



High Times

Sunday 14th & 21st December, 2014

LOOKING AHEAD

Moses . . . refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction. —Hebrews 11:24-25

During the Cold War (1947–1991), a time of tension between the world's superpowers, Albert Einstein said, "I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones."

It was a moment of clarity that focused on the consequences of the choice to fight a nuclear war. Regardless of the motives for making such a choice, the results would be devastating.

Unfortunately, we don't always see ahead with such clarity. Sometimes the implications of our choices are hard to anticipate. And sometimes we are thinking only in the moment.

According to Hebrews 11:24-26, Moses looked ahead and made a choice based on possible consequences. *"By faith Moses, when he became of age, . . . [chose] rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward."*

Moses' choice wasn't easy, but its rightness was made clear because he knew that the troubles he faced for godly living were made bearable by his coming reward. As we look ahead, are we willing to bear *"the reproach of Christ"*—the tough times that come with being associated with Jesus—in exchange for the promised reward of pleasing God?

- Bill Crowder (Our Daily Bread)

Welcome

If you are visiting today, welcome! Please stay for morning tea & fellowship after the service so we can meet you.

Our vision is to connect with people in our region and world, to build passionate followers of Jesus.

SUNDAY 14TH DEC @ 9:30AM

Speaker: Chris Gribble

Message: "Visioning"

SUNDAY 21ST DEC @ 9:30AM

Speaker: Chris Gribble

Message: "Planning"

Please stay for fellowship and morning tea after the service.

TODDLERS PLAY AREA

There is a playground available outside.

If you take your toddler out to the playground during or after the service, **please be responsible for his/her supervision**, rather than putting another parent under pressure to mind your child as well.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Intercessory Prayer will be on Thursday 18th December, 2pm at the Church House. If you would like to join the Prayer Team, please see **Sue Heck**. *Meeting for prayer* will take a break over Christmas & New Year.

CHRISTMAS

EVE - EVENING SERVICE

6 Highfields Rd, 6:30pm

PRINTER TO GIVE AWAY

Lloyd & Anne-Maree Goulter have a small Canon bubble jet printer to give away, complete with a couple of cartridges. It worked when they stored it a few years ago. Please contact them if you are interested.

SUNDAY NIGHT 14TH DECEMBER TV - SPECIAL EPISODE

SUNDAY NIGHT featuring Mercy Ships airs Sunday 14 December at 7.00pm on Channel 7!

Along the coast of Africa, a long way from Australia, there is a desperate need for medical help. Here, a state-of-the-art floating hospital. On board, a team of dedicated Australians transforming lives - free of charge.

This is the basis of a story featuring on Sunday Night on Channel 7 at 7.00pm on December 14. Filmed on location in the Republic of the Congo, the story centres on the work of the world's largest independent hospital ship, Africa Mercy, and the many Australians who make up its volunteer crew.

We hope you can tune in. Don't miss Sunday Night on Channel 7, Sunday 14 December at 7.00pm

MINISTRY TEAMS FOR 2015

- Women's Ministry Team for 2015 will be **Christine Sharp, Sue Henderson, Nola Philp and Carol Doherty**.

- Men's Ministry Team for 2015 will be **Phil Albury, Keith Atkins and Jason Sturdee.**
- Youth Ministry Team for 2015 will be **Doug Espie, Phil Albury, Ben Campbell and Amy Lane.** It will be business as usual with our youth work.
- Prayer Ministry Leader remains **Sue Heck.**
- Kids Church Coordinator remains **Dennis Lockhart.**
- Compassion administration and contact person remains **Christine Sharp.**
- Childsafe Coordinator & Risk Management Officer – **these roles are vacant.**

GIVING TO COCOA AT CHRISTMAS

Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA) is the aid and development arm of Global Mission Partners. Gifts to COCOA are tax deductible under the Overseas Aid Gift Deduction Scheme. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.

ENVELOPES AVAILABLE FROM TODAY ON THE TABLE NEAR MAIN DOOR.

COCOA projects are conducted through our trusted partners overseas and developed in cooperation with our Church Partnership program so the good news of Jesus is proclaimed in word and in deed in every place.

If you wish to give directly online:

Acct: Australian Churches of Christ
Global Mission Partners Inc.
(ACOC-GMP Inc.)

BSB: 065 005
Acct No: 1018 1367
Commonwealth Bank, Gouger St
Adelaide SA 5000
Customer Ref: Highfields Church of Christ /Offering 14

SERVING ON SUNDAYS 2015

Would you like to go on or be removed the roster for 2015? There are forms available to let us know where you would like to serve; or alternatively please note the areas which you would like to be removed. There are lots of areas to serve in and it's beneficial to the whole church.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

The Church Office will close on Tuesday 23rd December at 2pm, and re-open on Tuesday 6th January at 9am. For pastoral needs, please phone **Chris** on 0409 757 436, or **Luke** on 0459 203 568. **Luke will be on holidays 15th December - 20th December.**

MISSIONS & MINISTRY E-MAIL UPDATES - INTERESTED?

We receive e-mail updates from our Mission Partners from time to time and to save paper, we are able to forward these to you. If you are interested, please let us know on the Communication Cards. If you have not given us or have changed your e-mail address, please also let us know.

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Sunday Services held at:

Geham School, 9625 New England Hwy, Geham at 9.30am

Please pray for these churches and missions this week:

Highfields district churches:

Family Life Ministries

Other churches & ministries:

Citilife (COC) and The Range

Christian Fellowship

Missions / others:

Michel Delos Santos (Philippines) - Compassion

Birthdays:

Bob Thornley 14/12

Hayden Fowler 16/12

Karly Espie 17/12

Mathew Treweeke 20/12

Helen Siddans 25/12

Elizabeth Lawrence 26/12

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How to give conveniently to God's work at Highfields Church of Christ:

General Giving: BSB 064 433 Acc. 10590774

Missions Giving: BSB 064 433 Acc. 10590782

*If you wish to give extra to support re-developing 6 Highfields Rd, please use the **General Account** & mark as **NEW CHURCH** in online reference or on envelope.

CREDIT CARD GIVING – Please fill in, fold, then place in the offering bucket

NAME _____ Expiry Date /

NUMBER

SIGNATURE _____ Amount \$ _____

OFFERING ONE-OFF EVENT (specify) _____