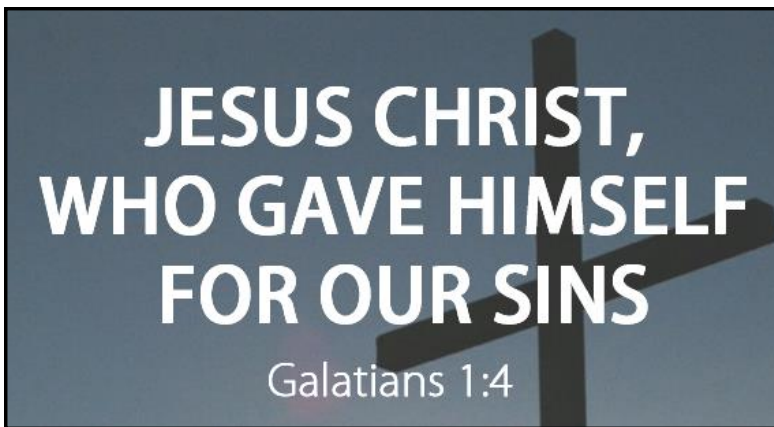




**8TH NOVEMBER 2020**



**TODAY:**

Series: Men's Convention Specials

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

Speaker: Rev Al Stewart

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Series: Men's Convention Specials

Topic 2: Jesus and the Prize –

Worthless or Priceless (Matthew 13:44-46)

Speaker: Rev Ian Powell

For viewing these services, log on to the church website -  
[www.ftgbc.org.au](http://www.ftgbc.org.au)

*“Now it came to pass,  
when the time had come for Him to be received up,  
that He steadily set His face to go to Jerusalem.”*

Luke 9:51

## Message From Tony

### Jesus - My Hero Project

Katelyn writes: ‘Do you have a hero, some ordinary person that inspires you by his or her actions? If you don't, I have an amazing person for you, Jesus Christ. He is my hero because he is sacrificial, inspiring, and courageous.

I think Jesus is sacrificial because he sacrificed his life for you and me and our sins. He is also sacrificial because he sacrificed his time of day to help others in need of help. Jesus lived in Judea, a Middle Eastern land ruled by the Romans. Most Christians believe God sent Jesus into the world as the saviour of all mankind. Jesus knew that his disciple Judas would betray him at the Last Supper because Jesus stood up and said "one of you will betray me." Judas turned him over to the Romans and he betrayed him, but Jesus loved him and us enough to go willingly.

Jesus is inspiring to me because he used his miraculous powers to do good things for people in need. For example, he gave up his life for you and me, and he fed 5,000 people with 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. He healed a blind man by spitting on dust and putting it on his eyes. He dragged a cross on his back for miles and miles. He healed Peter's mother by touching her and she got up and cooked for them. He also cast a demon out of a man because the demon was making the man sling himself in fire and glass, so Jesus told the demon to leave him and it did. He even raised a dead man named Lazarus back to life after four days because the sisters of Lazarus were crying and asking for his help.

Jesus is courageous because he stood up in front of people and spoke the truth to them, even though they didn't want to hear it, and he took a cruel beating from the Romans. Willingly taking the beating took a lot of courage.

Jesus Christ is my hero because he is a strong, wonderful, caring man that gave his own life for each of us and our sins. There is not space enough on this page to tell of all the wonderful and caring things Jesus did for me and you. If you want to find out more about him, it is written in the Bible.’

# 'CORNERSTONE'

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' name  
My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' name*

*Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all*

*When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil*



*Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all  
He is Lord Lord of all, Christ alone*

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*When he shall come with trumpet sound Oh, may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless, stand before the throne  
Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all*

## **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. 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.

# O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED

*O sacred Head, now wounded With grief and shame weighed down  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown  
How pale thou art with anguish With sore abuse and scorn  
How does that visage languish Which once was bright as morn*

*What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered T'was all for sinners' gain  
Mine, mine was the transgression But Thine the deadly pain  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior 'Tis I deserve Thy place  
Look on me with Thy favor Vouchsafe to me Thy grace*

*What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest friend  
For this Thy dying sorrow Thy pity without end  
O make me Thine forever And should I fainting be  
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for Thee*

Songwriter: Hans Leo Hassler



**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>

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 Andrew U or Rainer if you would like to be involved in either of these groups.



**No birthdays .**

**However, we can celebrate the lessening of the impact of COV-19 on us here in Australia.**

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

## Pastoral Availability:

Pastor Tony is on leave until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November.  
If you have any Pastoral concerns please call either Andrew Ullrich 0437 950061  
Or Rainer Luppá 0412 784326.



**Bible Study, New Testament Characters – Mary Magdalene**  
**Loving Jesus In Practical Ways – Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:37-47;**  
**John 20:1-18**

Twelve men followed Jesus. They are so well known that children recite their names. But Jesus had women following him too. Some are nameless. Others appear with their sons. And some walk through the pages of Scripture with their names intact.

These women also assisted in Christ's work. They too learned from his teachings. They showed their love for Jesus in practical ways. Mary Magdalene was one of them.

GROUP DISCUSSION – What are some practical ways that you have seen people express love?

Mary Magdalene was one of a substantial number of women who followed Jesus and helped to care for his needs and the needs of others who travelled with him. Her story is told in small snippets spread throughout the Gospels. Read Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:37-47; John 20:1-18.

In view of all that you have read here, what kind of person is Mary Magdalene?

Focus on Luke 8:1-3. What do these verses reveal about Mary Magdalene? (Consider her past, her work, her friends)

Focus on Mark 15:37-47. Why do you think Mary Magdalene chose to be present at Christ's death?

What would she have seen and heard and learned and felt as she watched Christ Die?

What changes had to take place in Mary Magdalene for her to grow from a person inhabited by seven demons to a person who followed Jesus all the way to his death?

Focus on John 20:1-18. If you were a detective observing all the events in these verses, what “Clues” would you record?

What variety of feelings do you sense in the meeting between Mary Magdalene and Jesus?

Study Christ’s statement in John 20:17. What does it reveal about the relationship between the various people mentioned?

What effect would Mary Magdalene’s message have on the disciples and on the future church?

Meditate for a moment on the ways Christ’s death and resurrection have influenced your own life. How are you different because of the events Mary Magdalene witnessed at those times?

What are some practical ways you can show your love for Jesus by loving others?

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.

**CORRECTION**

Please note; Rainers new email address was given incorrectly last week. It is actually as follows:

[rainerluppa6@dodo.com.au](mailto:rainerluppa6@dodo.com.au)

Note inclusion of '6'

Please update your directory information.

On my daily walk:

On one walk I watched this van deliver to three houses in one street and two in an adjoining street.





## PU'UHONUA - City of Refuge

On the largest island in Hawaii ancient ruins of a village stand with a large oblong temple and a wall 1,000 feet long. The wall was built from 1,550 chunks of lava and measures 18 feet thick at the base and stands 12 feet high. The temple village was called 'Pu'uhonua' - or City of Refuge.

In ancient times, when a native Hawaiian broke one of the 'kapu' or sacred laws, he was sentenced to death unless he could flee to this village where he could seek refuge and forgiveness. Once inside the walls of the village, he was safe and protected from judgement. Later a priest would perform a rite of purification for the guilty party. He would then be declared forgiven and was free to begin a new life.

Jesus is the place of refuge for anyone who desires to be saved and receive forgiveness for their sins, and start a new life. He willingly endured the cross as a substitute in the sinners place.

*'He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.'* Colossians 1:13-14

Source:  
Amazing Facts  
Volume 2

[www.afbookstore.com](http://www.afbookstore.com)

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## *Partners in Bible Translation*

In the world today, there are at least 285 million people who are blind or vision impaired. Developing nations in Africa and Asia have a higher incidence of eye conditions and vision impairment. The Philippines is a country with over half a million blind or vision impaired people. In early 2019 Wycliffe was part of a pilot project with Resources for the Blind Philippines (RBI), using the Bloom Reader to create digital books for the blind and those with visual impairments.

Bloom was developed by SIL International as easy-to-use software for creating books and translating them into multiple languages. People with limited computer skills can easily create literacy materials for their own minority language groups. Bloom is open-source software, making it accessible for more people throughout the world. In addition to books that the general language community can access, Bloom enables groups which are often marginalised to access literature and Scripture.

The books also needed to be recorded as 'talking books', including the image descriptions.

Many children who were previously unable to access reading materials can now read books and Bible stories and share them with their families. They may not have 20/20 vision but they do have a bright future ahead.

By Deb Fox Wycliffe Today Spring 2020



We can thank God for his protection of most of our Australian population from COVID-19.

Please pray for people who have had loved ones die (often under distressing circumstances) and those who are suffering ongoing effects of the infection.



Pray for countries affected greatly by COVID-19. Cases are rising in many countries, especially in Europe, India and the Americas.

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)



## The Staunton family in Cambodia

They report: Andy has just received a 12 month visa (Cathie already had hers), the kids are back at school and the Siem Reap supermarket has received a shipment of Arnotts biscuits!



**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

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“Jesus Christ: the meeting place of eternity and time, the blending of deity and humanity, the junction of heaven and earth.”

J Oswald Sanders

