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# Reading Through the Bible



I have been enjoying “Read the Bible in a Year”. It is part of our focus as a Conference on the “Loving God” through daily devotions in 2023. Our Discipleship team have made cards, which I have found helpful as – it provides me with something to keep me on track. Maybe it is my personality, or the idea of discipline in keeping on track that helps me keep reading the Bible. I have been blessed in engaging with the familiar stories of Genesis and Exodus, and always find new insights. I have related to Job, with his many questions, and yes even his unhelpful friends. The book of Job felt

**Reading scripture has always helped me stay focused on Jesus Christ and centered in the values of God’s word rather than the values of society.**

particularly close to me because it related to what happened in our family between Christmas and New Year. When the Goods brothers were together in Victoria, one of my brothers went through a near death experience which was very confronting for all of us.

The first time I read through the Bible, I was a teenager. I did it because my parents bought me a Living Bible,

which was a paraphrased version and I found it so much easier to read. I will never forget the impact it had on me as I struggled with growing up and attending a state high school. Reading



scripture has always helped me stay focused on Jesus Christ and centered in the values of God's word rather than the values of society.

Reading scripture regularly has been a lifelong pursuit of mine, but I do not always follow a plan to read the entire Bible in a year. The advantage of reading the Bible is that it gives you the entire scope of God's word. When I follow my own Bible reading plan I tend to focus on my favourite books and can easily neglect other parts. I can avoid the sections which I find hard work, and especially those that I find hard to apply to my own life. An important part of reading scripture is that time spent struggling with the hard passages, or seemingly irrelevant passages like Numbers. It is hard work, but even in the hard work there is gold that impacts my life.

You might think it is too late to start now, as by the time you read this article it will be early March. All I can say is, it is never too late. You can either start on the second card, which will be in churches during the month of March or start on the first card and just read at your own pace. I have always found reading scripture a blessing. The important part is not worrying if you miss a day, every now and then I miss a day, but I just get back into it again and enjoy the blessings that God has given me as I read His word. God promises to change my heart and perspective as I read with an open heart, so that I can hear His Spirit talk to me through the written word. What a privilege.

### March

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>1:</b> Num 14-15;<br>Ps 90 | <b>11:</b> Deut 1-2   | <b>22:</b> Deut 32-34;<br>Ps 91 |
| <b>2:</b> Num 16-17           | <b>12:</b> Deut 3-4   | <b>23:</b> Josh 1-4             |
| <b>3:</b> Num 18-20           | <b>13:</b> Deut 5-7   | <b>24:</b> Josh 5-8             |
| <b>4:</b> Num 21-22           | <b>14:</b> Deut 8-10  | <b>25:</b> Josh 9-11            |
| <b>5:</b> Num 23-25           | <b>15:</b> Deut 11-13 | <b>26:</b> Josh 12-15           |
| <b>6:</b> Num 26-27           | <b>16:</b> Deut 14-16 | <b>27:</b> Josh 16-18           |
| <b>7:</b> Num 28-30           | <b>17:</b> Deut 17-20 | <b>28:</b> Josh 19-21           |
| <b>8:</b> Num 31-32           | <b>18:</b> Deut 21-23 | <b>29:</b> Josh 22-24           |
| <b>9:</b> Num 33-34           | <b>19:</b> Deut 24-27 | <b>30:</b> Jud 1-2              |
| <b>10:</b> Num 35-36          | <b>20:</b> Deut 28-29 | <b>31:</b> Jud 3-5              |
|                               | <b>21:</b> Deut 30-31 |                                 |

### April

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| <b>1:</b> Jud 6-7      | <b>Ps 11/59</b>                       | <b>21:</b> 2Sam 1-4                  |
| <b>2:</b> Jud 8-9      | <b>14:</b> 1Sam 21-24                 | <b>22:</b> Ps 6/8-10/<br>14/16/19/21 |
| <b>3:</b> Jud 10-12    | <b>15:</b> Ps 7/27/31/<br>34/52       | <b>23:</b> 1Chron 1-2                |
| <b>4:</b> Jud 13-15    | <b>16:</b> Ps 56/120/<br>140-142      | <b>24:</b> Ps 43-5/49/<br>84-85/87   |
| <b>5:</b> Jud 16-18    | <b>17:</b> 1Sam 25-27                 | <b>25:</b> 1Chron 3-5                |
| <b>6:</b> Jud 19-21    | <b>18:</b> Ps 17/35/54/<br>63         | <b>26:</b> Ps 73/77-78               |
| <b>7:</b> Ruth         | <b>19:</b> 1Sam 28-31;<br>Ps 18       | <b>27:</b> 1Chron 6                  |
| <b>8:</b> 1Sam 1-3     | <b>20:</b> Ps 121/<br>123-125/128-130 | <b>28:</b> Ps 81/88/<br>92-93        |
| <b>9:</b> 1Sam 4-8     |                                       | <b>29:</b> 1Chron 7-10               |
| <b>10:</b> 1Sam 9-12   |                                       | <b>30:</b> Ps 102-104                |
| <b>11:</b> 1Sam 13-14  |                                       |                                      |
| <b>12:</b> 1Sam 15-17  |                                       |                                      |
| <b>13:</b> 1Sam 18-20; |                                       |                                      |

### May

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| <b>1:</b> 2Sam 5:1-10;<br>1Chron 11-12    | <b>60/75</b>                            | <b>21:</b> 2Sam 22-23;<br>Ps 57            |
| <b>2:</b> Ps 133                          | <b>11:</b> 2Sam 10;<br>1Chron 19; Ps 20 | <b>22:</b> Ps 95/97-99                     |
| <b>3:</b> Ps 106-107                      | <b>12:</b> Ps 65-67/<br>69-70           | <b>23:</b> 2Sam 24;<br>1Chron 21-22; Ps 30 |
| <b>4:</b> 2Sam 5:11-6:23;<br>1Chron 13-16 | <b>13:</b> 2Sam 11-12;<br>1Chron 20     | <b>24:</b> Ps 108-110                      |
| <b>5:</b> Ps 1-2/15/<br>22-24/47/68       | <b>14:</b> Ps 32/51/86<br>/122          | <b>25:</b> 1Chron 23-25                    |
| <b>6:</b> Ps 89/96/<br>100-101/105/132    | <b>15:</b> 2Sam 13-15                   | <b>26:</b> Ps 131/138-<br>139/143-145      |
| <b>7:</b> 2Sam 7;<br>1Chron 17            | <b>16:</b> Ps 3-4/12-<br>13/28/55       | <b>27:</b> 1Chron 26-29;<br>Ps 127         |
| <b>8:</b> Ps 5/29/33/<br>36/39            | <b>17:</b> 2Sam 16-18                   | <b>28:</b> Ps 111-118                      |
| <b>9:</b> 2Sam 8-9;<br>1Chron 18          | <b>18:</b> Ps 26/40/58/<br>61-62/64     | <b>29:</b> 1King 1-2; Ps<br>37/71/94       |
| <b>10:</b> Ps 50/53/<br>60/75             | <b>19:</b> 2Sam 19-21                   | <b>30:</b> Ps 119:1-88                     |
|   | <b>20:</b> Ps 5/38/41-42                | <b>31:</b> 1King 3-4;<br>2Chron 1; Ps 72   |

### June

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| <b>1:</b> Ps 119:89-176 | <b>2Chron 4</b>           | <b>2Chron 9</b>                             |
| <b>2:</b> Solomon 1-8   | <b>13:</b> 1King 8;       | <b>22:</b> Prov 30-31                       |
| <b>3:</b> Prov 1-3      | <b>2Chron 5</b>           | <b>23:</b> 1King 12-14                      |
| <b>4:</b> Prov 4-6      | <b>14:</b> 2Chron 6-7;    | <b>24:</b> 2Chron 10-12                     |
| <b>5:</b> Prov 7-9      | Ps 136                    | <b>25:</b> 1King 15:1-24;                   |
| <b>6:</b> Prov 10-12    | <b>15:</b> Ps 134/146-150 | 2Chron 13-16                                |
| <b>7:</b> Prov 13-15    | <b>16:</b> 1King 9;       | <b>26:</b> 1King 15:25-<br>16:34; 2Chron 17 |
| <b>8:</b> Prov 16-18    | <b>2Chron 8</b>           | <b>27:</b> 1King 17-19                      |
| <b>9:</b> Prov 19-21    | <b>17:</b> Prov 25-26     | <b>28:</b> 1King 20-21                      |
| <b>10:</b> Prov 22-24   | <b>18:</b> Prov 27-29     | <b>29:</b> 1King 22;                        |
| <b>11:</b> 1King 5-6;   | <b>19:</b> Ecc 1-6        | 2Chron 18                                   |
| 2Chron 2-3              | <b>20:</b> Ecc 7-12       | <b>30:</b> 2Chron 19-23                     |
| <b>12:</b> 1King 7;     | <b>21:</b> 1King 10-11;   |   |

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# Devotional

## Follow Audaciously

It was the boldest of demands. “Now, show me your glory” (Ex 33:18). It had never been asked of God before, nor was it asked for again in the Scriptural record. The question must be asked; why not? Why did nobody else have the passion and boldness to demand God reveal Himself fully? More importantly, do we demand God reveal Himself more fully to us? Do we demand to see God’s glory, or even to just speak to Him face to face as to a man like Moses did (Ex 33:11, Num 12:8)? When it comes to following intimacy with God, I have always found this audacious prayer to have profound power if prayed with genuine desire over time.

Moses’ demand really was remarkable. So much had happened and changed in just 12 months. Moses, a Hebrew slave turned Egyptian

royalty, turned fugitive, turned shepherd, had encountered God at the burning bush. Likely, his 40 years with Jethro, priest of Midian, had helped him understand more of who God was, and what it meant to be part of the people of God. Yet, when Moses encountered God at the burning bush he was terrified. He hid his face in fear and was very reluctant to have anything to do with the quest God was commissioning him. In the end Moses provoked God to the point of burning anger. Quite a first encounter! Later, in a complex and little spoken about meeting, God tried to kill Moses on his return to Egypt (Ex 4:24). Yet Moses follows God’s instruction, faithfully, terrified or dutifully.

During the 12 months since then Moses had seen the wonder of God’s power, he saw God’s



plan seemingly fail, and made things far worse for both Israel and himself. However, in the end it did work out, the Israelites escaped, and the Egyptian army was drowned in the Red Sea. Then the wonders of Mount Sinai, where God was visibly present, powerful and reaching out to the Israelites, who were terrified. They responded with moments of faithfulness, panic, grumbling and flagrant idolatry. But Moses' response was different, very different.

To this point Moses had diverse experiences of God, some quite extreme and some negative. He could quite justifiably have had mixed feelings towards God, fluctuating like the rest of Israel. He didn't look for God, nor for an impossible quest to save Israel. He didn't mean to provoke the anger of God, the hardship of opposition in Egypt, or complaining in the desert. Yet he remained faithful. During the golden calf incident, Moses interceded for the people who God threatened with destruction (Ex 32:11-14). We see a man who understood God's heart, was walking in step with God, and reflecting God's heart. We see Moses willing to call out God's seemingly "ungodly" behaviour as Abraham did, bold, courageous and motivated by Godly compassion. Just one year after the fear and reluctance of the burning bush, we see Moses go a step further and demand to see God, to speak to God, to interact with God intimately and personally, like that of Enoch. This demand is unique to Moses, a man who stands alone in Scripture in his desire for intimacy with God, and his boldness in pursuing it. We see a man who had come to understand God's passion to connect intimately with people, with you and with me. What changed? What made the difference? It was Moses' desire for God Himself; a passion to see, to know, to experience God. It was a passion God richly rewarded.

We all have different experiences of God. Some are profound and uplifting. Some are hard and easy to misunderstand. Like Moses, our experiences of God are complex. Like Moses, God calls us to live in a way provocative to our world at times. We face challenges as we pursue love,

service, and Christlikeness. Like Moses, God is revealing Himself in a bid to draw us ever nearer to Himself, a fact the Hebrews missed. Like Moses we have a choice.

Our journey starts by hearing about and being taught about God, as Moses did in Jethro's tents. The first time we experience God personally might be joyous, which was my experience, or it might be confronting like Moses. When God calls us, we are always challenged. Yet, through it all, God has a singular motivation; to dwell with us and us with Him. When we understand this, as Moses came to, our ability to follow is transformed. We seek his face with renewed enthusiasm and find God smiling with delight as He answers that prayer. Why? Because God desires to be present, known, understood, and intimately connected to us, now and for eternity. He is revealing Himself and wooing us to that end. That is what it means to follow, to build a deep connection with God. I have personally found great value in that same audacious, cheeky, irreverent demand: show me Your glory! "Speak to me face to face like you did for Moses. I want to see You, hear You, experience You. I won't settle for anything less. Show up and show up clearly, because I will have for nothing less than You. Like Moses I will follow.

Father, my faith and my following has often been defined by doctrine and teachings. Thank you for these wonderful revelations of who You are, and what You value. But Father, I want more. I demand more. I want to know and experience You intimately. Like Moses, I pray that You show me Your glory. Speak to me face to face. Let me see, experience, and know You tangibly. Like Enoch, I would walk with You in conscious awareness. I ask boldly, knowing this is no common thing, but that it is Your desire. I seek nothing but You, ever more of You. In Jesus' name, amen.

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PAVEL GOIA

25+ TENT  
CURTIS HALL

YOUTH  
KEVIN WILSON  
aka "The Chai Guy"

TEENS  
RAY MOAGA

# FOLLOW

## PAVEL GOIA Big Tent (Everyone)

Pavel Goia is returning to WA after his awesome 2019 Prayer Summit. We are looking forward to what he has to teach us at the Big Tent.

Pavel knew at young age that God had called him to ministry. Being born and raised in communist Romania didn't make following that calling an easy task. After short drifting during his teenage years, his life took a proverbial turn and he promised to serve God and fulfil his original calling. His promise was tested almost immediately. The events that ensued are chronicled by the book *One Miracle After Another: The Pavel Goia Story* by Gregg Budd.

Pavel has pursued careers in construction engineering, private business, law, communication, agriculture and theology, then finally settled into his calling as a minister. Today he is the Editor for Ministry Magazine at the General Conference, and Associate Director for Ministerial.

His life continues to be one miracle after another. Be filled with wonder at God's love in action as Pavel shares miraculous stories of answered prayers. Learn to commune with God and know His real and constant presence in your life. Explore the depth of powerful, real prayer. Discover how to understand God's will, how to experience revival, and how to be more efficient in serving Him.

Experience for yourself the transforming power

of a walk with God.

## CURTIS HALL 25+ Tent (25+ years old)

Internationally renowned speaker, Curtis Hall, blessed us with insight and inspiration at the Sabbath School for Life Summit earlier this year via Zoom. We are excited he will be joining us face-to-face in Perth in the 25+ Tent.

Curtis Hall is the Founder of Sabbath School Coaching, an international training and consulting ministry based in Atlanta, Georgia, specialising in working with conferences and individual churches to increase Sabbath School value by developing their ministry leaders and facilitators.

As a church consultant and dynamic, entertaining speaker, Curtis delivers numerous speaking and training events each year throughout our denomination. With an engaging and easy to be understood style, Curtis has trained ministry team members on the skills of facilitating highly interactive Bible-based classes.

His book, *Hit the Mark*, is a widely used Sabbath School Teachers guide. Subsequently, he has released a follow-up book entitled *Flight Time Teaching*, which expands on the principles of







Hit the Mark and presents an easy format for facilitators to use to increase their effectiveness.

Since the onset of the pandemic, Curtis has been hosting an online Hit the Mark Sabbath School broadcast each Saturday that streams live on Facebook and YouTube with thousands of viewers every week.

You can learn more about his ministry by visiting [www.sabbathschoolcoaching.com](http://www.sabbathschoolcoaching.com)

### **KEVIN WILSON** **Youth & Young Adults Shed** **(17-30 years old)**

Pr Kevin Wilson (The Chai Guy/@crossculturechristian) is the first Digital/Social Media Coordinator for Andrews University. He is passionate about helping people think meaningfully about life so that they can live their lives meaningfully. He attempts to do this virtually with a tribe of over 400K friends across social media through digital storytelling. His first book "the Way of Chai" is set to be released in the fall of 2023. Among other things, he is obsessed about the Way of Jesus, digital communication, and everything related to chai. He's happily married to his wife of 5 years, Elynn, and two fur cat children, Phoebe and Leo.

### **RAY MOAGA** **Teen Shed (13-16 years old)**

Pr Ray Moaga has been married to Chantal for 11 years. He is a proud father of three daughters Lola-Jane (8 years old), Manaia (6 years old) and Genesis (4 years old).

Commonly known as 'RayRay', he currently serves as a Seventh-day Adventist chaplain for the Australian Defence Force and volunteer sports chaplain to Netball Queensland and the Firebirds netball team. His experiences working as a church pastor, a high school teacher, digital content creator and entrepreneur have shaped his love to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ in a modern context.

Ray studied and graduated from Avondale University with a Bachelors in Theology and Bachelors in Ministry (2010) and Bachelors in Teaching (2011). He currently lives and works in Brisbane, Queensland.

### **DAVID GILLESPIE** **Junior Shed (Grades 5-7)**

Pr David Gillespie lives in Brisbane, Queensland. He is the husband of Patty and the father of Kasey and Jaden.

David loves God, loves family, and loves storytelling. He has a passion to inspire and



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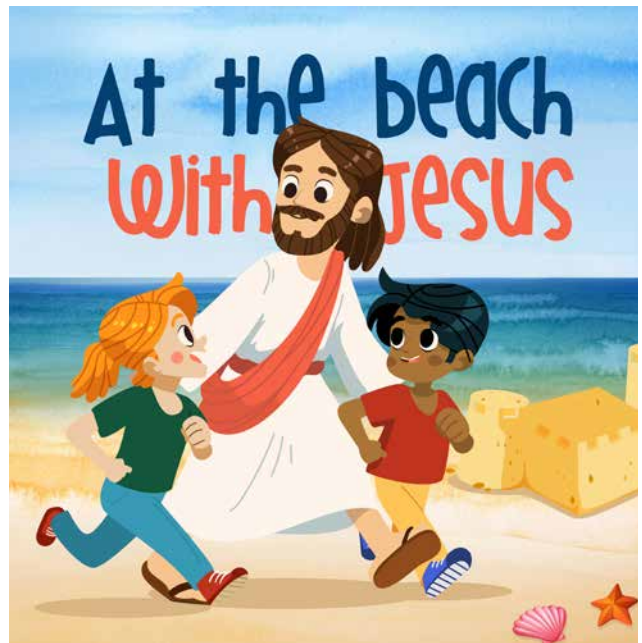
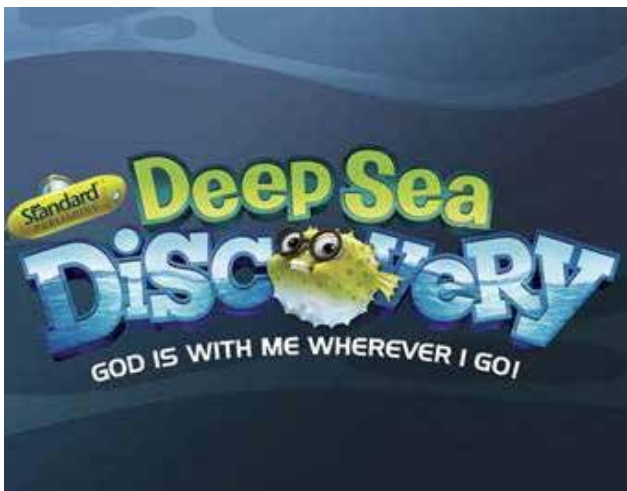
empower people of all ages to follow their purpose. "I enjoy watching movies, reading, fishing, and playing/watching most sports. My fears include snakes, spiders, and heights."

Theme: 'Fear not! Fear is not an option.'

### **KAREN PRICE** **Upper Primary (Grades 3-4)**

Karen Price comes to us with 30 years teaching experience. She was the leader and storyteller of 'Kids Church' at the Central Coast Community Church for 10 years. Karen says, "I'm a storyteller who wants every child to feel and know God's love for them!" She is looking forward to sharing Jesus love with our Upper Primary kids.

### **Lower Primary (Grades 1-2)** **God is with Me Wherever I Go! Jesus Loves Me**



### **Kindy (3-4 years old)** **At The Beach With Jesus**

Come join us at the beach, and feel the sand between your toes! Hunt for shells, splash in the water, catch a fish, and make some new friends. Interactive stories will bring the Bible alive as you meet with Jesus on the beach each day. You will love to get involved in the fun and energetic songs too! Explore and discover more about Jesus as you play, make and do in the Kindy shed.

### **ANNE TONKIN, CAROLYN FRISBY,** **ROBYN ROBINSON** **Beginners (0-2 years old)** **Jesus Loves Me**

## **Don't forget to book children's activities!**

Actipasses and individual activity tickets are now available.

For more information and to book please visit <https://events.adventist.org.au/event/info/10803> or scan the QR Code.



### **Easter Camp Activities 2023**





# Why have we reorganised the Advent Park layout?



## Electricity

The Advent Park electrical system was originally designed in the 1950's when the norm for camping was 1 power point and 1 light per tent. Campers now bring caravans with airconditioning and tenters bring multiple appliances which draw significantly more from the electricity network than was originally envisioned and this tends to short out the system across the campground during Easter Camp. By reorganising the tents and caravans we are hoping to balance the electrical load more evenly across the campground.

## Easier tent setup for volunteers

Having all conference tents in one block will be a much quicker and easier job to pitch conference tents this year. In the past, it has been difficult to correctly track and lay out springs for conference tents during Easter Camp setup. The confusion has wasted valuable time for both volunteers and staff. The new layout should make camp setup much easier.

## Optimising space

We are expecting a record Easter Camp attendance this year. Over 50% of the campsites were sold out in the first 12 hours of the booking system opening. There is also a growing trend of campers bringing campervans and caravans that the previous campsite layout didn't cater well to. We want to give as many people as possible, the opportunity for an on-site camping experience. By putting the larger 2-site caravans together, the conference tents together and the private campers together we hope to fit in as many people as possible. It will also make it easier to install and take down the caravans and tents via the campground through roads.





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Geraldton Church  
Carvarvon Group  
Dongara Group  
Northampton Group

**MR JOHN GIBSON**

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Newman Group  
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Kalgoorlie Church  
Wiluna Company

**PR WOLFGANG JENKE**

Bindoon Company

**PR TONY MOALA**

Spalding Family Fellowship  
Geraldton Church  
Carvarvon Group  
Dongara Group  
Northampton Group

**PR DEREK MCCUTCHEON**

Busselton Church  
Capel Church

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Carmel Adventist College  
Secondary

**PR MARCOS TORRES**

Carmel Adventist College  
Secondary

**MRS AMY TURNER**

Carmel Adventist College  
Primary

**PR DALE HOKIN**

Landsdale Christian School

**MRS ROBYN OLSEN**

Landsdale Christian School

**MR WAYNE THOMAS**

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Victoria Park Christian

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Royal Perth Hospital

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Adventist Residential Care

**MRS NICOLA WARCHOL**

Adventist Residential Care

**PR TERRY LAMBERT**

Adventist Residential Care

# New Pastors 2023



## Saung Soe

Serving God and His church as a volunteer church plant leader and Layman for 13 years since I moved to Australia in 2009, I am humbled to receive the call for full time ministry starting in 2023. My calling to ministry is obvious and constant but it took about 40 years of preparation. My life is a testimony that God is good and He leads me along the way and in His time, He makes all things beautiful. Even though I trained to be a minister I ended up working as a school teacher in two seminaries for almost a decade. If I had refused the calling of God to work as a teacher, I would never be here and able to serve God in this beautiful country. I was born with a passion to serve God. I always search for opportunities to share Jesus with others wherever I am. Jesus is the only reason I live and He is my hope and future. My hope and goal in ministry is to see God's churches thriving and changing lives, by reflecting Christ's character in the lives of believers.

My favourite scripture is Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

My family is God's greatest blessings to me. God rewarded me with a devoted wife, Snow Rose Paw and three children; Epsilon, Zeta and Delta.



## Tony Moala

My name is Tony Moala, I have been married to Ann for 28 years. My heritage is Tongan, and Ann was born to Samoan parents in Auckland, New Zealand. Ann is a Registered Nurse.

Ann and I have been blessed with two children, Drusilla and Desmond. They are young adults now and are staying behind at Baranduda, Victoria. Our daughter recently married Cedric Peniata, the current chaplain at Border Christian College, which brought a 25% increase to our family numbers.

I have been a minister for over 17 years in the South New South Wales Conference since graduating from Avondale University.

My passion is to work together with local churches in leading people to Christ and to help our denomination become a movement again.

We enjoy walking in the great outdoor and spending time with family and friends.

We serve a mighty, faithful God, who we fall in love with more and more every day.





## Aguer Dut

I was born in Sudan and came to Australia when I was about 6 years old. I was blessed to attend Prescott Primary Northern and Prescott College in Adelaide, which is where I found my love for basketball and for Jesus. It was through school Stormco trips that I discovered a passion for ministry and started to feel God calling me to study Ministry and Theology at Avondale, to become a church pastor.

I met my beautiful wife at Avondale, and married in February of 2022. I am passionate about community, leading people to Christ and seeing their lives transformed as a result. We're looking forward to growing closer to Jesus alongside you all!



## Andy Litchfield

I was born in California, and I grew up on a farm in British Columbia, Canada. It was my music that pathed the way for Ministry in Australia, 17

years ago. I have worked as a Youth Director with the Queensland Conference and as a local church Pastor in Bundaberg, Mildura, Portland and now Mandurah. My ministry has also extended beyond Australia's borders to Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu from time to time as a guest speaker. 16 years ago, I married Terry. This merger of two people later in life means together we have a big family, 6 children, 9 grandchildren, two dogs and six birds all of which is glued together by our love of God.



## Ben Townson

Thank you for welcoming us to the Western-Australian Conference. WA is home to me as I grew up in Greenwood for 20 years before heading to Cooranbong to study Theology at Avondale. It was at the Entrance Seventh-day Adventist Church where I met my wife and life partner Mary-Jane who comes from Mauritius and grew up on the central coast of South New South Wales. We have three children Brielle (16) Makaylah (14) and Marielle (11) who love music, animals, the beach and all things sports. Jane and I began our ministry journey in Bendigo, Victoria and continued to move around the country until finding ourselves here in Merredin. It is good to be back after such a long time away to visit my Dad in Perth and brother in Esperance. A new experience for my family, however the Merredin district is making us feel very loved and at home. Looking forward to getting to know you all and advancing the kingdom of God in WA.

# Baptism at Clarkson Church

There was joy in heaven and beautiful smiling faces on Sabbath the 14th of January 2023 at Clarkson Seventh-day Adventist Church as the congregation witnessed another happy soul baptized.

Marlyn Blumears-West gave her heart to the Lord as she entered the water of the font to be baptized by Pastor Abby Aviles and publically declared her faith in the Lord Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

Marlyn was inspired to be baptised following the "Countdown Back to the Future" and "Secrets of

Prophecy" programs held at Clarkson church in September 2021 through to February 2022.

Marlyn's baptism was truly a family affair with several of her family and herself leading out with an item in song prior to her baptism. Michele Hill, Marlyn's cousin presented a heart-warming special item after the baptism. Following the service, Pr. Abby made an altar call which inspired two more people to step forward desiring baptism.

## Arthur Pettifor

Clarkson Seventh-day Adventist Church



# Busselton Church SOLD

The Busselton Adventist Church was sold at the beginning of this year to another Christian denomination who had previously been renting the facilities.

The decision was made after a couple of decades of the church looking to see if the Lord would open any doors to an opportunity.

It is hoped that the funds from the sale will help to connect and evangelise within the community of Busselton. As we look to the future with the Lord's leading to suitable opportunities for a new home to make an impact.

The church still continues to own the old school property and are currently looking at options for the aged care units next door.

We will be renting the building for the time being to continue meeting and worshipping together for Sabbath services.

Please continue to pray for the church and that we may sense the Lord's leading at this time of transition.

## Dale Bolst

Clarkson Seventh-day Adventist Church







# Farewell to Education Director: Rhonda Belson

Rhonda has been leading our Seventh day Adventist School system as the Director of Education for 6 years and has now accepted a call to be the Director of Education for the Greater Sydney Conference. Rhonda has been a resolute leader who has demonstrated a passion for Christian Education.

During her time as our Director of Education our small team at the Conference office has increased in size to improve the support of our schools. Under Rhonda's leadership our school at Landsdale has improved its facilities with a building program and there has been growth in student numbers. Currently our school at Victoria Park is undertaking a building program. Rhonda has worked hard to support an improvement in policies and overseen a series of successful school registrations with the state regulatory authorities.

Rhonda has spent a significant amount of time in the recruitment of teachers. This has involved lots of prayer and talking with principals and interviewing potential teachers. During Covid19

the impact on our school system was significant for our school principals and staff and Rhonda provided important support and direction in dealing with the complexities of the government regulations. I want to thank Rhonda for her sacrificial leadership as our Education Director. I know that she has always strived to lead our schools with a focus on Jesus Christ.

One of Rhonda's favorite Bible verses is Jeremiah 29:11-13 "For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me." In the context of this verse – God's people were about to go into Babylonian captivity for 70 years. I am sure the Greater Sydney Conference is not calling Rhonda into slavery, but Rhonda as you continue to listen, pray and search for God into the future, I am sure God will give you hope and blessings.

**Pr Steve Goods**

President, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty







# Farewell to the Hiscoxs

This year we say goodbye to two of our staff members who by definition epitomise what Adventist Education is all about changing the lives of young people so they can flourish and live lives of service to others.

Ron and Nerolie Hiscox or more affectionately known as Mr and Mrs Carmel, have served the Adventist system in Australia, and most recently at Carmel, for over 80 years combined. From their first work photo together when Ron was a prac student and Nerolie was a teacher, to their last school photo with 3 of their beautiful grandchildren, their unwavering attitude to reflect Jesus in everything they do, especially in their interactions with young people, has quite literally been experienced by generations of families in our community, to both local and

remote. They have been the highlight of every formal dinner for their amazing "couple goal" coordinated outfits. Yet more than anything, for reflecting what an incredible partnership can be had when 2 people love and respect each other and dedicate their lives to serving others. An inspiration to our students and staff.

We will miss Ron and Nerolie terribly, but we wish them all the best in their retirement, which is thoroughly deserved. Well done, good and faithful servants. Matthew 25:23

**Jessica Foster**  
Deputy Principal (Sec.) Carmel Adventist College



# Honoring Glenys Blagden

This year we want to acknowledge Mrs Blagden, for her dedication and contribution to Adventist Education over four decades.

Students have been blessed having Mrs Blagden as their teacher and colleagues have appreciated the support and friendship working alongside Glenys.

Honouring Mrs Glenys Blagden for her 36 years of faithful service to Adventist Education spanning 46 years.

- 1976 - 1978 Busselton

Seventh-day Adventist School (Teacher: Years 1-5)

- 1979 - 1981 Victoria Park Seventh-day Adventist School (Teacher: Years 1-3)
- 1982 - 1983 Armadale Seventh-day Adventist School (Principal: Years 1-7)
- 1984 - 1984 Avondale Seventh-day Adventist School (Teacher: Years 3&4)
- 1985 - 1985 Esperance Primary Schools (Relief Teaching)
- 1986 - 1987 Esperance

Seventh-day Adventist School (Part time volunteer)

- 1996 - 1996 Bickley Seventh-day Adventist School (Teacher: Pre-Primary)
- 1997 - 2000 Armadale Seventh-day Adventist School (Teacher: PP - Year 3)
- 2001 - 2005 Armadale Seventh-day Adventist School (Principal: Years 1-7)
- 2006 - 2022 Carmel Adventist College Primary (Various years: PP, 1, 2 & 3)

**Nicola Warchol**



# What's On



## Who Do You Say Jesus Is? 2/5 Jesus in Islam

Rossmoyne Waters Chapel  
8 March, 03:00 PM - 04:00 PM



## CHIP Online Facilitator Training

Zoom  
9 March - 29 March



## Youth Worship Night

TBC  
10 March



## Youth Rally

Livingston Seventh-day  
Adventist Church  
11 March, 03:00 PM



## Great South Regional

Albany Seventh-day  
Adventist Church  
11 March



## Wiluna ATSIM Regional

Wiluna Seventh-day  
Adventist Church  
11 March



## Story Time

Adventist Book Centre WA  
15 March, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM



## Bickley Valley Camera Club

Bickley Seventh-day Adventist  
Church Hall  
20 March, 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM



## Hyve Australia

Fishburners Sydney  
24 March - 27 March



## ELIA Wellness Summit

Sydney Adventist Hospital  
Clinical Education Centre  
24 March - 26 March



## Read the Bible in a Year Q2

April- June



## Easter Camp Setup

Advent Park  
02 April



## Ministers' Setup

Advent Park  
03 April



## ABC Closed

Adventist Book Centre WA  
03 April - 17 April

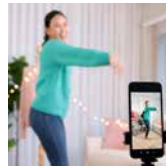


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## Easter Camp: FOLLOW

Advent Park  
06 April - 10 April



## #SabbathGift

1 May - 31 May  
More details to follow



## ABC at Easter Camp

Advent Park  
06 April - 10 April



## Digital Discipleship

Novotel Sydney Parramatta  
05 May



## School Holidays

07 April - 23 April



## Pathfinder Leaders

TBC  
05 May



## Easter Camp Pulldown

Advent Park  
11 April



## Pilbara ATSIM Regional

Port Hedland Seventh-day  
Adventist Church  
12 May



## Office Repopens

18 April



## Mother's Day

Sunday, 14 May



## School Begins

24 April - 30 June



## Story Time

Adventist Book Centre WA  
17 May, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM



## Youth Worship Night

TBC  
28 April



## Goldfields Regional

Norseman Town Hall  
20 May

# Karla Bidjar Building Dedication



On December 10, 2022 the Karla Bidjar Centre of Influence building was dedicated to the service of God.

People from the community, church members, local government representatives and visitors, shared a free Sanitarium breakfast along with a sausage sizzle followed by a special dedication ceremony for the building. People attending were blessed with country gospel music from Craig Pickett (Chook) who travelled from Geraldton to be part of the celebration. Several pioneers of Karla Bidjar, Pr John Beck, Terry Kessar and Derek Binning provided a background sketch to the building project that began more than 10 years ago, when property was donated for Aboriginal mission work. Foodbank parcels and food donated through the Feed it Forward charity were given away to all those that attended.



Pr Steve Goods, President of the Western Australian Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist's attended the service with his wife Lee and offered the prayer of dedication over the building.

It was wonderful to see how God has lead in the purchase of this building. All were excited to move in right now, however, more work needs to be completed before it is able to be occupied on a regular basis. The members are looking forward to using the site whenever it is possible.



## Darren Peakall

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Ministries (ATSIM)  
Karla Bidjar Seventh-day Adventist Church





# Baptisms in South Perth Karen

Southern Perth Karen Church Plant, Say Ker Paw joined the church with 9 others last November. The baptism was held at Maida Vale church. The church was overflowing as we all celebrated

this special occasion. May our Lord continue to empower each one of his followers to go and make disciples and enlarge His kingdom of grace.



# \$3500 raised for mission

Over \$3500 was raised by the youth to assist their struggling families in Myanmar formerly Burma. People are suffering because of the military crack

down and hundreds are being killed please pray that peace may come.



# Good turn out for health!

One hundred and forty people came out to hear Dr Eddie, a Seventh-day Adventist speaker from USA. All were thrilled to hear practical health information. A great buffet of vegetarian food was provided, many books were sold and many put their names down for follow up cooking classes, depression programs and prophecy

seminars. Health breaks down barriers for the gospel to have access to the heart.

**Pr John Horvath**  
Burundi & Forrestfield Church Plants







# Crowds Return to Road to Bethlehem

Appreciative crowds flocked back to the Road to Bethlehem (RTB) drama after a three-year break, learning about the true meaning of Christmas in the gift of Jesus. The team at Livingston Church put in a big effort to make this year's RTB special under the leadership of Stephen Jones. The script was revamped, sets were repainted, new sets created, and new people involved. It was great to see so many of Livingston's teens really keen to be involved both on stage and behind the scenes. Rapping wise men, boasting shepherds and joking beggars joined the traditional scenes of the Jerusalem market place, Herod's palace, and the Bethlehem Inn. Hearts were moved when angels sang around the manger of baby Jesus.

Three thousand six hundred and eighty seven people came through Road to Bethlehem this year, about half for the first time, This included the Gosnells Mayor and two councillors. Comments included, "It was amazing!"; "It was lovely!"; "I loved the energy, humour and music"; "Thank you for sharing the true spirit of Christmas". Livingston Church members were glad to offer this Christmas gift to their community. They had so many different generations working together to make it happen, both new and deeper friendships were formed among the church members.

**Pr Andrew Skeggs**

Livingston Seventh-day Adventist Church







# 4WD Adventures on the Holland Track Trip

The only tools we had to get out of this situation were prayers, and we needed a lot of them.

Recently the Kulikup Seventh-day Adventist Church youth, and WA Youth and Children Specialists, hosted a 4WD Information Exchange Weekend while travelling The Holland Track. 25 vehicles and 63 people registered for the event. We learnt about:

- Picking the right line
- Vehicle recovery
- Food planning
- Bush survival
- Trip planning
- How to cook a damper
- First aid
- Vehicle inspection

Each morning started with worship around the campfire with a bonus fun-crazy-challenge on the last morning. God never let us down with an incredible wildflower display, Mallee Fowl nest, bearded dragons and a rare thorny devil.

The track was an unforgettable challenge from the previous weeks rain. By the end of day two we had seven vehicles to repair from so much fun in the mud. The journey was an incredible adventure with new friendships made. To see how we were saved by prayer and some amazing bush mechanics keep an eye out for the video at the Youth Shed this Easter Camp.

**Rod Bowey**

Kulikup Seventh-day Adventist Church



# Prayer is the Key

Mahatma Gandhi is quoted to have said, “prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening.” Like Mahatma Gandhi, Jesus did not only teach about the importance of prayer, but also demonstrated it in His own life.

Passages like John 6:15, “Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone”. Or Luke 5:16 “As often as possible Jesus withdrew to out-of-the-way places for prayer.” are a great indication that Jesus did not just give the discipline of prayer lip service. By His own lifestyle and habits, He modelled the priority of prayer.

Incidentally, His disciples must have been so impressed with Jesus’ prayer life that the only time they asked Jesus to teach them something, was regarding prayer.

In Luke 11:1 it is recorded as, “One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Prayer and the disciplines of a regular devotional life have been shown to have direct health benefits to those that partake of them. Recent medical studies have shown that there is a correlation between people that practice some form spiritual disciplines and their brain structures.

In an article published by Columbia University in New York, they highlight a presentation done at the American Psychological Association convention during which, images of a brain were presented, showing cortical thickening in people who were taking their spiritual habits seriously. This thickening took place in areas of the brain where thinning of the same would normally be associated with depression.

The people that were involved in this study also reported a higher level of emotional satisfaction and mental stability than those in the control group. This should not surprise us at all.

The human body seems to thrive on connecting with God. It does so physically, mentally, emotionally and of course spiritually. Just like our mobile phones need to be connected to their chargers every so often for them to

work, we need to connect to our source of power for optimal living.

## Dr Caroline Soire

North Perth Seventh-day Adventist Church  
General Practitioner

### Notes

<https://www.tc.columbia.edu/articles/2012/december/how-faith-heals/>







# Celebrating God's Call

It was a very exciting Sabbath on January 14 when Ross Craig was ordained into the Gospel Ministry, in the presence of God at Manjimup Church. Recognised and affirmed by fellow ministerial Pastors of the WA Conference, church members from Manjimup, Kulikup, Boyup Brook and Katanning, were thrilled to participate in this important event in Ross's life. The laying of hands with a host of Pastors and serving Elders, was particularly moving.

Also present were; clergy from other faith communities, representatives from the Shire of Manjimup; community volunteers with Manji Food Pantry; the ADRA Op Shop and especially welcomed were members from Ross's family who travelled from Queensland and New South Wales including those who viewed it on Facebook Livestream from Gympie and Toowoomba. The church was abuzz and overflowing.

It was the first time in an Adventist church for some, with one community member volunteering to be the photographer and she was joined by a reporter from the local newspaper.

In response, Ross shared some of his life's journey and a time in his life when he believed all hope had gone. He praised God for his unending love and grace toward him during his wayward years (and his angel's enduring patience). It was hard to hold back the tears.

This exciting day God foresaw from the beginning (Jeremiah 29:11) and we were so proud and privileged to be a part of celebrating God's call in Ross's life. To God Be the Glory!

**Brenda Dawes**  
Manjimup Seventh-day Adventist Church

## Calvary to Pentecost

The Weekends That Changed the World

Peter Roennfeldt

Two weekends that brought profound change to the world. The first was marked by Jesus' death and resurrection, the next by His Spirit's presence and anointing. The climax and transitions represented by the events of these



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this period to inspire you in your relationship with God and empower you in your ministry. Calvary prepared the way for Pentecost—and for us.

"This book is awesome—readable, engaging, simple yet profound, and on point for our time!"  
—Terry Johnson, president, Australia Union Conference

"I have never read anything like this, relating to the full story of Pentecost not just the one day we often talk about. I read this book in one sitting and was touched and inspired. It was a spiritual journey. It amazes me how Peter Roennfeldt shares the story of Jesus with such passion—with such carefully chosen passages telling the core of the story."

—Atte Helminen, City Pastor, Ministry Coach, Church-Planting Facilitator, Finland

"This book will change your life and I recommend it to everyone. Until reading Calvary to Pentecost, I had not thought of the importance of this time-period. The way Peter Roennfeldt narrates the story brings it so close, making every word of Jesus so significant to me. The deep reflection questions will bring you closer to the presence of Jesus."

—Maveni Kaufononga, President, Trans Pacific Union Mission

Peter Roennfeldt (DMin) draws on the experience of his lifetime sharing the gospel, planting churches and serving as a pastor to pastors. Having lived in four countries and equipped church-planting teams in almost 60, Peter now lives in Melbourne, Australia, with his wife Judy, but continues to equip and coach church planters, pastors and movement leaders around the world.

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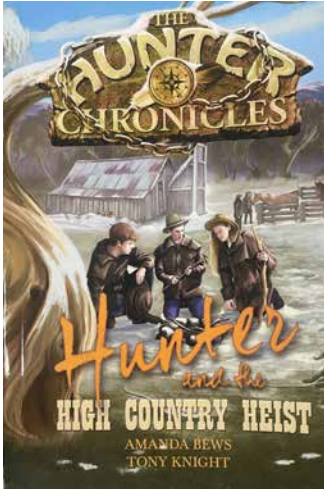
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## Hunter Chronicles

I've just read the final instalment of the Hunter Chronicles, Book 8, Hunter and the High Country



Heist. The series finished with the original characters and those they've met in the previous books.

There was the expected suspenseful moments, with times to learn along the way. Set in the Snowy Mountains in Victoria, the story

captures your imagination. If you love horses and have loved the other books in this series, you will absolutely appreciate this last book.

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*Orders will be available for collection from Easter Camp, please collect as early as possible.*



## Great New Resources

We have just received some really lovely stock from a new supplier. There are some great journaling bibles, journals and devotionals. Get in store to check these out.

*We are here to help*







# Summer Camps 2023

Mornington Adventure Camp was able to run activities like rock climbing, mountain biking, a low ropes course, zip lining, canoeing, water slides, and a whole day water skiing, knee boarding and biscuiting. All of those activities kept us busy—then there was the main event—an awesome speaker, Tianie Calais, telling her story and giving us her perspective on how real life can relate to living a Godly life. You could actually hear a pin drop (for real) every time she spoke. The Teens had a fantastic time interacting with each other. One evening they came to the leaders wanting more time in the busy schedule to simply hang out—the deal was made that if they got through their dinner and had the dishes all done in a quick time they could hang out together more. Nobody has ever seen teenagers more motivated to be organised and get dishes done well. They convinced our cooks to serve the main meal and dessert at the same time to help it go faster—miracles still happen.

Then the Juniors showed up. They decided to be up at 5:45 am playing cricket. Their energy was unbelievable. Calvin and Jaclyn Shotter, our Mornington Adventure Camp managers, engaged them all in games throwing and catching eggs. Pr Malcolm Eastwick was our speaker and engaged the kids with the 'back story' to all of the Bible stories that the kids were hearing. One of the most animated speakers these kids have ever seen. God was lifted higher as our overall theme of 'Follow Me' became clear.

Summer camps in Western Australia are fantastic—bring on next year!

**Pr Andrew Olsen**  
Youth & Children









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- 13: 1Chron 12-14
- 14: 1Chron 15-17
- 15: 1Chron 18-20
- 16: 1Chron 21-22
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- 19: Ecc 1-6
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- 21: 1King 10-11;

- 19: 1Chron 23-25
- 20: 1Chron 26-28
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- 23: 1Chron 11-13
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