



**1ST NOVEMBER 2020**



**TODAY:**

Series: Significant Hymns and Songs

Study 7: How Great Thou Art    Speaker: Pastor Tony

**Lord's Supper** (Please prepare your own elements)

**8th November**

Series: Men's Convention Specials

Topic 1: Follow That Man – Why He's My Hero (Luke 9:51)

Speaker: Rev Al Stewart

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*“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and His greatness is unsearchable”.*

Psalm 145:3

## Message From Tony

### **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

The opening verse of the hymn ‘How Great Thou Art’ alludes to what Christian theology calls the Natural Knowledge of God. This is the teaching of Scripture that all humans have an innate natural knowledge that there is a God.

We know there is a God from the natural world itself. As Psalm 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of His hands.” Paul explains in Romans 1:20 “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made.”

Today this is often referred to as “Intelligent Design,” recognition of the fact that aspects of the natural world could not have developed randomly by chance but must have had a Designer. A professor at the University of Lawrence, Kansas and one of the world’s leading researchers in genetics, told his pastor one day, ‘Pastor, I work with the human body every day, and there is no way this happened by accident. In fact, what I am trying to do in my research is reverse engineer and use to our advantage the design that IS there. The proof of divine creation is right here in our own bodies. I see it every day.’

David said the same thing 3,000 years ago in Psalm 139:14 “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Hebrews 3:4 puts it this way, “For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.” And so we can sing:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How Great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How Great Thou art!

## O MIGHTY GOD

*O mighty God it is with awe and wonder  
That I behold the good things Thou hast made  
I see the storm and hear the roll of thunder  
But know that stars still shine behind the rain*

### *Refrain*

*My heart cries out with ringing voice to Thee  
O mighty God How great Thou art  
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O mighty God How great Thou art*

*I see Thy hand in ev'ry golden sunrise,  
In ev'ry tree, on ev'ry snow-clad peak  
In rolling plains the purple headed mountains  
The vast unfathomed waters of the deep*

*Yet in my solitude my thoughts keep turning  
Keep turning back to ponder Calvary  
I see the Son of God sent down from Glory  
I see Him hanging, broken there for me*

*But soon the firmament shall burst asunder  
Majestically He down to earth shall sweep  
And when He calls me softly over to Him  
I'll cast my crown down at His pierced feet.*

Based on a translation of a lyric by Carl Boburg



## Transitioning Back to Times of Worship

With the current lockdown restriction in the Melbourne Metropolitan and Regional areas being slowly eased, opportunities are now being provided for small Church groups to meet together. Currently 10 people plus a leader can meet in a Church building. Then if COVID-19 virus infection numbers stay low, that number will rise to 20 plus a leader on 9<sup>th</sup> November. As such, Pastor Tony and the Elders are looking into ways we can transition back into times of joining together, especially on Sunday mornings, including understanding COVID safety guidelines and regulations. Please stay tuned for further information.

To worship the Lord with tithes and offerings you can:

Do a bank transfer into the Church bank account. Details are:  
ANZ -Ferntree Gully Baptist Church  
BSB: 013287  
Account: 296710027

Cheques written to Ferntree Gully Baptist Church may be sent to:  
Andrew Ullrich 15 Chedworth Crt Kilsyth Sth 3137



## Zoom Home Groups

Wednesday - 8pm

Thursday - 2pm

Both groups are using the Bible Study material which is currently being made available in the weekly news sheet.

Please contact Pastor Tony if you would like to be involved in either of these groups.



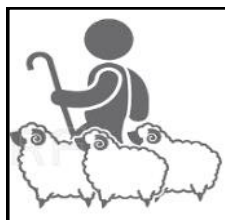
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6th Nov Russell D

Don't forget to let the editor know of any special celebrations in your family.

## Pastoral Availability:

Pastor Tony and Lynne will be on leave for the next two weeks, returning to work on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any Pastoral concerns please call either Andrew Ullrich 0437 950061 Or Rainer Lupp 0412 784326.



# AMAZING FACTS

Written by Doug Batchelor

## LARGE HADRON COLLIDER - Searching for God

Hidden 300 feet beneath the countryside on the border of Switzerland and France is one of the priciest and most complex scientific instruments ever built by human hands. Housed in a 27.4 km circular tunnel, the large Hadron Collider was built by the European Organisation for Nuclear Research with the aim of allowing scientist to crack an ongoing mystery in the area of high-energy physics.

The experiment is designed to find a ‘missing ingredient’ for the structure of matter –the elusive Higgs boson, also known as ‘the God particle’. Essentially these researchers are asking, ‘What holds matter together?’ The process of discovery is achieved by firing subatomic particles such as protons, through a vacuum tube over 1,000 super-cooled magnets, which accelerate the particles to nearly the speed of light - and then smashing them together and testing the results. The collider took about a decade to construct and costs for building and running the instrument are estimated to be about \$13.25 billion US to date. It’s something of a paradox that the biggest instrument in the world is needed to study the smallest known particle in the universe.

It’s also a paradox that the creator of the universe became a baby to save the world. Did you know that the scriptures teach that Jesus is the ‘God particle’ who hold everything together? He is also able to hold your life together.

*‘By Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.’*

Colossians 1:16-17

Source:

Amazing Facts  
Volume 2

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## **Bible Study, New Testament Characters – A Blind Beggar** **Seeing Jesus with Open Eyes - John 9**

We want to see Jesus, hear Him, know Him. But sometimes we can feel almost blind and deaf, and unfeeling to His touch. Yet, if we review our history with Jesus, we will find times when He has opened our eyes and we see Him. And bit by bit He has made our faith grow.

GROUP DISCUSSION – What are some of your earliest mental pictures of Jesus?

A first-century blind man (blind both physically and spiritually) encountered Jesus. And slowly, step by faltering step, the blind man “saw” Jesus. Read John 9

What do you admire about the blind man?

What do you think Christ’s words in verse 1-5 meant to the blind man at this point?

How would you describe the beggar’s faith as he responded to the situations in verses 6-12?

Study the beggar’s conversation with the Pharisees in verses 13-34. What pressures did he have to cope with?

Notice the reference to sin in regard to both the man and Jesus in verse 1-2, 29 and 34. Why are these kinds of accusations particularly painful?

What is wrong with the view of sin portrayed by these accusations?

Verse 16 says that the Pharisees were divided in their opinion of Jesus. Why?

The beggar believed in Jesus at this point at least in part because of what Jesus had done for him. What has God done in your own life that has helped you to believe in Him?

Study Christ's closing conversation with the beggar in verse 35-41. How did the events leading to verse 34 prepare the beggar for this second meeting with Jesus?

Study the beggars statements of faith verses 11-12, 17, 25, 27, 30-33 and 36-38. How does each statement reflect a gradual opening of his spiritual eyes?

What connections do you see between the blind man's "faith statements" and some of the stages that your own faith has passed through?

If you were to explain to the Pharisees Christ's statement about blindness and sight in verse 39-41, what would you say to them?

The beggar spent many years in darkness preparing to see. How have the "dark times" of your own life prepared you for deeper faith in Jesus?

Questions taken from 'A Life Guide Bible Study Book' by Carolyn Nystrom



Angel Tree has been operated by Prison Fellowship for over 30 years in Victoria.

Normally people purchase gifts to be given to children (0-15 years of age) of parents who are in prison.

However, with the current COVID restrictions, if you would like to be involved in Angel Tree this year, you can give a monetary gift which will be

forwarded to Prison Fellowship. This will allow them to purchase gifts and cover postage costs, as gifts will not be able to be hand delivered or be given out at Christmas events as usual.

Monetary gifts can be placed into the Church Bank Account clearly marked 'Angel Tree'. Please contact Andrew Ullrich or Pastor Tony if you would like to give a cheque or cash.



Rainer Luppa has a new email address:

[rainerluppa@dodo.com.au](mailto:rainerluppa@dodo.com.au)

Please update your directory information.



The Schlag family is preparing for two weddings.

Johanna will marry her fiancé, Joshua Novak, on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November in Officer.

Caleb will marry Georgia Fredericks on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November in Healesville, after their wedding was postponed from earlier this year.

COVID restrictions mean that only a small number of people, mainly some family, will be able to attend.



**NOT** on my daily walk,  
but from a New Zealand  
newspaper:

My 84 year old friend  
Warren who has been a Reach  
Beyond volunteer but also  
Poppa to dozens of  
children at Rainbow  
Preschool.

Warren has made his  
own coffin with a fluffy  
rainbow lining and a lid  
and sides covered in  
photos and paintings of  
his involvement with  
Rainbow.



## **Belgrave Heights Convention**

### **50+Getaway to Queensland**

The Seniors Convention is this year combining with the Seniors Getaway Convention in Mt Tambourine, Queensland. Unfortunately you will not be able to attend in person but you can participate online.

The program goes from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at different time during those days.

Speakers: Rodney Cripps and Bill Forward.

Rodney will focusing his talks Nehemiah and Bill on Acts.

There will also be a hymn singalong and a campers and Saturday night concert.

Cost to join is \$50 per household and you can register on line at  
<https://www.bhc.org.au/seniorsconvention>

# MERCY SHIPS

The Christian healthcare organisation Mercy Ships has announced their new ship has entered the final phase of construction. The



Global Mercy will be able to host 800 volunteer professionals (from medical doctors to teachers) to bring free healthcare to thousands in Africa and elsewhere. More than 40 years after its foundation, Mercy Ships will have its first ship fully built from the beginning as a floating hospital. The new vessel will be able to offer surgical care to 5,800 people every year, more than twice as much as the Africa Mercy the iconic ship they have used in the last four decades.

The '174-metre, 37,000-ton ship is outfitted with state-of-the-art technology and instrumentation, six operating theatres and 199 hospital beds', the organisation said. As many as 950 people will be able to be on board when the ship is docked. There is a huge need in Africa where over 93% of the population of the Sub-Saharan population has no access to safe and timely surgery. According to The Lancet Commission On Global Surgery, almost 17 million people die due to lack of access to surgical care each year. Volunteers who will invest their time in the new ship will include surgeons, nurses, maritime crew, cooks, teachers, electricians, and many others.

Volunteers serving with Mercy Ships raise support to pay their own expenses. 'While our patients experience physical healing through the surgeries they receive, they often find much more. Access to surgery means finding hope again. Children are able to go to school. Mothers and fathers are able to work and provide for their families. Community relationships are restored. For so many of our patients, access to surgery means finding hope again'. Gerardo Vangioni, President of Mercy Ships Spain said.

## On the lighter side:

Why did the bald man get three rabbits tattooed on his head?  
Because they look like hares from a distance.

What do you call an Irishman sitting on your veranda?  
Patiofurniture.

Continue upholding Bingh (Gabiella) and her family in prayer. She will undertake further chemotherapy this week as an outpatient.

Please keep Pastor Tony and the Elders in prayer and they look into ways for us to transition back into meeting together and wisdom into developing COVID safe plans.



Keep Pastor Tony and Lynne in prayer as Tony has a break for pastoral responsibilities over the next 2 weeks.

Continue praying for Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the State and Territory leaders for wisdom and agreement as they work together to open up internal borders and carefully open Australia up to further international movement.

Pray for Prison Fellowship as they continue to minister in prisons throughout Australia and for the Victorian branch as they undertake to coordinate provision of gifts for children of parents currently in prison under current COVID restrictions.

Please keep in prayer the organisers of Operation Christmas Child (Samaritans Purse) as they collect and distribute gift boxes during this COVID period. Pray for the children throughout our local Asian area who will receive boxes as well as Biblical teaching and discipleship material.

Please pray for those in our church who are doing end of year assessments and exams, especially Andrew Ivanoff doing VCE exams as follows:

Sunday 1st Nov - Music Performance

Tuesday 10th Nov - English (am)

Friday 13th Nov -

Maths (pm)

Monday 16th Nov -

Maths (am)

Business Studies (pm)

Friday 27th Nov -

Studio Arts (am)

Music (pm)



**Pray for the MISSIONS & WORKERS**

**we take an interest in including...**

Andrea Rothweiler (Wycliffe PNG)

Ange Bakhtiari FTG Nth Primary

School chaplaincy

Andy and Cathie Staunton

(GIA Cambodia)

Mukti Wings of Hope

Reach Beyond

Helga



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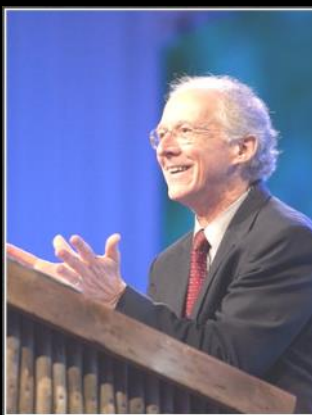
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*It is about the greatness of God,  
not the significance of man.  
God made man small and the  
universe big to say something  
about himself.*

John Piper