

We are delighted to have you with us at this time, and pray that you will experience the deep love of God the Father as you share in the life of his church.

Finance Update

Following a recent note on our current working capital situation, it is with joy and thankfulness that we update you on the current position. Firstly, thank you for your most generous response and faithfulness to the Lord's work among us. The Board and Leadership team express our gratitude to all who responded, whether financially

or in prayer. Secondly, it's also right to say that while our cash situation has improved dramatically, we still have a little way to go, and so encourage those who are still prayerfully considering a response before the Lord. We are a blessed people and the Lord is at work in so many ways.
- Simon Ford, Executive Pastor

Mounties Family Camp 2018

The Labour Day long weekend saw over 100 people head off to Kerem Adventure Camp in Bullsbrook to enjoy the Mounties Family Camp together. It was a really blessed time, with some children asking at the end of camp if we could have Family Camp every weekend! The emphasis on

camp was an opportunity to renew old friendships, meet new people and enjoy time together across the generations. The theme of the weekend was "Wind of the Spirit"; there was a kite making workshop, treasure hunt and a wonderful all age service on Sunday morning led by ex



Children & Families Pastor Michael Lush. There was plenty of physical activity too, with walking and the ever-popular low ropes course. Special thanks to David and Julia Pascoe for coordinating and Mark Sinclair who, with Julia, headed up the catering team.

Keys to Effective Prayer with Brian Pickering

What a wonderful weekend we had recently with Brian Pickering, national coordinator of the Australian Prayer Network. Around 400 people from over 60 local churches and a rich diversity of church denominations gathered for this seminar which ran on Friday night and through the day on Saturday. Brian brought a fresh perspective



to important subjects such as *How Prayer Works*, *Spiritual Authority*, and *Understanding the Spiritual DNA of your Community*. He then brought a powerful message on forgiveness at our Sunday morning services. We are thankful to Brian for his input, and are hoping he will return next year to present the next level of his insightful teaching on prayer.

FINANCES

Our financial reporting is based on a calendar year (January to December)

Giving to the **Church Operating & Missional Links** account as at 28 February 2018:

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET:	YTD ACTUAL:	YTD DEFICIT:
\$307,739	\$301,160	-\$6,579



Giving to the Building Fund as at 28 February 2018:	YTD ACTUAL:	ANNUAL TARGET:
	\$58,043	\$380,000

For all giving enquiries:
finance@mounties.org.au or 9329 1777.
You can pay for church related events including camps via our EFTPOS machine at the Info Point each Sunday morning, or online any time at: www.mounties.org.au/payment
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THE Book SHOP

Please come in and check out the new stock on offer at the Book Shop at Booragoon Campus. There will be a selection of gifts for Easter & Mother's Day. The new Francine Rivers novel "The Masterpiece" is now available. Online orders are welcome, but do allow time for goods to arrive as some goods may only be available from the Eastern States.

BOOK SHOP OPENING TIMES:

- Sunday:** 9.45am-10.30am
11.45am-12.30pm
- Wednesday:** 9.00am-1.30pm
(during school terms)

Order online now at mounties.org.au/bookshop

CARE Ministry

If you have any pastoral or prayer needs, please fill out a **Request CARE Card** at the Info Point. This will give us the opportunity to care for you.

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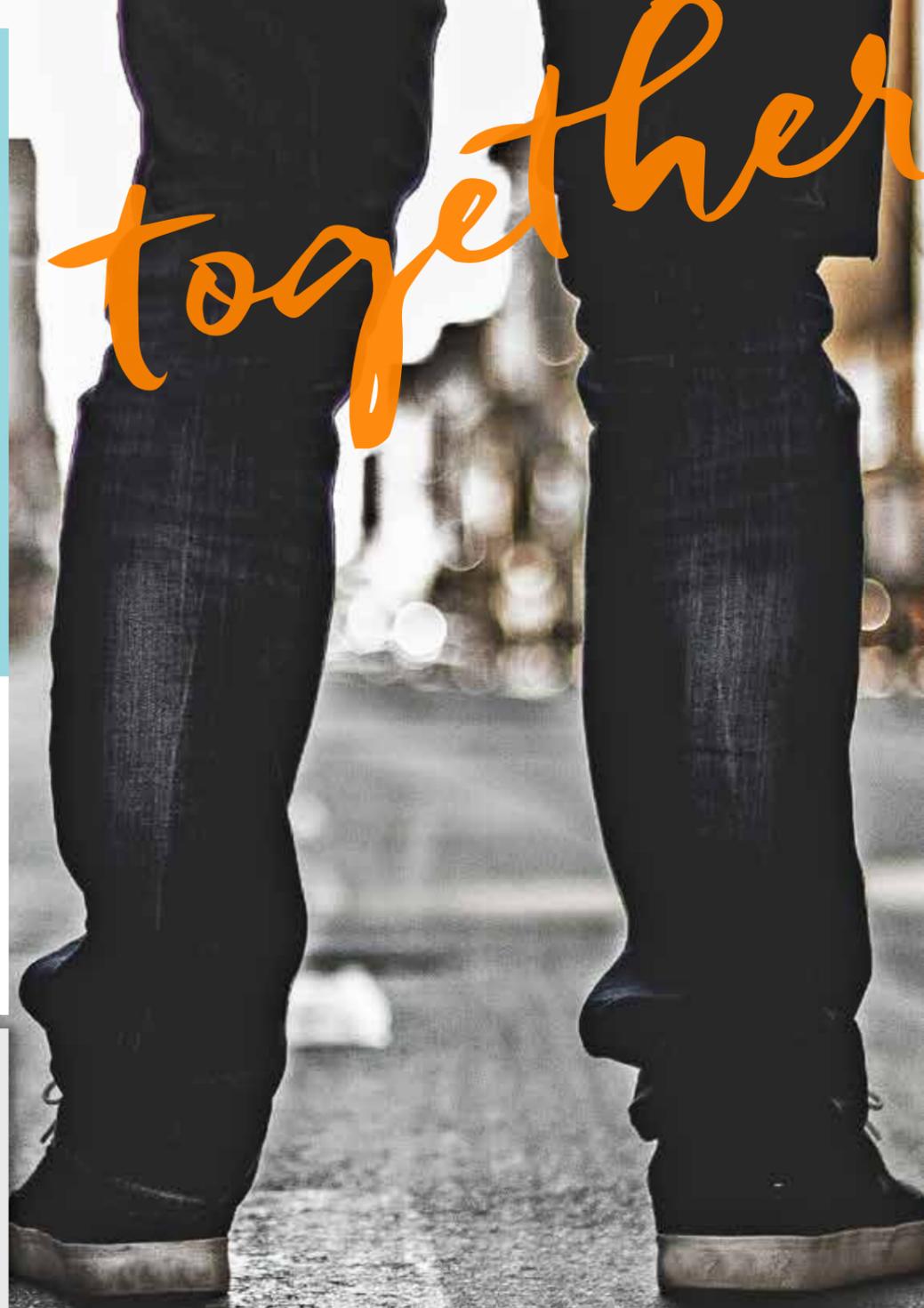
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Life has its challenges. I've not met anyone for whom that statement is not true. All sorts of unexpected twists and turns come our way, and through our lives we face struggles of various kinds. The teaching of Scripture is that these struggles involve not only the physical world that we can see, but also the unseen spiritual realm. And in the face of spiritual opposition, the specific instruction we are given is somewhat surprising. We are not to run from the battle, but neither are we to fight. We are instructed simply to stand – to stand firm, to hold our ground. During the month of April our focus will be on Ephesians 6:10-20. In this short passage, the instruction to stand is reinforced four times. We look forward to further exploring what this means in the context of our day to day lives. – Nick Scott

Bible readings for April:

1 April	Easter Sunday	15 April	Ephesians 6:14
8 April	Ephesians 6:10-13	22 April	Ephesians 6:15-16
		29 April	Ephesians 6:17-20

Urban Mission – Fruitful Christianity

The Lord has placed three significant events on our hearts this year. The first, "Keys to Effective Prayer," was a great blessing. The next event planned for May is "Urban Mission – Fruitful Christianity," a perfect follow-on from prayer where we will be exploring what faith in action looks like in our everyday lives in our city. **Garth Eichhorn**, Director of Street Chaplains WA,



will be the principal speaker, supported by other practitioners and Graham Mabury giving his top tips for effective mission in our local setting. There will be four Wednesday sessions [9, 16, 23 & 30 May] from 7.00-9.00pm and, on the final week, an Expo of local mission opportunities in the foyer. We encourage everyone in the church family and across the city to be part of this series.

Coolbellup Campus Update

Over the last few weeks we have delved deeper into the Lord's Prayer and have had great responses by people staying for extended discussions as well as prayer for one another. These times have been special – as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. We continue with our involvement in the community and have seen a significant increase in the numbers of attendees at the Wednesday morning Playgroup. Children and carers have a great time of learning and interacting with one another. Cooby has become a venue where there are activities each day of the week and even three church services on a Sunday: 9.00am; 11.00am (Burundi Church); and 4.00pm (Indonesian Church). May we be a shining light in Coolbellup and to the ends of the earth! – Peter Christofides

Salt Ministry at Kennedy Baptist College

We are thrilled that a door has opened for our Salt Ministry to be involved at Kennedy Baptist College this year doing Christian Connect and lunchtime programs twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There



is a strong core team from Salt who have committed their time to be part of this initiative. They will be focusing on engaging the Year 12 students. We would value your prayer support for the team as they forge friendships and relationships with Year 12s during this very busy and stressful time of study. Pray that the Lord will use each team member in a significant way to impact these young lives. The team will also have opportunity on occasion to address the whole Year 12 group, with the first of these on 11 April when Georgina and Genevieve Earl will share their testimonies – please pray that the Lord will speak in and through them.

Paul, Apostle of Christ

Another great movie "Paul, Apostle of Christ" has recently been released. The story covers Paul, portrayed by James Faulkner, going from the most infamous persecutor of Christians to Jesus Christ's most influential apostle. It is a powerful movie and not to be missed! It opened on 29 March at Hoyts Garden City and Hoyts Carousel.



Ladies' Book Club Update

It is with a thankful heart that Tracy Beasley has accepted the role of coordinating the Ladies' Book Club. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month in someone's home. Our current book, "Out of Darkness" by Stormie Omartian, will be discussed in April. Further details from Tracy: tracybeasley@gmail.com

Mega Music Kids

Is your pre-schooler keen on music? As part of the Mega Music Stores, the Mega Music Academies are thriving, safe, fun and friendly learning environments which host hundreds of students every term under the expert guidance of a team of professional music teachers. The Myaree store is excited for its new venture offering group music lessons for children aged 6 months to 4½ years at Mount Pleasant College! These will commence from Term 2 this year on Mondays and Fridays. There will four different age groups with age-appropriate music programs. Enrolment forms and more details at www.megamusiconline.com.au/academy



More details and registration [where required] for these events are available at the Info Point, through the Church Office, or online at www.mounties.org.au or www.facebook.com/mpbcperth

Church Café

WHEN: Sundays, 7.45-8.45am, 10.00-10.40am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Café

Membership Conversations

WHEN: Sunday 8 April, 10.45am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Green Room

For all interested in membership at MPBC, come along to the Green Room for an informal chat about the process and get your questions answered. Sign up at the Info Point.

Annual General Meeting

WHEN: Sunday 29 April, 12.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus

Community Ministries

Singles Alive – List of events for the singles group coordinated by Elsie & Neil Murray are available at the Info Point and noticeboard.

Mounties Golf – All welcome for fellowship and a social 9-hole game on the first Saturday of each month, 3.00pm. Details from Bertus de Villiers: bertusdev@gmail.com

Essence: Gifted

WHEN: Saturday 7 April, 6.30pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus

Women's event – GIFTED – entertainment and guest speaker Jodie McCarthy, followed by drinks, grazing table and night market.

Seniors Communion Service & Lunch

WHEN: Thursday 19 April, 11.30am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room

Anzac Theme – guest speaker is Rick Pekan from the Bible Society, with an opportunity to donate towards Bibles for servicemen.

Men's PIE Night

WHEN: Thursday 19 April, 7.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room

Guest speaker is Sunshine Radio presenter "JD" (John Donoghue) on the topic "Bullying".

Women In The Word Together – Will finish for Term 1 on Tuesday 10 April, and commence for Term 2 on Tuesday 8 May. All ladies welcome – childcare available.

Be connected with Church Family news

We encourage everyone to complete a HUB card to stay linked in with church family news via our *Weekly Communication* email.

Young Adults

Salty Weekend: Deeper

WHEN: Friday 20 – Sunday 22 April
WHERE: Orchard Glory Farm Resort

All young adults welcome to share fellowship and go deeper in your walk with God. Registrations close 8 April – early bird price ends 1 April: www.mounties.org.au/saltyweekend

Upcoming Courses

Alpha

WHEN: Tuesdays, 1 May – 7 August, 7.30-9.30pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room

Got questions about life? Full details and registration: www.mounties.org.au/alpha

Digital Photography For Beginners

WHEN: Thursdays, 3 – 31 May, 7.00-9.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Hall & Room 10

Learn the basics of digital photography. Registrations opening mid-April.

Urban Mission

WHEN: Wednesdays, 9 – 30 May, 7.00-9.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus

Ideal for home groups. Registration essential: www.mounties.org.au/urbanmission

Family News:

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to:

Alina Ang and Geoffrey Chin, on the passing of Alina's father in early March. Alina and Geoffrey both serve on the creative ministries team at MPBC.

Margaret Pye, on the passing of her husband Ron on 12 March. Ron was 92, he and Margaret had been married for 64 years and were a much loved part of our church family for many years.

BABY DEDICATIONS

Liam Angelo Hayes on 10 March, son of Michael and Nicole, grandson of Claude and Heather Merlino.

CONGRATULATIONS to our prize-winners at the recent Vose Seminary Commencement and Conferral Event:

Michael Christie received the W G Croft Prize for Christian Thought.

Sara de Souza received the Language Studies award.

If you have items of family news that you would like included in this section in future months, forward details to the Church office.

A Month in the life of MPBC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7.45am - Café open	Office closed	9.30am - Women in the Word Together [term time only]	9.15am - Craft Connection [term time only]	9.30am - Tumble Tots Playgroup [term time only]	6.45am - Marketplace98% [6 & 20 Apr]	10.00am - Flourish [14 Apr]
8.45am - International/ESL Bible Study and Culture Group		9.30am - Tumble Tots Playgroup [term time only]	9.30am - Tumble Tots Playgroup [term time only]	9.30am - Men's Bible Study [term time only]	7.30am - Coolbellup Prayer Group	10.00am - Saturday Craft Group [28 Apr]
8.45am - Booragoon AM Service		4.45pm, 5.30pm, 6.00pm - Soul to Sole dance groups	9.30am - Cooby Tumble Tots Playgroup [term time only]	11.30am - Seniors Communion & Lunch [19 Apr]	6.30pm - Amplified [school years 7-12, term time only]	
9.00am - Coolbellup Service		6.00pm - Prayer and Healing	7.00pm - Salt - Young Adults [4 & 18 Apr]	4.00pm - Good News Club [term time only]		
10.30am - Booragoon AM Service		6.00pm - Reflective Prayer at Coolbellup		7.00pm - Men's PIE Night [19 Apr]		
5.30pm - Booragoon PM Service 6.45pm - PM Eats [15 Apr]		7.30pm - Creative Ministries rehearsal		7.30pm - Ladies' Book Club [12 Apr]		



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