

Next Sunday 31st May 2015

Discipleship Series: Part 4 – Understanding the Old Testament
4.8 The Kingdom of God Bible reading: 2 Samuel 7:1 - 17

9:00 am Morning Service

Reader: Mel Mottau

Welcomers: Jo Bailey & Helen Meillon

Morning Tea: Jenny Garlick & Val Wright

Preacher: Rev Ian Weeks

Organist: Jan Allan

Flowers: Val Wright

10:30 am Family Service

KidzChurch: Jackson & Tash

Preacher: Rev Ian Weeks

Crèche: Alyssa Otten

5:30 pm Youth Service & Meal Cost \$7.00 pp or free if you are new!

Venessa's driver: John & Cathy Faulkner

Creations/Playgroup Set-up: Wayne & Roe Giddy

Using the Church Premises during the week? Be a blessing to others by remembering to clean up afterwards & make sure all the lights are off ☺

WHAT'S ON @ BUC & THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Property/room bookings to Denis Wall: den_lisle@optusnet.com.au

Every Monday during Term: Arts, Crafts & ESL at Creations 10 am – 12 noon

Every Wednesday during Term: Playgroup at the Church 10 am – 12 noon

MAY CALENDAR – Mission of the Month: Wayne & Mandy with CMS

30th Church Property Working Bee. All hands on deck to help. 8.00 am

30th National Day of Thanksgiving. Focus: *Mentors and Workers in Finance*

30th Presbytery meets at Tumbi Umbi UC. Lunch \$10 pp. 9.30 am – 4.00 pm

JUNE CALENDAR

5th Congregation Prayer Gathering in Family Room 7.30 pm

6th Mens Breakfast & Bible study in the Family Room 7.00 – 9.00 am

6th Saturday celebration of Tevita & Marie's Wedding at BUC. 1.30 pm

Advance Warning – Mark your diaries!!

Saturday 25th July Forest Combined Churches Prayer Breakfast @ BUC 7.30 am

Saturday 29th August FACE Trivia Night at Covey. Get a team ready!

Wednesday 2nd September Presbytery Meets at BUC from 6.00 pm for meal.

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Church Web Site: <http://www.belrose.unitingchurch.org.au>

Prayer Requests: prayer@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au

Sunday Services

9am - 10:30am - 6.30pm*
(*5:30pm Youth Service
on the last Sunday each
month)



Assembly of
Confessing
Congregations

NEWSWEEK 24th May 2015

Belrose Uniting Church

Corner Forest Way and Morgan Road, Belrose
TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN



The Uniting
Church in
Australia

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ from Frenchs Forest to Terrey Hills, from the bush to the beaches, since 1916.

Welcome to Worship today!

If you are a visitor with us today, thank you for sharing fellowship with us. We pray that you have been blessed today and we hope you will join us again. Morning tea is between the morning services.

Pentecost Sunday!

On this day, 24th May 1738, John Wesley encountered the work of the Holy Spirit in the assurance of salvation. That evening, as he was walking past a chapel in Aldersgate London, he heard someone reading from Martin Luther's *Preface to the Epistle to Romans*. Wesley wrote: "while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you." Romans 8:11

= Sermon series: *Discipleship – Knowing Christ and Making Him Known* =
"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Matt 4:19

Discipleship Series: Part 4 – Understanding the Old Testament

4.7 God's presence on earth Bible reading: Exodus 40:1–17 & 34-38

9:00 am Morning Service

Reader: Sandra Murphy

Welcomers: Denis & Lisle Wall

Flowers: Jen Dinning

Preacher: Rev Ian Weeks

Organist: Gwen Gatford

Venessa's driver: Keith Bridge

Morning Tea: Richard & Carolyn Benisch

10:30 am Family Service

KidzChurch: Jackson & Tash

Preacher: Rev Ian Weeks

Crèche: Alyssa Otten

6:30 pm Evening Service

Creations/Playgroup Set-up: Gary & Anita Mottau

Preacher: Rev Ian Weeks

NEWSWEEK CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to Newsweek are very welcome and should be emailed to mail@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au by **5.00 pm Thursday** or given to Rev. Ian.

The God who is there and here!

Have you ever been out on a clear night, observed the amazing array of stars in the sky and wondered "Is there someone, something, out there? Someone bigger than us, a "god", creator, superior/supreme being?" And "If so, how could I know this God?" "How could I know that he/she/it is real?" These are the fundamental questions of humanity; that innate sense of spirituality; that desire and longing to know, and connect with, the Ultimate Being beyond us.

The Bible talks about a unique Creator God who is there and is not silent, who has communicated to us and made Himself known to us - revelation. The people of the Bible encountered this God through God's self-disclosure in many ways: through the prophets (eg Moses), miraculous rescue (eg from Egypt), and in the giving of His Word (eg the Law). But in Exodus we read that God went a step further and set up camp in the midst of the people! The Tabernacle was literally a tent, a tent of meeting, the place where God dwelt with His people and they could "meet" with Him. It was a symbol of the presence of a God whom not even the biggest palace could contain, yet consented to be found in a tent. In Exodus 40 we read that the glory of the Lord filled the Tent of Meeting, and nobody could enter it because the glory of the Lord was too overwhelming!

So how does that help us meet with this overwhelming God? Thankfully, the Tabernacle was only a pre-cursor of a better encounter with the living God. God has provided a way in which we can not only know Him, but experience Him; not in a tent, but in our lives. Jesus is described as being "God-with-us". The Gospel writer John uses the word "tabernacle" to describe the man Jesus as the "Eternal Word become flesh and dwelling (tenting) with us", full of grace and truth. Jesus said that His followers would receive His Spirit, the Holy Spirit of God, who would be God living in us. We can not only know this God, but have Him dwell in us! He only awaits us to ask Him to come and take up residence! *Ian Weeks*

Care Packages for the Homeless

Zip-lock plastic bags with instructions are available from the Table near the notice Board. Return them to Church by **31st May** please.

See Ann Keiller for more details
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Church Property Working Bee Saturday 30th May from 8.00 am

Time for a good clean up and spruce up the property ready for Dave & Marie's wedding ☺. Jobs for all people. All hands on deck. Bring rakes, dusters, cleaning cloths, equipment etc.



Prayer requests

Have a prayer request?

- * Email prayer@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au
- * Give to Rev. Ian or John & Jo Hunter
- * Place in prayer box, near front door

All prayer requests for third parties should only be shared publicly with their permission.

Praise God for –

- * Growth in all our services; answered prayers; experiences of healing and new birth in Christ.

Let us Pray for:-

Healing & Comfort

Bob Coleman Ray McDonald
Jenny Dinning Wendy O'Neill
Bill Schnabel Ps Steve Parker

Protection & Provision

Ps. Ian & Anne Weeks – Ministry at BUC
Brad Keyes – Growth in Radi8
Leslie Miller- 252Kids; Playgroup
Wayne & Mandy at Nungalinga College
Bruce & Kathy – Bible translation
Brad Thornton & Steve Newby – High School SRE with www.FACE.org.au
Tom & Emily French – Mitcham Baptist

Prayer for BUC

- * Family Service - growth & discipling
- * Youth worship, outreach & wisdom
- * Young Adults evangelistic ministry
- * Creations & Playgroup – connecting & discipling

Safe Church Workshop at Forest Alliance Church

Saturday 13 June 9.30am – 3.30pm
Sign in on the day, 20 minutes before starting time. \$30 pp collected on the day. BYO Lunch (morning tea provided) Pre-registration essential (places are limited).

**RSVP to Andrew Arthurs
0416 455 650
andyarth@ozemail.com.au**

May Mission of the Month:

This month we support Wayne Oldfield and Mandy Jones, who are working with CMS at Nungalinga, which is a Combined Churches Training College for indigenous Australians, situated at Casuarina, a suburb of Darwin.

Praise God:

- * That Nungalinga College has received some money to keep the crèche operating for this year.
- * That the new weekend hosts, Malcolm & Amada, have started well at College.
- * That the CAAPS (Aboriginal alcohol rehab.) Bible Study is continuing
- * For all the faithful volunteers who helped to make the Katherine Christian Convention happen in early May.

Pray for:

- * Mandy as she teaches "Working with Youth" from 11 May with Mandy M as her assistant teacher.
- * For the ongoing funding needs of the college and for wisdom in how the money we do have is spent.
- * Students and their families who are struggling with ongoing illnesses.

Donations may be placed in the offering using the Mission of the Month envelopes in the pews.

Are you a member of BUC??

If not, complete the Membership Form in the Foyer or from the web-site. Talk to Ian or Brad about baptism & membership.
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**Davidson High School
Annual Free Concert for Seniors
Thursday 11th June 1.00 – 2.15 pm**

Followed by afternoon tea
Glen Street Theatre, Belrose.
RSVP to Alison Murray to reserve your free ticket Ph 9451 0022

Sermon Notes 24th May 2015

= *Discipleship – Knowing Christ & Making Him Known* =

Part 4: *Understanding the Old Testament*

#4.7 *God's Presence on Earth – Pentecost Sunday*

1. *Rescued For Relationship – Meeting With God*

"You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Exodus 19:4 - 6

Rescued to know God and make Him known!

Knowing God = relationship with Him; meeting God face to face.

Making Him known = being "priests" and a holy nation.

2. *The Tabernacle – A Temporary Meeting Place Exodus 40*

A dwelling place for God among His people

Temporary – a tent

Limited – the Curtain, the High Priest, the Day of Atonement.

Inadequate – the Glory of the Lord too overwhelming.

3. *The Temple – A Temporary Home 1 Chronicles 17*

King David asks to build a Temple – but God doesn't need one;

God is more interested in relationship.

God assents to David's request to build a Temple,

but promises a greater dwelling place:

"I declare to you that the LORD will build a house for you: when your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will never take my love away from him, as I took it away from your predecessor. I will set him over my house and my kingdom for ever; his throne will be established forever." 1 Chronicles 17:10 - 14

King Solomon builds the Temple - 2 Chronicles 3 – 7

Still Temporary, Limited & Inadequate.

4. *Pentecost – God's Presence on earth Acts 2 & Ephesians 2*

God now dwells not only with us, but within us!

Permanent – never to leave us for eternity

Unlimited – access to God for **all** believers 24/7

Adequate – the fullness of God dwelling in us by the Holy Spirit.

It's Not Too Late To Donate To FACE Inc.

We are pleased to support the SRE ministry in our local high schools through The Forest Association for Christian Education Inc. (FACE). BUC has pledged \$20,000 in continued support for 2014/15, and it is hoped that your generous support will enable us to meet our target. Donations to FACE are tax deductible.

Send your donation directly to BUC before the 30th June 2015 = cheques payable to Belrose Uniting Church, or by direct transfer to the BUC bank account = and include your name & a tax receipt will be sent to you.

Your donation:

* **supports** the ministries of Brad Thornton and Steve Newby in The Forest and Davidson High Schools;

* **enables** Brad & Steve to train up more volunteers, some from our own Church, to work with them in presenting the Gospel to hundreds of high school students every week; and

* **ensures** our continued representation on the FACE Board that oversees this ministry.

Copies of the FACE **Annual Audited Accounts** for the Year Ended 31st December 2014 are available upon request from Ian Weeks. For more information about the work of FACE, talk to Ian or Anne Weeks who are our Church representatives on the FACE Board.

Marriage Enrichment Weekends at Camp Kedron.

Two weekends to choose from: **June 12 – 14 & June 19 – 21**

\$170 per couple, \$40 per child. Family max \$250.

Day visitor's welcome. Register on line at www.campkedron.com *Married...and Loving It!* is a marriage enrichment weekend that will provide participants the opportunity to look over their marriage in a supportive and relaxing environment, with a view to strengthening dimensions that need extra attention.

The sessions will be sensitive and non-threatening, bringing together a clear Biblical framework for optimal marriage and the best of current understandings from psychology and counselling. Couples will be provided with ways of assessing dimensions of their current relationship and introduced to skills to enhance communication and build deeper intimacy. As part of the program there will be time for couples to talk things through with one another, and to look at applying the course content to their relationship.

Course leaders are Dr Cliff and Marion Powell. Married for 45 years, Cliff and Marion have three adult children and eight grandchildren. Over the years they have conducted marriage enrichment seminars throughout NSW and interstate. They worship at Pittwater Uniting Church.