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Today

Leader— Jonathan

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Andrew

Welcome— Cath

Manager—Ray

Musician —Brunetta

Technical Crew— Rykhardt, Damien
(in training), James

Editing—Lucinda (audio)

Morning Tea—Ken and Owen

Next Week

Leader— Rykhardt(am), James(pm)

Preacher— James

Reader— Alison

Welcome— Faye

Manager—John

Musician —Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan, Lucinda
(am), Ralph (am and pm)

Editing—Rykhardt (audio)

Morning Tea—Ailsa and Tina

The Weekly Word

Sunday 21st July 2024



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

We are a Gospel-driven, connected, generous church family, mission-minded and outwardly focused.

Today

Preacher—Jonathan

Reader—Andrew

Theme—Work and Family

Reading : Ephesians 6:1—9

Good Father is Watching You

If Big Brother were watching us, we'd have plenty to worry about (I mean the *real* "Big Brother" from George Orwell's "1984", not the one on Channel 7!). Imagine having to carefully check every syllable coming out of our mouths to make sure it didn't contradict the ruling class' opinion!

The Bible does say that God our Father is always watching us (Psalm 139:2,4,23). That's why Paul urges us to do everything in every situation just as though we are doing it for the Lord (Ephesians 6:7,8). This is not primarily so that God knows if we muck up - although He does - but because *God loves us and wants to know us intimately*. He wants us to know Him the same.

The reason we know that this is true is that God's Son, Jesus Christ, gave His life to pay for all our sin, cleanse and forgive us (Ephesians 5:25-28), making the closest relationship with God possible.

Because everything we do in life is before God's very presence, that fills everything we do with infinite meaning and value. Whether we are doing education, work, leisure, relationships or *anything*, we do it in a way that expresses God's truth and love, because we are in a relationship with Him now, that is going to last forever.

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Therefore, we can love our parents and our children well; and we can treat our employees and our bosses well, and whatever we turn our hand to, do it to the best of our ability (Ephesians 6:1-9), rejoicing that our Good Father is watching us.

Grace upon grace, Jonathan.

Have you considered E-giving?

Envelopes with an "E" on the front, prayer requests or thanks can be placed in the offering bags on a Sunday morning.

** Payments can now be made by EFTPOS on Sunday.

Maintenance Programme

Reminder that you will find the blue envelopes on the table at the back of the church and in the hall, if you would like to contribute towards the ongoing cost of maintaining our church.

Congratulations, Caroline!



If you have any announcements or interesting items for our newsletter, please feel free to send them to me at: ctwstokes@bigpond.com



Bible Word Search
Apostles / Disciples



O I J E H J F X T U Q R H T B
S W I B M A A V Q O P O U Q S
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Word list:

PETER
ANDREW
JAMES
JOHN
PHILIP
BARTHOLOMEW

THOMAS
MATTHEW
JAMES
THADDAEUS
SIMON
JUDAS



Youth 3:16 is returning this Friday 26th July.