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Editorial

It is impossible not to be moved with a sense of compassion for the thousands of lives affected by natural calamities. The relief efforts that flow in their wake, both financial and direct in the form of food, clothing and shelter, demonstrate our common empathy for our fellow humanity, regardless of race, religion or politics. When there is a need, for the most part, people help. Whether it is the hurricanes and floods in Central and North America, to earthquakes in Mexico and Japan, to volcanic eruptions on an Island in Vanuatu, causing the evacuation of thousands of people, including our own church members, to fires in California that have left behind a path of devastation in lives lost and homes destroyed—we can't help but be moved with a sense of compassion for those suffering at the hand of nature.

Such tragedies like these, testify to the reality of the times in which we are living. Jesus told us what to expect in the last days:

“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea



and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.” Luke 21:25-26.

“And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights....” (Luke 21:11)

But then there is Las Vegas. The massacre of 59 people, and the wounding of over 500 more just doesn't make sense. How could any human being inflict such devastation upon their fellow human beings? What would drive someone to such a calculated yet senseless act of evil that does nothing but devastate hundreds of innocent lives? Surely there is some cause, some twisted motive? I am sure the powers that be will try to establish the reason.



Remember, the darker the night, the easier it is to see the light

So far, no sound reason has been found, and perhaps never will be.

We can only wonder. But while we may not know why things like this happen, we can be sure that as time goes on, such things will happen:

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be...without natural affection,” or “heartless” as the ESV puts it. (1 Timothy 3:1-3)

Nothing else can explain the tragedies we see inflicted by humans upon humans. Men and women without natural affection inflicting needless suffering on others. We are indeed living in perilous times.

It is in times such as these that God’s people are to shine. Jesus has set us in this world as lights – a city set on a hill – to be seen by all. He calls upon us, as Christians, to let our light shine, no matter how perilous or dark it may be around us. Shining is not difficult. It is the natural result of God’s work within the heart of every repenting, believing soul. “Christ’s Object Lessons” states, “If you have received God’s grace, then the light is in you.” So, don’t hold back.

Remember, the darker the night, the easier it is to see the light. So, in contrast to the evil around us, let’s respond in practical ways to be the light Jesus wants us to be. When natural disasters or “heartless” acts of devastation break upon the world

around you, be the first to shine—to give of your means to those who are without, or to reach out in empathy to those who are suffering. Don’t let the calls for assistance weary you or the darkness of human nature discourage you. In this way, your good works for which God has created you for (Eph 2:10), will be a beacon for many to find Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

We are told that, through practical ministry, “the revelation of His own glory in the form of humanity will bring heaven so near to men that the beauty adorning the inner temple will be seen in every soul in whom the Saviour dwells. Men will be captivated by the glory of an abiding Christ. And in currents of praise and thanksgiving from the many souls thus won to God, glory will flow back to the great Giver.” (COL 420)

~ Paul Chapman

New Caledonia Fly and Build

Winter in the South Pacific Region can be deceptive if you are not used to it. The days were warm for building work and the nights and early mornings were cool enough to sit by a wood fire outdoors. Enough cold chill to have to warm up. It was interesting to see peach trees in blossom where one never expected to see them. Tropical fruits were expect-



ed and yes, lychees and mangoes were in bloom too. Coconut palms held their tall sway and supplied us with their fruits. This is how one can describe the location of the Fly and Build held from July 30 - September 1, 2017.

The local members have been meet-

ing in a converted house for many years on the Island of Mare, (pronounced Maa-ray). There are two languages spoken there, French and Kanaky. French was used predominately to communicate and some English in between. Kanaky is the local dialect spoken in the homes and church.

Our work started a week before the official start date with the Arrival of Bro. Keith Robertson who flew from Townsville into Noumea and then on to Mare Island. With him he brought his tools to lay out the foundation for the church. The land had been cleared prior to his arrival but in preparing to dig the foundations, a major difficulty now presented itself. The topsoil was only 100mm thick in most places and a coral bedrock lay underneath it. We surmounted the

difficulty by hiring a backhoe with a rock breaker attachment to break out the foundation area. The entire footing area was chipped out bit by bit in order to achieve the required depths. Once that was completed, formwork timbers were purchased and delivered. This same formwork was re-used in the building work several times including as scaffold planks.

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With two shovels and a hired mixer we started mixing the concrete needed for the foundation.

A week of work went by quickly to dig and form up the entire foundation area and shift all un-needed rocks and dirt away. On the first official week of work two brethren from Tahiti in French Polynesia and myself arrived to start our work. Upon our arrival, we finalized the wooden formwork and collected any wheelbarrows we could find. With two shovels and a hired mixer we started mixing the concrete needed for the foundation. Having attended to several Fly and Builds previously I saw

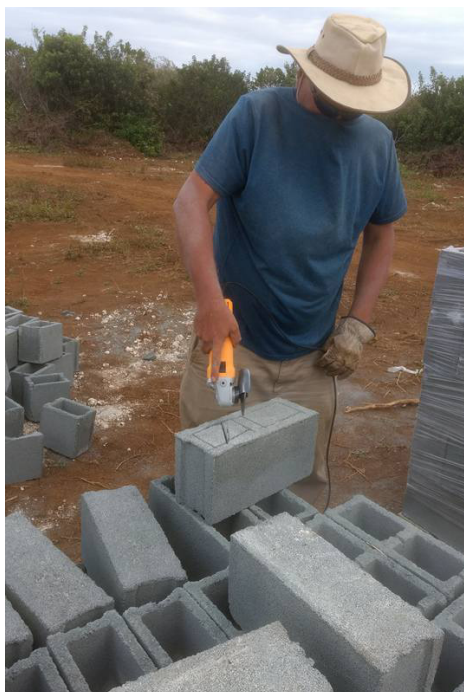


the mountain of broken rocks which had been delivered as “gravel”. The two tipper loads were just torn up coral rock which we had to than sift on a large chicken wire mesh screen to bring down to a more manageable and appropriate “gravel” size. This accomplished, we mixed the concrete footing in one entire day. Everyone was organized and the work moved at a fast pace. It wasn’t easy for many, as this was a first-time experience in mixing and moving concrete at a fast pace. The following days sped by with the Sabbath proving a wonderful day of rest.

Week two was marked with the arrival of Brother Terry Barnett who came from Brisbane to install the concrete block work. What should have been a three-day job for him took a week and a half worth of hard labour. The blocks had to be brought by boat to Mare Island and then delivered to a local hardware store which was handling them and finally brought to us on site.

The moulds used for them were not a precision mould and so their squareness was not best at times. In addition, the blocks had a bottom to them and that created a dilemma as in many places we had to core fill the columns to give vertical strength to the building. Labourers spent their days chipping out the block to create a void space in them.

Once the walls were complete the floor slab area needed sand brought in to level the rough ground and be poured. Again, this was a large undertaking and many men were used to sift, mix and carry concrete. The slab was poured in two days of work. Brother Morris Marango arrived from Port Vila, Vanuatu in time to help with concreting and



hardware store supplying us building materials heard that we were doing something special and never done before so quickly and he came out before lunch to bring all the workers cold drinks. And when there he kept saying in French “Incroyable” which translates as you can imagine into “Incredible”. By this time the rear facing veranda area framing and roof was completed and us workers were able to eat lunch under it. Each day the local sisters prepared and brought out sandwiches for each worker on site.

The following week was interesting



truss building. His experience along with the experience of Brother Keith worked well together in building the balance of trusses needed. With all hands available the trusses were lifted up into place and bolted in. They were braced and another Sabbath arrived. The local manager of the

as we had to work on a Sunday for the first time as typically this is not done here. Our deadline for substantial completion was arriving and due to some generator breakdowns and delays we were behind in the schedule. However, the first rains of the season came down hard on us, one roofing iron sheet before the end. Not only compounding this, the island was on an electrical blackout for the day and no fuel for the generator was available to purchase.

I prayed that I would be successful in finding some to buy. I went to the hardware manager which by now was on friendly terms with me. He had a drum of fuel for his generator use. I thought if he could sell us some we could have enough to fin-



ish the roof. However, upon meeting him he said he was not allowed to sell me any or give me any. I went away feeling very down. My face was really long as I sat in the car with sad thoughts. A few minutes went by and my driver had not returned. I thought nothing of it. But upon his return he opened the car door and handed me the fuel can with about three litres of fuel in it. The incredulous look on my face must have been impressive as I had prayed for success but, in not getting it, I was sitting in the car pouting. I was told in French that the manager gave us the fuel. I turned around to see him at my side of the car and I rolled down the window. He told me in French to go "finish my building"! I offered to pay but he said, "No". So off we went with a new happy look on my tired face as nobody had believed we could get any fuel whatsoever. It was a happy occasion to see the final sheet of iron go up on the roof.

It was a big push to finally complete the ridge cap and window frames in between the first rains of the season. Until now the rains had held back.

One by one the brethren left to go home to their respective countries. Many tears of sadness were shed by the local brothers and sisters over their departure. The love was felt by all with the sharing of food, homes, vehicles and time by all the members there.

As all things must end, so does the building. However, the waiting for a dedication day is not yet over. The funds have run out no matter how frugal we were it just wasn't enough to complete the structure for dedicational purposes. Several thousand dollars are needed to purchase things like paint, windows, flooring and materials for partitions and the building of a double toilet room. The slab has been poured in preparation for that work. Love offerings are needed to complete this project so the local brethren can meet in their church.

It has taken many years of effort here to get to this place in time, and a beautiful place of worship has been raised as a lighthouse on this island. Please consider giving any sum to complete this project.

~ John Lausevic, Welfare Department Director.

2017 MediaCon Victoria

Held during the school holidays from July 3-7 in Victoria and a first for an event of this type, youth and others interested in media attended AUC MediaCon to hone their skills in video production and graphic design.

The venue was situated in the beautiful surrounds of Galwiji Homestead near Ballarat. The scenic homestead provided a perfect location for video production and team learning. The weather was cold and mostly cloudy, but it was mostly perfect lighting for videography. There was a lovely fireplace inside the house which kept everyone warm and some game activities providing a refreshing time-out from the busy program.

The program consisted of two main streams: video production & graphic design. Attendees learned and practiced the basics of video production from developing a story and pre-pro-



duction to filming and audio capture to post-production and video editing. The graphic design session consisted of learning basic elements such as lines, balance, scale, colour, negative space, symmetry and repetition



seen in design. Knowing how to use these elements in design pays off if you ever need to be creative!

Various attendees took turns leading out in worship and the subjects shared were relevant and challenging to all of us. The food was delicious thanks to Brigita Szabo and others who helped. The atmosphere felt warm and relaxed, like a home away from home.

In total, 19 people attended from 3 states. It was a wonderful group to live with for 1 week and lots of quality time was spent together and great memories were made. At the end of the week's stay, we all gathered next to the fire place and watched everyone's videos. I was amazed and pleased at how creative all the teams were! All the videos were amazing and everybody did a wonderful job. You can watch some of

the videos on GoodTidings YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/goodtidings

There are lots of creative youth in our church with lots of skills and ideas whom the Lord can use in His service. One of the things we learned was that all ability, skill or inspiration comes from the Holy Spirit. It is a wonderful experience when you can spend time producing



something creative knowing that the Holy Spirit is working in your heart and you are being inspired and used by Him to serve God in media.

“See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft.” Exodus 31:2-5

We look forward to MediaCon 2018

where we’ll use the great feedback we received by those who came this year. We plan on holding our next MediaCon in sunny Queensland! Further details will be published shortly.

~ Gerson Robles



Declared Righteous & Made Holy - Part 1

How does the legal work of justification by faith relate to holiness of heart and life? Terms such as “forensic justification” and “legal justification” used to confuse me, because they explained the doctrine of justification by faith as purely a legal (objective) act of God on behalf of the sinner, and I could not reconcile this with the transformative work of God within my heart, which I knew happened when I was first converted. As I understand it now, the objective (legal) work of justification by faith is never independent of

the subjective (transformative) work of God within the human heart, for it is only the contrite and humbled that can appreciate the great gift of righteousness received by faith alone.

This means that God does not only declare repentant sinners righteous by faith, but he also makes them righteous by faith. In other words, God doesn’t only want to declare you righteous, but he also wants to make you holy. So, what is holiness? And how does a sinner become holy? I will dwell on the first question in this first part of the article.

I searched through the entire Scriptures for the word “holy” and it yielded a range of things, beings, places

and even time periods described as holy.

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The Godhead (the Holy Father, the Holy child, the Holy Spirit), the Holy Scriptures, the law of God, the holy Sabbath, the holy feast days, the holy furniture of the sanctuary, the

holy offerings. Some places also were or are still regarded as holy (such as heaven, the sanctuary, the holy city and the camp of Israel). And beings, such as the holy angels, or the church made up of the saints of God are called holy too.

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We need to remember that it is the presence of God that makes a thing, or a being holy.

But since this article is about holiness and justification by faith, I will here only give a definition of holiness as it applies to people.

Holiness is an attribute of those which are dedicated to God and who reserve themselves only for God's intended purpose.

Holiness and cleanliness are synonyms. Human beings are holy only when they are cleansed from moral defilement. Notice how the Bible equates holiness to cleanliness.

“Do not drink wine nor strong drink... that ye may put difference between



holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean” Leviticus 10:9–10 KJV.

But here's our problem. The Bible shows us that “...we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...” Isaiah 64:6 KJV. And it also tells us that, “if anyone defiles God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.” 1 Corinthians 3:17 ESV

So, sinners find themselves in a serious dilemma. Called to be a holy temple for God's presence, and warned against defiling that temple,



we are yet all as an unclean thing – the defiling elements of our nature daily desecrating the temple of God. How then are we to be made holy and cease desecrating God's temple?

Firstly, we need to remember that it is the presence of God that makes a thing, or a being holy. There are two verses that illustrate this and I'll quote them below. Secondly, being in God's presence means that he'll bring cleansing agents to bear upon us - I'll look at this in Part 2.

“...I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.” Leviticus 11:45. The reason God calls us to holiness is because He is holy.

Do you remember the story of Moses and the burning bush? What made that insignificant bush and the dry dirt beneath it in some lonely desert place holy? As Moses approached that strange sight, God said, “do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” Exodus 3:5. Obviously, it was the presence of God that made that place holy.

So, in summary. Since holiness was first an attribute of God and since holiness derives its meaning from things or beings being dedicated to God, then it follows that any attempt at being holy without the presence of God is pure legalism.



Sanctimoniousness concerns itself with WHAT to comply with and WHEN to comply with it. Holiness is concerned with WHY and HOW you obey God

It's important to rid ourselves of legalism if we want to witness to the faith-based journey of the Christian from sin to holiness – because legalism masquerades as true religion, and it deceives thousands. Let me introduce you to another word that means the same as legalism: sanctimoniousness. It is the counterfeit of holiness. Let's compare the two.

Sanctimoniousness is concerned with appearing right before others. Holiness is concerned with BEING right with God. Sanctimoniousness concerns itself with WHAT to comply with and WHEN to comply with it. Holiness is concerned with WHY and HOW you obey God. Sanctimoniousness is quick to call out sin in others and gloats over their failures. Holiness mourns over its own faults, and grieves over other's failures if it discerns them.

Sanctimoniousness compares itself with others "more" sinful. Holiness compares itself to Christ who is righteous. Sanctimoniousness thinks that

our right standing with God is dependent on our obedience. Holiness trusts that our right standing with God is dependent only on Christ's obedience. Sanctimoniousness is focused on human achievement displayed in outward conformity, whereas holiness finds expression only through the Divine accomplishment of our transformed hearts to inward integrity.

Jesus had a lot of beautiful things to say as he shared the transformative gospel of grace, and most of his teachings dwelt on the love, the mercy and the grace of God to save the sinner. But when it came to exposing hypocrisy, he didn't mince his words. And it makes sense that he exposed hypocrisy, and did so regularly, for it stood directly in the way of God achieving what he could within the sinner's heart. No sharing of the gospel of grace is complete without a continual uprooting of the enemy of grace – human merit. Listen to how Jesus stripped the sanctimonious garb off the religious hypocrites.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-in-



dulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean." Matthew 23:25–26 ESV

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like white-washed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." Matthew 23:27-28 ESV

So how is a sinner to be made holy? I'll cover this in Part 2. We'll look at the inside cleansing Jesus spoke of and how it happens.

~ Gerson Robles

Victoria Snow Camp

Psalm 51:7 "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

From the 18th to the 21st of August, a group of brothers and sisters from Melbourne participated in one of the most awaited camps of the year: the snow camp. We went to Bright Town and spent a nice time in nature. On Friday afternoon, everybody arrived and settled, and then had worship together to open the Sabbath.

Sabbath morning was a nice time. We studied our Sabbath Bible Lesson and then had our planned group discussion on the topic "Whiter than Snow". Everybody participated by giving their viewpoints on how we could become whiter than snow. It was a Christ-centred sharing of ideas and we could feel the presence of God among us. After that, we had our delicious fellowship lunch which gave us enough energy to do our missionary activity in the surround-



ings of the inn where we stayed. In pairs, trios and groups everybody went letterboxing spreading Bible Study request cards. When we finished letterboxing, we gathered together to have a walk amidst the beautiful riverside scenery. Sunset time had arrived. By quoting memory Bible verses, singing and prayer we closed that unforgettable Sabbath day. Our social time in a friendly Christian environment was also heaps of fun.

Sunday was a beautiful sunny day. Everybody left early to enjoy the snow. Some went up to Mount Buffalo and other ones went up to Falls Creek Mountain. It was a day of lots of fun when everyone had the opportunity to either go skiing or snowboarding. We have no other words than, "Thank you Lord for the opportunity to see and enjoy recreation together in a beautiful part of your creation!"

Monday and the time to clean and pack up soon came. We look forward to participating in the next snow camp, God willing.

~ Anonymous

New Zealand News

13th Sabbath Combined Fellowship

Whareora, New Zealand - 24th June 2017

For the benefit of both our brethren in Auckland Church and our isolated church members, we decided to hold a combined Sabbath gathering at Whareora, New Zealand on the 24th June 2017. One of our church members offered his spacious house for the Sabbath Meeting accommodations. The drive from Auckland to Whareora is almost three hours. Brethren, friends, and interests from Kaitia, Hamilton, Dargaville and Whangarei joined us for the Sabbath. The total attendance for our services in the Sabbath School, Divine Worship Hour, and Young People's Meeting was 33. We praise God for the full and lovely day of fellowship together.

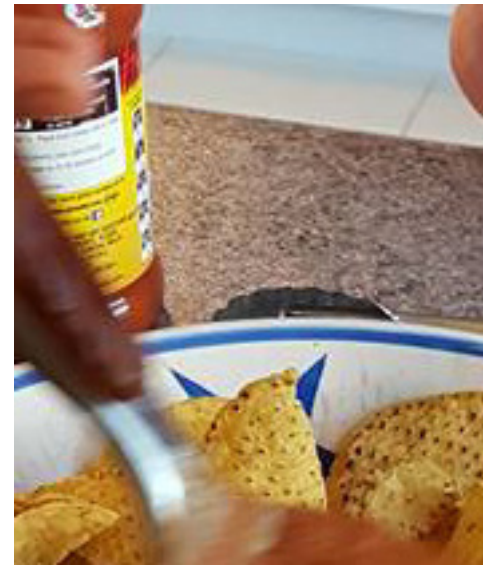
Cooking Lessons

New Lynn, New Zealand

At 4:50 pm on Tuesday afternoon our first cooking demo started.

The Saifoloi family were wanting to learn how to make tofu. Sister Mercy Dumaguit and my mum, Sister Richel were the demonstrators. They showed them the basics of making





tofu. I also taught the twin girls how to make vegan cinnamon rolls while the tofu was being made. We made lots of yummy tofu dishes and the cinnamon rolls were our dessert. We've been doing these cooking demos for 3 weeks (August 7, 15, &

22). The 2nd week we showed the same family how to make healthy fruit smoothies and vegan banana cake. And on the 3rd week we made Mexican dishes such as nachos, spicy beans and burritos. We hope to continue these cooking lessons

with this wonderful family. They are very interested in health and how to eat healthy. I pray to God that He will continue to bless our cooking lessons so that all will be encouraged to eat healthier.

~ Adelaide Pedrosa

Identity Crisis Seminar - NSW

On August Friday 11 – Sunday 13, 2017, the New South Wales Missionary Department held a Seminar at Schofield's Church, with the theme "Identity Crisis", designed to reach all ages, particularly young people both in and outside the church.

Next to God I would like to extend a great big thank-you to all concerned in helping to promote the event to make it a success:

- To our church member's for your wonderful effort in distributing flyers to letterboxes in the local area.
- To Gerson and Daniela for your help in advertising via social media.
- To Focus for your song item, "Ancient Words".
- To all the speakers for your time and effort in presenting your designated topics.

The topics covered were:

Friday Evening - "Heritage" Genesis 1:26

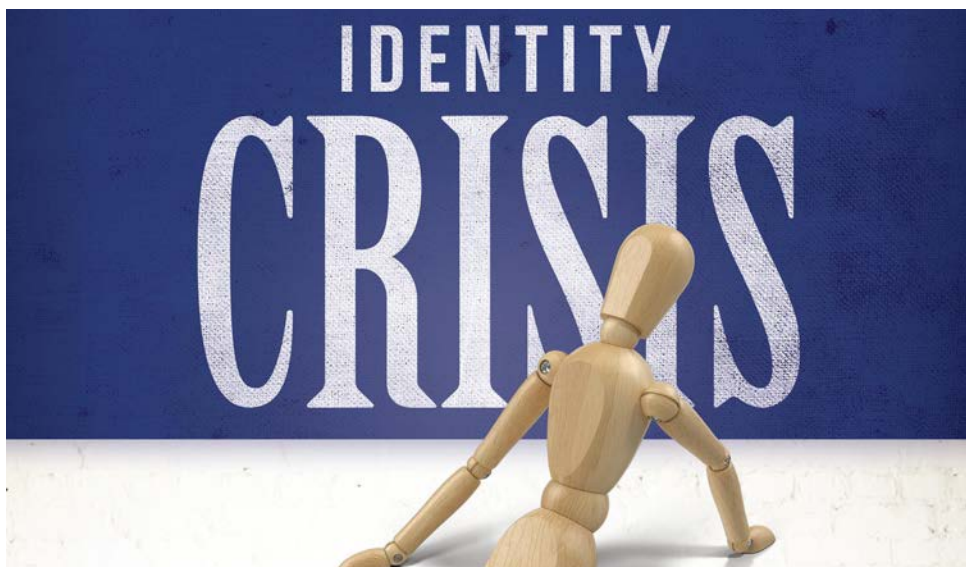
Sabbath Divine Service – "Imago Dei" (Origin - Where Did I Come From?) Genesis 1:27

Sabbath Afternoon Program – "Is That All There Is?" (Purpose - What Am I Doing?) Genesis 1:28

Sunday Afternoon Program – "Before and After the Fall" (Identity - Who Am I?) Genesis 3:7

Sunday Afternoon Program – "Then What?" (Destiny - Where Am I Going?) Genesis 3:16, 17

The seminar presented that in order to understand the four topics of Origin, Identity, Purpose and Destiny it is foundational to recognize they all



proceed from knowing our Heritage, which comes from God, and that Heritage can be lost in a generation. (See Judges 2:10).

Considering the attendance comprised only local church membership in view of our outreach efforts, all in

all the entire seminar proved a blessing, with a positive feedback, particularly on Sunday the last day where God's presence was felt in a marked manner. We concluded our seminar in fellowship with a combined evening meal.



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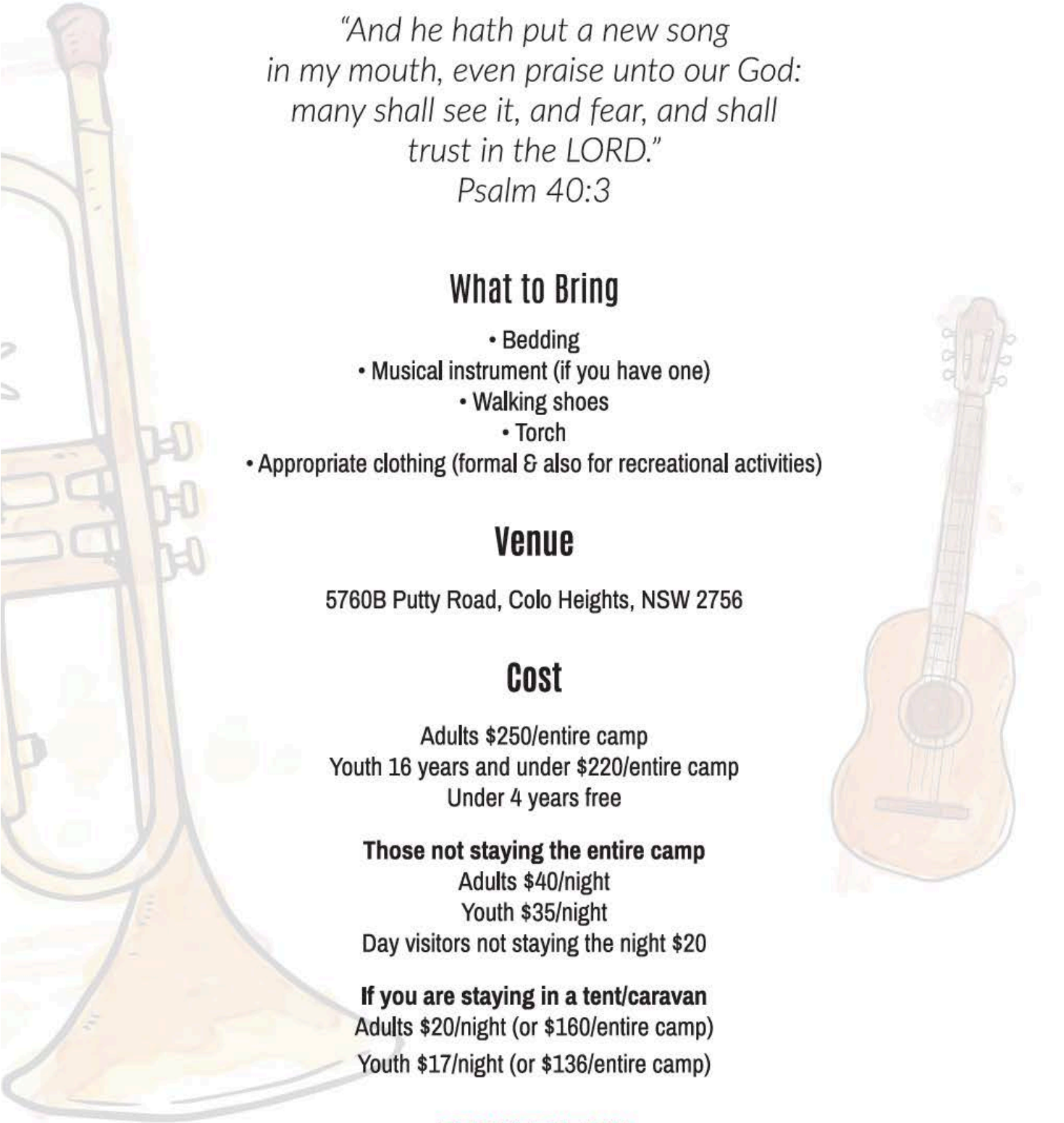
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ELIM HEIGHTS YOUTH CAMP - NSW

More Information

Share exciting experiences with the world about God's love through music. Get involved in the creative process of music production through choir or orchestra to music video. Children can also get involved in the children's program. Various recreational activities will also be available!

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*"And he hath put a new song
in my mouth, even praise unto our God:
many shall see it, and fear, and shall
trust in the LORD."*

Psalm 40:3

What to Bring

- Bedding
- Musical instrument (if you have one)
 - Walking shoes
 - Torch
- Appropriate clothing (formal & also for recreational activities)

Venue

5760B Putty Road, Colo Heights, NSW 2756

Cost

Adults \$250/entire camp
Youth 16 years and under \$220/entire camp
Under 4 years free

Those not staying the entire camp

Adults \$40/night
Youth \$35/night
Day visitors not staying the night \$20

If you are staying in a tent/caravan

Adults \$20/night (or \$160/entire camp)
Youth \$17/night (or \$136/entire camp)

REGISTRATION

Please contact Csongor for more information on 0430 505 934
or email: cmatyas@sdarm.org.au

Please register by visiting www.sdarm.org.au/events/musiccamp

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE DECEMBER 1, 2017

Condolences - Vincent F Cimera

We extend our condolences to the Cimera and Chapman families on the loss of their loved one: Brother Vincent F. Cimera. Vincent was the loving husband of JoAnne, father of Sr Deborah Chapman, Michelle Vejby and Karen Cimera; and he was Opa to Jordan, Jared, Melissa, Wally and Ryan. Vincent passed away on Tuesday, 8th August 2017. A memorial service was held at Moriah Heights, California, USA, on Sunday 20th of August, where family and friends paid their last respects.

Brother Cimera, or "Brother Vince" to many, was a Christian gentleman and inspirational church member. He loved the Lord and gave many hours in voluntary service to His cause. He served as Field Leader of the North-West United States Field for 12 years, from 1988-2000. He also had a special burden for the Moriah Heights church property situated east of Sacramento, California. It had become neglected and the buildings

very run down. Brother Cimera, a Construction Contractor and builder by trade, spent many a Sunday working at Moriah Heights, leaving home at 4:30 am with two of his workers and driving the 2 ½ hours there, working all day, and then driving back home, only to get up early on Monday morning for work at his regular job. His efforts were an inspiration to others. With their help the property became transformed. From dirt roads, weeds and run-down trailer homes, it has become a beautiful property with more modern prefabricated homes, paved roads, and beautiful gardens. His efforts also included the founding of Whispering Pines Christian School, our first church elementary (primary) school in North America. The school was established on the property in 1990 and today has more than 100 students. Brother Cimera was also a delegate to the General Conference Session twice, 1987 and 1991, and served on the General Conference Finance Committee for one term. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His legacy will not be forgotten.

A poem written especially for the occasion by Jared Chapman and dedicated to his grandfather, was read at the memorial service. After the service, all proceeded to the graveside at the Moriah Heights Cemetery where Br Vincent was laid to rest.

Poem: See You Again

By Jared Chapman

*The memories, time pauses, freezes,
suddenly accelerates then time flies*

*Sometimes it seems like I've been
left behind*

*Frantically trying to catch up with the
continuum, time*

*The last time, I turned to look back to
see tears flooding from the corners
of your eyes*

*Even though I promised I'd see you
again, maybe it was then you knew
you were saying your last goodbyes*

*Maybe it was then you knew you
wouldn't see us until that day when
you will arise*

*To meet your family, your friends,
your loved ones within the skies*

And there ultimately find your Saviour



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*My Maker, the One who set the stars
and galaxies in motion,*

*Who controls the currents beneath
the ocean, our world's Creator.*

*The One who lays each soul to rest,
puts each body to sleep*

*The One who asked the question,
"Why do you weep?"*

So why do you weep?

*When your loved ones are just
asleep,*

*Resting in the hope of rising to a
better world*

*A world free from sin, our deadly
disease*

*No more separation, no time-zones,
no more family overseas*

*No more pain, no stiff joints, no more
sore knees*

*No more suffering, no struggle, no
more disease*

*Where lambs lie down with the wild-
est of beasts*

*Where nature meets humanity in
perfect peace*

*Where life goes on, never having to
cease*

*Where the saved and the Saviour
finally meet.*

*You see every time I hear about this
world, our heavenly home*

*Like magnets that roam too far away,
this world I'm living in loses its attrac-
tion*

*Like a father waiting patiently to see
his son, each day I'm waiting for a
reunion that is soon to come*

For I long to be part of the faithful few

*To dwell forever with my Saviour in
this earth made new*

*And live together in heaven with all
of you*

My question is, do you?

*You see you never know when you'll
come to the end of your line*

*And if you were to die today, would it
all be fine?*

*Jesus longs to reflect his image with-
in you and shine*

*Start talking to him today, reconnect
with the vine*

*Seek that which was lost and then
you will find*

*That you now you can see, you're no
longer blind*

*And if you died today, it would all be
fine.*

*This is the promise you held, the
promise you shared with family and
friends undecided*

*Your happiness in giving, their joy
in receiving, the things in which you
delighted*

*And most of all to see them decided,
saved*

*In the hope to at last meet in the
clouds on that day as families undi-
vided*

*This was the hope you held on to,
your unwavering faith, your unrelent-
ing belief*

*So until that day arrives, I pray you'll
rest in peace....*

We look forward to the time of Jesus' second coming when we will see our loved ones again, never more to part! "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." John 14:1-4.

~ By Lidia Voncina

Condolences - Bernie Guthrie

It is with sadness that I report the death of Bernie Guthrie.

Bernard Edward Guthrie died peacefully at his home on Thursday, 8 June, 2017, aged 85 years. A graveside committal was held on Friday, 16 June at the Wagga Wagga Lawn Cemetery, Lake Albert, followed by a Memorial Service in John Bance & Son funeral home, Ashmont, Wagga Wagga. Bernie is survived by his wife, Betty, their six children and families. He was a much-loved grandfather and great-grandfather.

Bernie suffered from Alzheimer's Disease the last few years of his life whilst his wife, Betty, faithfully took care of him.

I first met Bernie in the early 1990's when he came and later joined our church in Uranquinty.

He often talked of his early life as a shearer. When I met him, he was employed

as a school janitor. We really enjoyed Bernie's company at church.

I remember Bernie's earnest and sincere prayers. He loved the truth. He was a good student of Waggoner and Jones. Bernie impressed on us "the faith of Jesus" and what it really is.

Bernie will be sadly missed by all who knew him and we look forward to the resurrection of God's faithful.

~ Robert Wiseman

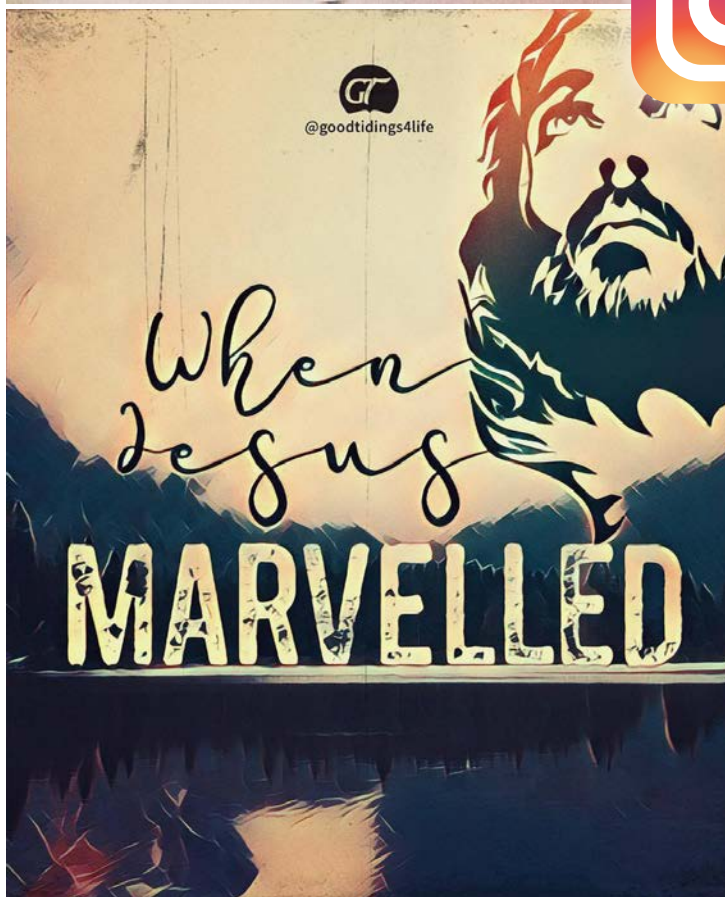
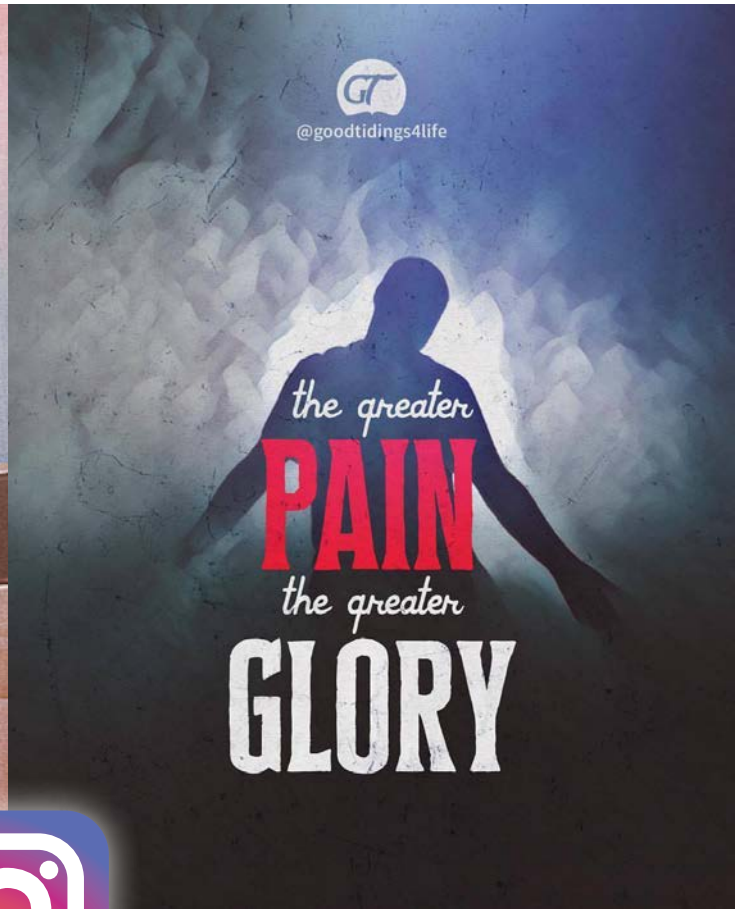
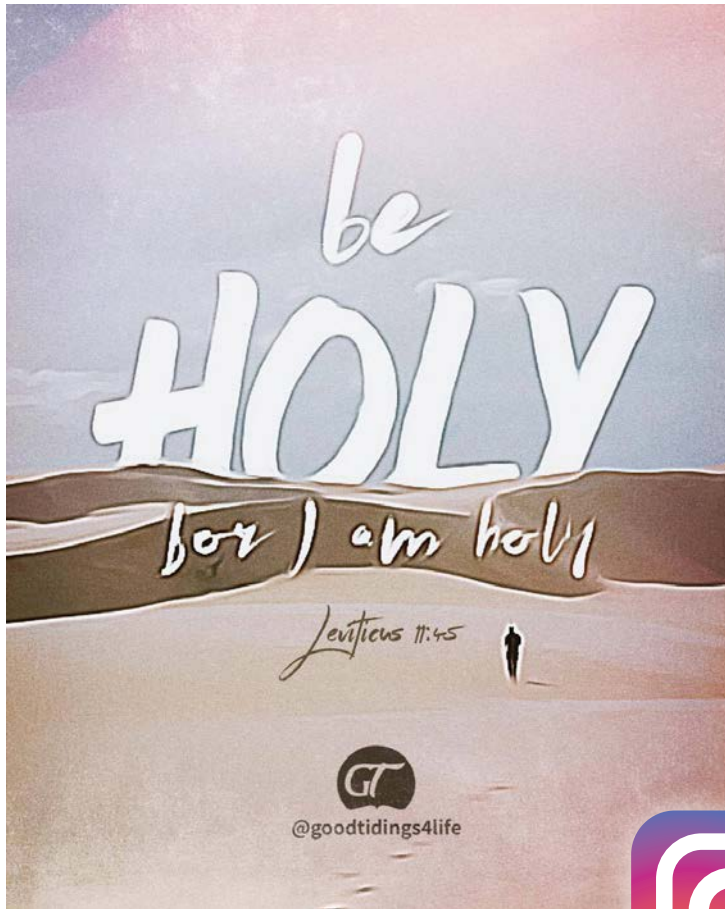
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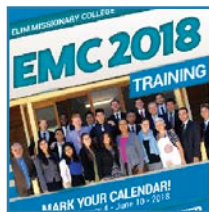
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