great 'thank you' to those who gave presentations and all those who helped in various ways.

The first health lecture in this series was taken by Domenic, entitled "A vegetarian lifestyle". He spoke about the benefits of vegetarianism, which has been very topical in the news of late. The World Health Organization made a statement declaring that red meat has high chances of causing cancer, especially Colorectal cancer. Processed



meat is directly linked with the risk in developing colorectal cancer and associated with stomach cancer. A large amount of red meat strongly links with pancreatic and prostate cancer. Domenic also shared some myths and facts of Vegetarianism. He talked about unhealthy and healthy vegetarians. Just because one is a vegetarian does not mean that they are healthy, it all depends what the body is fed.

Here is the link for Domenic's lecture and the demonstrations on the first evening of October's program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-tZykjyTQO4&feature=share>

Danica had the second health segment and her topic was "The secret ingredient to good health and longevity."



When we are born, we inherit the gut bacteria from our mothers. Whatever problems the mother has may be passed down to the next generation--a birthright for life. Over the years we continue to influence the balance of intestinal bacteria by the things which we eat and other life-style habits.

Our gut health depends on what we feed our bodies. What is put inside will determine what kind of health we will have. Just like preparing the soil before we plant a good garden, if we fertilize the soil, we will be sure to have a good crop. The same is true with our bodies—if we feed the body the right things, we will reap the benefits.

Certain foods feed certain bacteria. What we eat determines what types of bacteria will proliferate. Therefore, it is best to avoid processed and refined foods and feed the body with a simple and wholesome plant-based diet. To feed your friendly bacteria well, include in the daily diet at least one type of legume and have a high amount of fibre.

For further information this lecture can be watched on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4PquACjEfY>

Our last topic was also taken by Danica, “Eat the colours of the Rainbow.”

We started with red foods. Foods that are red contain a powerful antioxidant called lycopene. Some examples of these are red apples, cherries, red grapefruit, tomatoes and watermelon. There have been lots of studies done on this range of food and the findings are exciting. Red foods have positive effects on the following: eye health, Alzheimer’s disease, epileptic seizures, all things related to heart health, including blood pressure, heart attacks, arteriosclerosis. For bone health, they have been found to slow down bone cell death. Lycopene-containing foods have also been found to help with fungal infections.

Orange and yellow foods contain beta carotene. Examples of these



include, pumpkin, sweet potatoes, carrots and oranges. The body converts beta carotene to vitamin A, which is also another antioxidant. Antioxidants are important in the prevention of disease and slowing down the aging process.

Beta carotene has been found to be very important in pregnancy and breastfeeding, as it plays a vital role in the development of the child. It helps protect the skin from the sun. It is also very important in eye health and keeping your respiratory system in good shape.

Green foods contain chlorophyll. Chlorophyll is very important in the prevention of cancer. It cleanses the liver. Chlorophyll slows the growth rate of harmful bacteria and has



been found to be useful with weight loss management. Chlorophyll also contains magnesium as a key part of its structure. There is a long list of things magnesium is vital for such as insomnia, hyperactivity, sugar metabolism and anxiety.



The last colours we talked about in our rainbow were the blues and purples. These are a pretty class of foods. They include, blueberries, plums, grapes, and purple sweet potatoes. This class of foods contain anthocyanin, yet another powerful antioxidant!

In a huge study done on nurses it was found that those who ate blueberries at least once a week had much fewer cases of heart disease, hypertension and/or heart attack than those who didn't eat these anthocyanin-containing berries. It was also seen in other studies to help protect against diabetes. These powerful foods were also seen to improve cognitive performance. Eye health also improved with these pretty foods.

Every time we are tempted to just fill our plates with some white pasta, white rice or white potatoes, stop! Remember all the beautiful colours that God has made for us to eat and their long list of health benefits. Train your taste buds to enjoy them. Soon you will be craving them and reaping their many to your health.

Unfortunately, we do not have a link for this presentation.

During the three nights, the preparation of the following foods were demonstrated:

- Eggplant and Cauliflower Rolls
- Sauerkraut and Cabbage Pasta
- Orange Semolina Cake
- Orange Coconut Ice cream
- Chickpea Tofu
- Black Bean Enchiladas
- Caramelized Banana & Chia Pancakes
- Peanut Butter Ice Cream
- Veggie Wraps
- Vegetable Pasta with rice Noodles
- Raspberry Coconut Balls
- Lemon Pineapple and Fruit Open Pie

A big hit was the "Peanut Butter Ice Cream". With Summer just around the corner, we thought you may enjoy making this scrumptious and very easy recipe:

Peanut Butter Ice Cream

INGREDIENTS

- 2½ cups unsweetened almond milk
- 1¼ cups pitted Medjool dates
- ½ cup natural peanut butter
- ¾ cup raw cashew butter*
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- ¾ teaspoon fine-grain sea salt

METHOD

Have on hand an air-tight container to place the ice cream into when ready. Makes approximately 1½ litres.

In a high-speed blender, combine the almond milk, dates, peanut butter, cashew butter, vanilla, and sea salt. Blend on high for about 3 minutes (depending on your blender) or until completely smooth.

Pour the ice cream mixture into the air-tight container and place in the freezer. Freeze until it sets. Its best to leave it for at least 6-8 hours.

Prior to serving, it is also best to take the ice cream out of the freezer for to soften. Leave it at room temperature for 10-15 minutes, depending on the weather.

Stores in freezer for up to 1 week.

Notes

* To make your own cashew butter: blend 3 cups raw cashews in a food processor until smooth (it will be very thick) stopping to scrape down the sides as needed. If the cashew butter is still too chunky then add 1 tablespoon of water to encourage blending into a creamy cashew butter. Keep refrigerated.

Until the next time! May God impress upon our minds to be more considerate and kinder to our bodies so that we can present it as a healthy place for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

~ Lidia Voncina

QLD Camp 2018

Friday 28th September – Monday 1 October 2018

It was a clear, sunny day as we all arrived at the beautiful Minden Retreat camp grounds. After opening Sabbath, we all enjoyed a delicious meal from our wonderful cooks - The Brown Family. The camp theme "Now is the Time" focused on our great need of being prepared for the close of probationary time and coming of Jesus. How can we prepare for these great events? The studies presented revealed the fact that faith in the word of God and full



surrender of ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, can alone prepare us for that great day.

During the Sabbath we had many visitors from other states, countries and churches and we all enjoyed a time of blessed fellowship.

The young people's meeting was an activity-based meeting where the congregation was split into groups with the aim, that after Bible research and team work, we could form a timeline spanning from before the birth of Christ until the end of the book of Revelation. The activity was thoroughly enjoyed, and the result was a very long trail of prophecies with corresponding timelines.

On Sunday the sun disappeared and the rain starting bucketing down. However, this did not dampen the spirits. Everyone heartily engaged in the workshops and all participated to answer the question: "What would you do to bless the world if you had unlimited resources?"

Many ideas were put forth: - health retreats, schools, aboriginal health and wellbeing centres, agricultural learning centre etc.

We were all inspired to act in faith and plead with God to make our vision a reality.



The Sunday afternoon activity was based on an amazing challenge, with each section of the challenge teaching a Bible life lesson. Thankfully the rain held off during this time and we were able to enjoy the outdoors.

All in all, the camp was very much needed and was a blessing to everyone, with each of us being reminded



of the importance of being ready for the soon coming of Christ. Along with this, many new friendships were made. We praise God for His care in giving us the blessings of associating together with those of like faith.

~ Reported by Jade Wales



QLD Baptism

Markus and Camille Dammasch, and Michael Godwin.

On the 27th of October it was a beautiful warm day in Queensland for the baptism of Markus and Camille Dammasch and Michael Godwin. Starting out with a timely message for Divine Service from Brother Paul Chapman on Reconciliation with God, we then conducted the Profession of Faith service. Each candidate gave a hearty confession of faith followed by a testimony of thanksgiving to God and their church family. It was a blessing to have many visitors for the baptism who had never before attended our church, but who had especially for the baptism event.

After a filling combined lunch, we made our way to the beautiful Jabiru Island park for the baptism service.

Brother Michael was the first one buried in the waters of baptism, followed by brother Markus and sister Camille who according to their request were baptised at the same time. Brother Ben and brother Paul officiated the baptisms and welcomed the newest members into the church.



We praise God that we can have the privilege of welcoming, supporting, and working alongside these dear new brothers and sister.

We pray that God will continue to bless and keep them in their journey, all the way to the Heavenly city.

Watch the video [here](#).

~ Reported by Jade Wales



NZ Youth & Children's Camp

October 10-13, 2018

The highlight for the last quarter was our NZ Field youth conference where we focused on the theme “To Know Jesus.” We looked at John 17:3 and used the theme song “Everybody Ought To Know.”

The youth and children enjoyed character building stories, singing choruses and hymns, and composing a welcome song in different languages. We were privileged to take part in the opening sabbath program, singing a few medley choruses and reciting the quote from Education p.57, “The greatest want of the world.” In the afternoon we enjoyed a variety of activities (needle-craft work, weaving, confidence courses, trampolining, nature walks and kayaking).



We enjoyed a lovely weekend of spiritual refreshing and fellowship.

We thank the Lord for the time we could spend contemplating such thoughts as the importance of making Jesus our friend and sharing our joys and sadnesses with someone



who cares. The children learned that when we have a close friend we are confident and more willing to share everything with them.

A situation arose that was a hindrance to our planned kayaking activity and one of the children suggested that we ask our friend Jesus for help. Prayer bands were put in place that morning before we ventured out. The rain poured and the wind blew strong. However, with faith we walked to the beach and when all was ready we all knelt and prayed. In answer to our prayers, the rain slowly stopped. Everyone enjoyed their activity that day and made a promise to make Jesus their close friend.

By Taputu Wilson

PIE Youth Camp

On Friday, 14th of September 2018, a group of NSW youth headed down to Lake Wallace Campground near Lithgow for the annual NSW Field Camping Trip. Leading up to the weekend, we had been praying for good weather as it had been raining. God answered our prayers with a sunny Friday and a forecast of sun for the entire weekend!

The campsite was a beautiful place close to the lake which some took advantage of by waking up early to watch the sun rise over the water. We secured a spot close to some sheltered picnic tables and BBQ facilities.

The theme for the camp was “Sacrifice”. The PIE (Praise. Inspire. Engage.) team came up with topics and asked a number of young people to prepare and deliver the worships and studies. For some of them, it was their first time preparing a study, but they all did a fantastic job and I’m sure all were blessed by the messages we heard.

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We were able to use our fire pit until midnight on the Friday before a fire ban became effective for the next 24hrs – a development we were made aware of that afternoon. It was a chilly night, but beside the fire and with the company of everyone who was there, it was barely felt.





Ivan Ah-Ching and Hayden Araya took us through morning worship on Sabbath, discussing how we can sacrifice our time for God. The drive to the Glow Worm Tunnel took about an hour and involved dirt roads most of the way. Another group from Sydney had organised to meet us at the tunnel so we had to make sure we were on time. We spent the morning exploring the tunnel and were able to catch glimpses of the glow worms on the walls and ceiling in the pitch-black darkness with our torches off.

Everyone contributed to a delicious pot-luck lunch and we even had some guests join us – a family who had gotten stuck and to whom we offered a drive back to their car. We were also treated to a cake for dessert to celebrate a 13th birthday in our group.

Elisabeth Balarezo presented the Sabbath afternoon study which involved some interactive components that got us up on our feet and working in teams.

After the study, we headed back towards the campsite, with a plan to close Sabbath at Hassan's Wall lookout. The view overlooking the surrounding area was stunning, but our visit was cut short when we heard that a rough wind had blown through our campsite, forcing us to head back to try to restore some of the tents before it got dark. Unfortunately, we did have one tent casualty, but it was still usable for the night.

We are extremely thankful to Tanya Ah-Ching for staying back at the campsite to keep an eye on all our stuff and for doing her best to rescue the tents that were blown over!

We had planned to roast potatoes in the fire for Saturday night dinner,



but the fire-ban made that impossible. God was looking out for us and, in securing a spot by the BBQs, we easily made an adjustment in our plans and cooked up a BBQ dinner instead. Everyone contributed ingredients and helped to prepare and cook – it was a great team effort!

Sunday morning greeted us with warm sunshine and Lana Gordon took the morning worship, speaking about Jesus' sacrifice for us.

PIE Youth prepared a few activities for Sunday, all at the campsite. While some engaged in the activities, others relaxed by the fire pit, which we were then allowed to use since the fire-ban was lifted. Having the fire also meant we could now use the potatoes intended for



dinner the night before and roast them for lunch instead. Overall, Sunday was a peaceful day where we could socialise and fellowship with each other. Not wanting to get home too late, we packed up and left the campsite by late afternoon.



Chris Cosson created a great little video of the weekend. If you haven't seen it yet, it can be found on YouTube, on the Schofields Church page, called "PIE Youth Camp" or direct link at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZH89marqV4>.

The PIE Youth Team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came, everyone that prayed and for everyone's help and contribution in making the camp a success.

~ Reported by Vivian Cosson

Elim Health & Book Store

We at the AUC Headquarters in Sydney are delighted to announce that a very exciting development is taking place in the Schofields Union Centre. A decision to open an RLPA Book Store in conjunction with the Elim Health Store was passed and renovation work immediately commenced on the 8th of October.

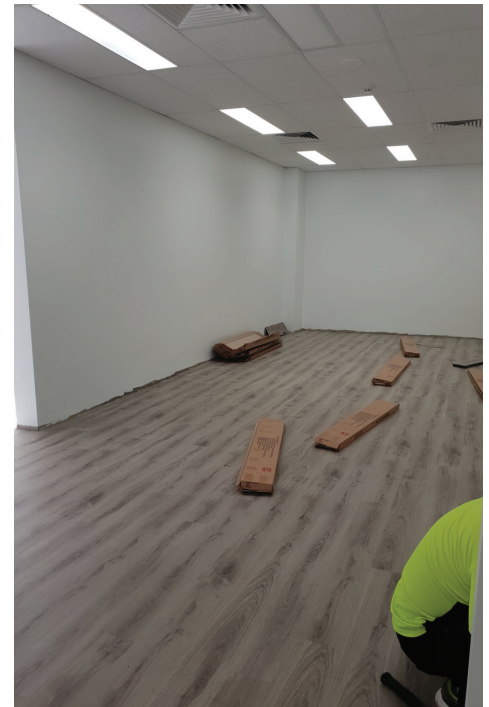
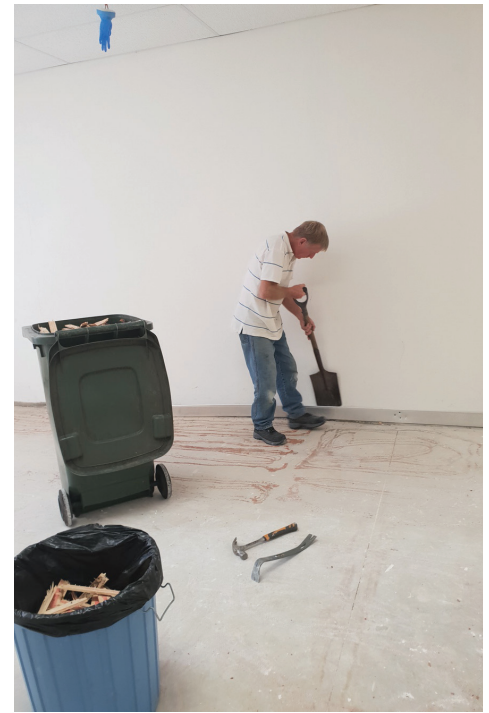
With many thanks to Branko Ilic, Rob-in Gordon, Joe Voncina, Larry Ah-ching, & Jeremy Gordon, the work is steadily progressing. A dream has



come true for Sister Elaine Weymark, who is thrilled to be able to have a proper shop to serve the community.

The grand opening will be on Sunday 25th November between 11:00am and 4:00pm. If you are in the area, why not pop in and have a browse around.

As well as products from Elim Health store and book shop, there will be a sausage sizzle selling burgers, hot-dogs, drinks, ice-creams, and showcasing products which are sold at the Elim Store. Also browse through



the lovely assortment of goods in Elim bookstore. You may be surprised to see so many wonderful things for sale... there will be lots to enjoy!!!

Hope to see you then!

~ Lidia Voncina

WA Children's Camp

A children's camp was held for the WA field over September 28-30. It was a very simple camp with tenting and simple morning and evening



worships, interspersed with children's activities throughout Sabbath and some practical kite making on Sunday morning.

We had a little bit of adventure with Friday night blowing a gale and pushing around our tents and canopies. The morning dawned with intermittent rain. We huddled together with the fire barely keeping us warm. The Children had children's sabbath school in the caravan for shelter and for divine service they had another practical activity about when and where they could pray.

After lunch we embarked on a nature scavenger hunt through the bush behind the property we were camping on. The children were discovering and finding different items from nature. Unfortunately, this had to be cut short as a thunderstorm broke over us, scaring some of the children and bringing a downpour with it.



Sabbath afternoon and evening were spent around the beautiful fireplace.

Sunday morning dawned warm and sunny, a lovely reprieve from the cold. The morning was spent making kites and trying to fly them with very little wind. Camp was closed shortly after lunch and everybody made plans to travel back to their homes.

The children enjoyed a lovely time together and taught the adults an important lesson. No matter what hiccups we have, we should always be happy and make the best of a situation. We also learned lots of lessons about calling the bureau of meteorology rather than relying on phone weather apps for a prediction of the weather.

~ Catherine Robles





ELIM HEALTH SHOP GRAND OPENING



& Book Store Launch

opening day

BBQ SIZZLE

NOV 25
11:00am to 4:00pm

✓ HEALTHFOOD SHOP OPEN
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Elizabeth Fister's Baptism

A large group of people gathered around the Swan River nearby our church to witness the beautiful baptism of Sr Elizabeth Fisher. Sr Elizabeth had envisioned her baptism being a living testimony of what Christ can do in the life and she invited as many people as she could to witness the event, including some new acquaintances she had only met weeks before. Family, neighbours, friends and church family were all present to hear her testimony and





to see her be buried in the flowing water of the river.

Sr Elizabeth loves music and her baptismal ceremony was interspersed with many beautiful items of praise by different individuals and groups from Guildford Church.

It was a memorable day as we witnessed a new chapter commence in the life of our newest member. We were really happy to see her make her commitment and become part of our church family.

~ Catherine Robles



Schofields Church Visitor's Sabbath and Family BBQ

27th & 28th October 2018

What does your ideal church community look like? This question was asked in the Youth Focus night a few weeks prior to a special weekend planned for the 27th and 28th of October.

Some spoke of having the same purpose, of being there for each other; being a safe haven for all. Others spoke that church community means having a place where we can draw closer to God and help each other in the process. We continued to discuss this concept and at the end, a diagram with the letters CH __CH was presented. The question was asked, "What is missing?" The answer was "UR". Without the people church is just CHCH. This highlights what church community means for us here in Sydney. Aside from the great commission that we have been given to be a light and beacon of hope to the world, we also want to be a community where others can come and find refuge and a family.

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There were two lovely ladies sitting at the table as people walked in who presented each visitor with a small, brown paper gift bag



With that in mind, Schofields Church hosted a Visitors Sabbath and Sunday Family BBQ. The purpose was to give an opportunity for regular visitors and members to invite someone along for a special program and to meet our local church community. There were so many hands and hearts that came together to prepare for the big weekend. Right from the children's Sabbath school classes up to the individual members, everyone worked so hard to invite visitors and make the day a most memorable one. The day proved really enjoyable and a great blessing with many visitors attending Schofields.



The format of the day was quite simple. We held a normal church service with a registration time of 9am. This arrival time would allow all to easily find a seat and familiarise themselves with the surroundings.



There were two lovely ladies sitting at the table as people walked in who presented each visitor with a small, brown paper gift bag which contained flyers of our upcoming events as well as a little gift. Once one had signed the visitor's book, they walked in the church and waited for the program to begin.

The theme for the day was "Behold the Lamb of God" which embodies everything that we are and want to be doing as Christians. It is our greatest joy to Behold Jesus and become more and more like him each day. Consequently, the morning Sabbath school lesson "The Holy Spirit in the Life of Christ" was a fitting way of explaining how Jesus lived a sinless life in our fallen nature. We too can have a victorious life in Christ Jesus through Christ's most precious gift to our world - the Holy Spirit.

Just as Divine Service was beginning, the Sydney Churches Choir came forward to sing one of the songs that they had prepared called "Jesus, Only Jesus". It was a fitting introduction to the sermon which was entitled "Behold the Lamb of God".

How is it that we should "Behold the Lamb of God? What is the message about? The following paragraph



from Desire of Ages provides an apt summary.

"How, then, are we to be saved? "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness," so the Son of man has been lifted up, and everyone who has been deceived and bitten by the serpent may look and live. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. The light shining from the cross reveals the love of God. His love is drawing us to Himself. If we do not resist this drawing, we shall be led to the foot of the cross in repentance for the sins that have crucified the Saviour. Then the Spirit of God through faith produces a new life in the soul. The thoughts and desires are brought into obedience to the will of Christ. The heart, the mind, are created anew in the image of Him who works



in us to subdue all things to Himself. Then the law of God is written in the mind and heart, and we can say with Christ, "I delight to do Thy will, O my God." Psalm 40:8. DA 175.5

After a delicious potluck lunch, we all gathered once again in the

meeting hall for the afternoon music program. There were many singing items including a Samoan language item and a Yugoslav language item. The churches in Sydney represent a variety of cultures which include German, Spanish, Brazilian, Serbian, Croatian, Hungarian and Latin American, Australian and North American to name a few.

During the previous weeks, the children's Sabbath school had been abuzz with excitement and plans for the weekend. We were able to see their handiwork in the music program where they beautifully presented new songs, all while wearing lovely glittering, rhinestone-covered crowns. It is very encouraging to see the youth of tomorrow praising their Heavenly Father, together. After the children sang, the program quickly unfolded and there were many more instrumental items, trios, quartet items, another choir item as well as a puzzling but enjoyable quiz run by two of our youth.

It was nice to know, however, that once the program ended, we would once again enjoy each other's company the next day at the Bungarribee Parklands for a family BBQ. It was wonderful to see that many visitors from the Sabbath returned the next day. However, it was even wonderful to see also different people attend who had not been able to attend the previous day. As it turned out, on Sunday the number of visitors far exceeded that of our members and perhaps more so by the many excited children that were present. The children especially, and some adults were able to experience the amazing playgrounds, flying foxes and swing sets that were available. As always, one of the best parts was definitely the food and we were able to share together a fully vegetarian BBQ meal which was both tasty and wholesome.

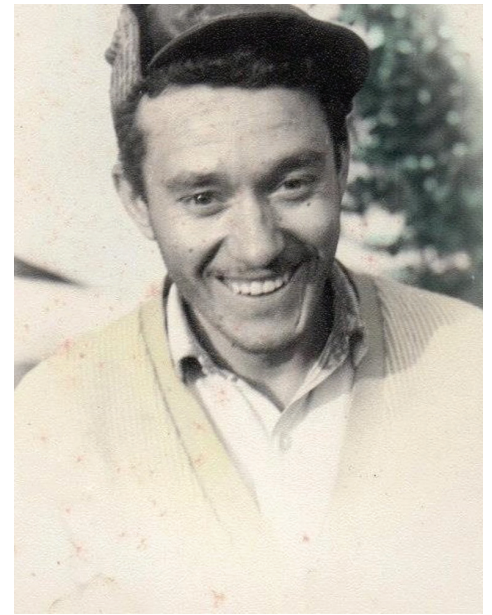


We are so thankful to God for the opportunity that we had to host this amazing weekend and with God's help, we are already planning for the next one. Many thanks also go to everyone who contributed food items to both days and to those who volunteered at a moment's notice. There was a lot of work behind the scenes to design, organise and distribute the flyers, pew cards and welcome cards. Many thanks goes to all who were involved. Many thanks as well are given especially to the children's Sabbath school teachers, volunteers and children, who through their hard work and dedication provided a beautiful presentation. We look forward to the next one and encourage you to put on a visitors Sabbath, family Sunday BBQ or an entire weekend as we



did! It will definitely be a great blessing for all!

~ Daniela Balarezo



Condolences to the Zulic Family

Giulio Zulic

15th August 1935 - 21 September 2018

We are sad for the passing of our dear Brother Giulio Zulic and would like to send our deepest sympathies to the Zulic Family on the loss of their loved one. Brother Giulio fell asleep in Jesus on the 21st September 2018. May God comfort each family member as they mourn the loss of their father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

“And I saw a new heaven and a new

earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Revelation 21:1-4.

Giulio's Life Sketches as told by his

daughter Anna Allen:

Dad was born in a small-town village by the name 'Cepic' in the Northern side of Croatia. He was the last child born to a family of four siblings. He was very close to his mother and loved her dearly, a special bond that lasted ten years. Dad had a strong desire to be adventurous, try new things and see the world.

Dad was an inspirational family man, caring and loving. Dad would make sure his family always came first, especially when faced with hard times, making sure we had food on the table and clothes and shoes to wear. Together with Mum, he made sure their children were taken good care of. He was the one to look to, whenever in doubt, or when we needed guidance, words of knowledge and advice, he was always there.

Which brings me to the first chapter of my life, as a little girl. I remember I had just turned 7 and time for school had started. I looked forward to this episode in my life, yet I was full of uncertainty, yet I looked forward to this milestone in my young years. Mum and Dad both took me to school that early summer morning, Dad said to me that he was carrying



a pencil to give to me when we got to school, he had it in his pocket. I was excited and overjoyed, but sadly he had forgotten it, I cried and was sad that day.

Dad being of European background and new to our country, he still spoke a fair amount of Croatian, which meant from time to time he would talk to us in Croatian dialect. I guess he wanted us to be able to get to know his background. He brought with him not only a different culture to ours, but also the memories that made him, the boy, the teenager, and the man that he was. He loved sharing with us his music, folk songs from his hometown. Not only did he sing them to us and Mum, but also whenever possible he would take the time to tell us what 'those' songs meant, for he made sure we knew and understood why he wanted to share this with us. It was a time of reflection that took him back to his roots, his hometown, his family. Many times, whenever he shared these sweet memories he would end up in tears, for it brought sad memories of his hometown and family he had left behind.



Dad was a hard-working man from very early years of his life. The eagerness and willingness he employed with him in every project he ever put his mind to. He loved building things, putting things together or from scratch.

Our first home in Chile bears the 'Trade of the Art'. 'Welding' 'steel' and 'cement' were the main materials that he used to erect a beautiful two-story house in Chile, where some of 'us' learnt to take our first steps. This house was the biggest project he endeavored to pursue, from scratch to almost finish state.

This was his pride and joy in every way possible.

As fate would have it, Dad loved adventure and traveling abroad, looking for something better for his family. Mum and Dad were not happy with the conditions of the country at the time. We believe God had it all in His masterplan and a new door of opportunities opened for them and us their children. New beginnings, new windows of hope were on the horizon as this new adventure was taking place. The time had come to embark and embrace 'new everything'. Before all this was to take place, we, as a family, were to impress the Australian Ambassador. So Dad would prepare the words he was to say... Mr. Ambassador, this is my family. We could not hold our joy as we were getting ready for the unknown before us.

Here is where a story of courage, heroism, bravery and valor was born. This marked a stamp of approval to what was in store for us, an unknown future in a new country and new beginnings.

It's been a little over three years since we lost our 'Mum'. Dad became more than a hero to me, we became closer and our relationship grew stronger as now we were both walking with the same shoes on down the same road without our life companions, nonetheless we encouraged each other with better things to come. Whenever possible, I would visit Dad more often than I did before. We would comfort each other, that we would see our loved ones gone once again. I would share with him words of comfort, of peace and of joy, that we have the hope of a wonderful future together with the Lord. Dad loved reading



the Bible, its promises gave him the hope that one day all the sad things will pass away. Dad took encouragement from our times spent together, we would also read the Word of God, sing hymns which brought hope and peace to his heart.

For months and weeks on end Dad put lots of effort in learning and memorising this beautiful hymn "Lord Jesus, I long to be Perfectly Whole" hymn number 345 in the Reformation Hymnal. We have a short clip where he sings it in Spanish, "Anhelo Ser Limpio". He sang in tune whenever possible and shared it with us many times. While singing it, he would be in tears as he was touched by God's wondrous love and His Spirit. Bro Ben recorded it in one of his visits to dad's place.

Because of Christ's grace and righteousness, we will see Dad again when the fulfillment of 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 takes place: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Where-



fore comfort one another with these words."

God's promises: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4.

We look forward to the time when our grieving will turn into JOY!

"Dad, we will meet you in the morning"

"Sresti ću te ujutro"

"Ci incontreremo la mattina"

"Nos encontraremos en la mañana"
— Your loving family.

He Was the Promised One

He was the promised one,
The son of an old man.
The delight of a grey-haired Mother,
He was God's well-thought-out plan.

The old man was Abraham,
He and God were friends.

But t'was heard
Take now thine only son
And of his life,
You will make an end.

But this was the son of promise,
The boy that had taken away their pain,
If his line should be destroyed,
There would be no hope again.

But Abraham obeyed the Father's will,
And he and the promised son,
Journeyed to the hill.
The place that made the old heart weep,
It seemed the mountain was far too steep.

Oh, Father dear,
Here I am

We have the fire and the wood
But there is no lamb.

Take no thought, said Abraham
My son,
God will provide Himself
A lamb.

To the place they now were come,
The dreaded work
Must now be told
To the only son.

And willingly he placed his life
On the altar
Beneath the knife.
While the father's hand was raised to smite
His only son, his precious life.

But a shout was heard from heaven
Do no harm,
I have found a ransom.
And there behind Abraham
Caught in the thicket
Was a ram.

Quickly he untied his son,
The sacrifice would not be done.
The promised son would be saved,
Another sacrifice to be made.

He was the promised One,
The Son of the Ancient Man
The delight of a virgin Mother
He was God's well thought out plan.

The young man was Jesus
He was God's own second self
But t'was heard,
The shepherd must be smitten
By none other but God Himself.

But this was the Son of promise,
The Messiah that had taken away the world's pain,
If He should be destroyed
There would be no hope again.

Jesus obeyed the Father's will
But alone He walked to the skull-shaped hill.
Calvary made the Father's heart weep,
Surely the mountain was far too steep.

Oh Father dear,
Here I am,
We have the wood
But where is the lamb?

God will provide Himself a lamb
God will provide
Himself the Lamb
Jesus Christ the man
The Lamb
Of God.

To the place He now was come,
The dreaded work
Must now be done
To the promised One, and only Son.

And willingly He placed His life
On the altar
Beneath the knife.
While the Father's hand was raised to smite
His only Son, His precious life.

But is there not another?
Will not a voice be heard from Heaven
Do no harm
For I have found a ransom?

Ah, no, it can never be,
Jesus is the only remedy
No one can take His place
He must die for the wayward race.

The Father did not save His Son
The sacrifice, the gift

Could not be undone,
There was no other lamb to die in His place
He was the Lamb
Dying for our race.

There was no other to be found
He was the one to be bound,
To the wooden cross with arms apart
And also to our broken hearts.

No Father there to save His life
No one to answer the anguished cry
My God, My God
Why have you left my soul to die?

He took the blow,
The whip, the stripes,
The silent Lamb of God
Gave His life.

For all us sheep who have gone astray
On Him our iniquities were laid.

The innocent soul
Was the offering for sin,
In the hope that He
Himself could win
Our renegade hearts
From the depths of sin.

And on that day in heaven,

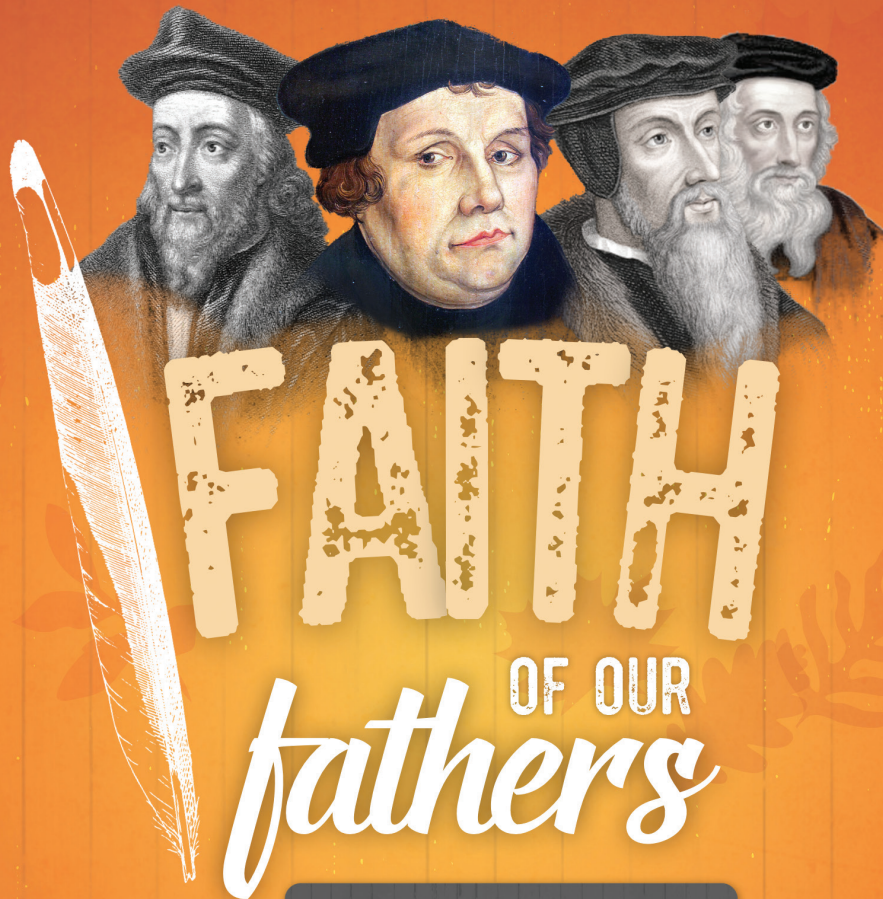
When the bride arrives
He will say, As He looks her in the eyes
I see the travail of my soul,
And am satisfied.

~ Adriana Wales



Summer School

December 31, 2018 - January 3, 2019



Activities

Workshops & Outreach
Come prepared to engage in workshops and a day of outreach as you experience the amazing faith of our fathers.

Venue

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DAY 1 - MONDAY

7:00 – 7:30	Worship – Bro Jade Wales: What is Faith?
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	Meeting 1 - Bro Domenic Polistina
10:00 – 11:00	Workshop 1
11:30 – 12:30	Meeting 2 - Bro Miguel Mendoza
2:00 – 3:00	Workshop 2
3:30 – 5:00	Canvassing workshop – Sr Elisabeth Balarezo
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner
7:00 – 8:00	Worship - Bro Larry Ah-ching: Faith in Time of Want

DAY 2 - TUESDAY

7:00 – 7:30	Worship – Bro Jared Chapman: Faith in Time of Persecution
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	Meeting 3 – Bro Consigor Matyas
10:00 – 11:00	Workshop 3
11:30 – 12:30	Meeting 4 – Bro Gerson Robles
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch
2:00 – 3:00	Workshop 4
3:30 – 5:00	Canvassing workshop – Sr Elisabeth Balarezo
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner
7:00 – 8:00	Worship – Sr Daniela Balarezo: Faith When Meeting Opposition

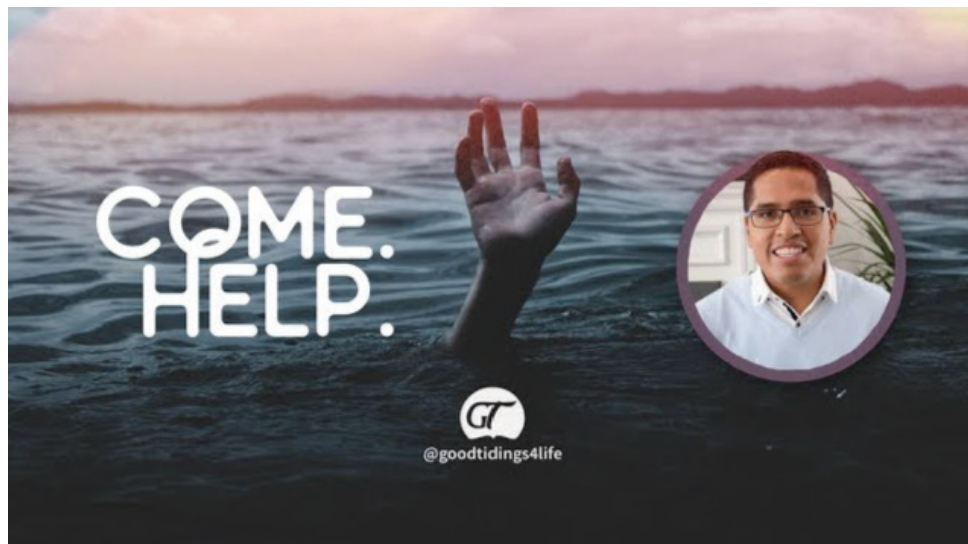
DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY

7:00 – 7:30	Worship – Bro Ben Thiel: Faith when Feeling Crushed
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	Meeting 5 – Bro Luke Kneebone
10:00 – 11:00	Workshop 5
11:30 – 12:30	Meeting 6 – Bro Jacob De Souza
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch
2:00 – 3:00	Workshop 6
3:30 – 5:00	Canvassing workshop – Sr Elisabeth Balarezo
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner
7:00 – 8:00	Worship – Bro Nathan Tyler: Keeping the Faith in Prosperity

DAY 4 - THURSDAY

7:00 – 7:30	Worship– Bro Randy Acquiatan: Faith in These Last Days
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast
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