

WELCOME

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.

Coolbellup Campus Update

After a great festive season, the series on "Lessons from a Sheep Dog" has been a wonderful time of learning from the book by Philip Keller and his relationship with his dog, Lass. The live Pet Farm on the last Sunday in January will be a delightful time of feeding the pets and enjoying the little furry animals. Over the next two months we will be focussing on God's transforming effect [METAMORPHOSIS] on our lives, dealing with the characteristics of His amazing grace and mercy, and how we respond in obedience. Connect Groups are up and running and we expect great times of fellowship as we serve the Lord through learning and growing together. The excitement continues as we have great expectation for the year. - Peter Christofides

Ethereal Youth Camp

AMP Youth's Ethereal 2016 Summer Camp was no exception to all the other camps and it was a blessed time for all. For those who are into numbers... we had many hours of planning and organizing, 8 sessions of praise and worship, 38 leaders and volunteers, 69 campers, 144+ hrs of camp, approximately 1000 meals and copious amounts of ice cream served! Everyone participated in the mannequin challenge, there were 4 minor injuries, 25 attended baptism class, 14 wanted to know more about baptism. Yes it was tiring, hectic,



stressful... but it was awesome. Why? The young people were drawn to Christ with 9 of our youth giving their lives to God. Thank you for your prayers. All praise to our Father! - Michael Yoo



Family News:

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to the family and friends of:

Geoff Morris, whose mother passed away on 3 December 2016 in UK, aged 101. Brigitte Field, whose father passed away on 12 December 2016 in Melbourne. Gwynith Davey, who passed away 21 December 2016. Christine Wright, whose mother passed away on 25 December 2016, aged 100. Rose Holster, whose son-in-law Dominic passed away mid-December 2016. Mike Ramm, whose mother passed away early January 2017. Ian Riggs, whose mother passed away 24 January 2017.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

Carole & Brian Wood who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in December. Ashley Robinson and Brendon Mills who got engaged on 5 December 2016. Emma Clarke and Luke Sandells who got engaged on 23 December 2016.

MEMBERSHIP

Don Robinson, Winsome Hamon-Hoft

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

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.

FINANCES

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

Giving to the Church Operating and Missional Links account

BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET (31 DECEMBER 2016)	\$1,759,033
	YTD ACTUAL:	\$1,707,534
ACTUAL	YTD DEFICIT:	-\$51,499

Giving to the Building Fund as at 31 December 2016

YTD ACTUAL:	ANNUAL TARGET:
\$494,510	\$400,000

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.

For Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) of offerings and donations please use the Commonwealth Bank details adjacent:

Church Offerings: (No tax receipt)

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church BSB 066-124 Acc No. 0090 3735

College Donations: (No tax receipt)

Mount Pleasant Baptist Community College BSB 066-163 Acc No. 1036 7831

Building Fund Donations: (Tax receipt)

Mount Pleasant Baptist Community College BSB 066-163 Acc No. 1036 7858 Please include your full name



The Book Shop will be open from Sunday 29 January. Please visit and restock for Christmas 2017 - 20% sale on Christmas and selected items!

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

Book Club

For book-lovers, there is a monthly Ladies Book Club - see 2017 Start Up insert for more details.

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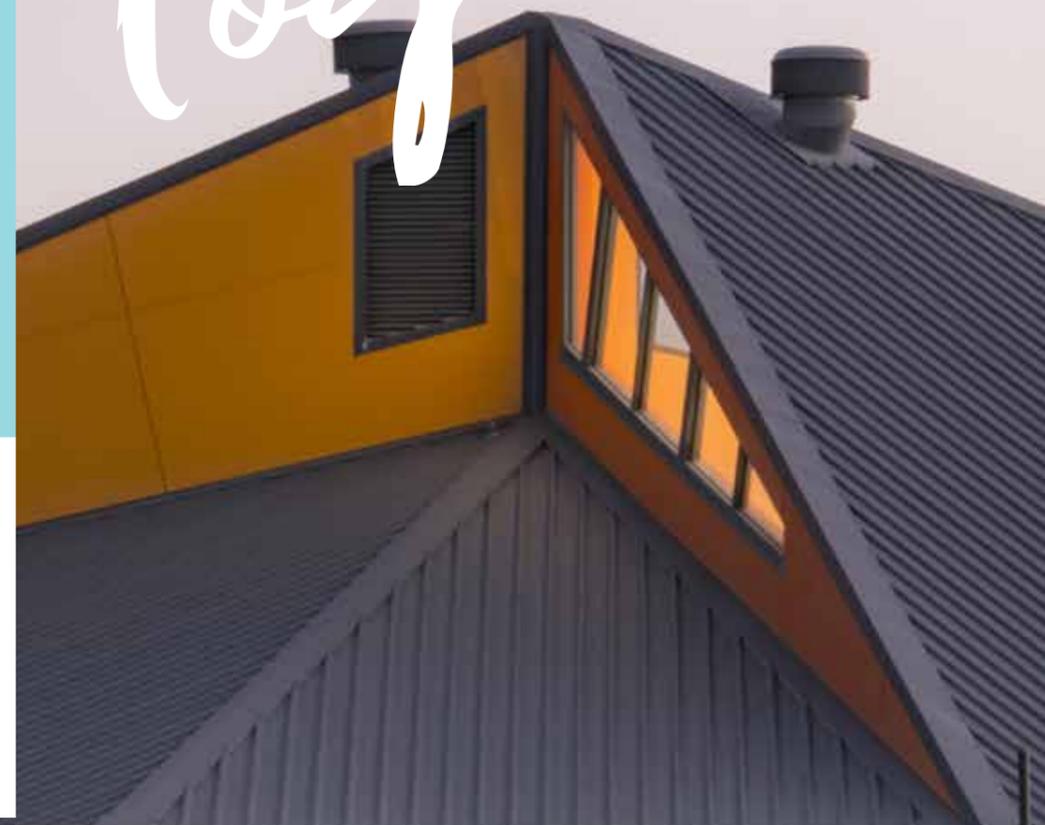
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FEBRUARY 2017



Matthew 17 records for us the story of Jesus going up the mountain with his good friends Peter, James and John. There, the Bible tells us, Jesus was transfigured before them. A remarkable transformation took place before their very eyes. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. The Biblical Greek word used for this transformation process is *metamorphosis*. Amazingly, it's the same word used by Paul in 2 Corinthians 3:18 which speaks of followers of Jesus being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord. Romans 12 urges us to offer our bodies as living sacrifices, as a spiritual act of worship. As we do this very thing, submitting our lives to God, there is a metamorphosis that takes place in our lives. God is in the business of changing us from what we were to what we will ultimately be in Him. Our series through February and March will take us on a journey exploring what this metamorphosis looks like in everyday life. – Nick Scott

MPC Christian Formation Short Courses in 2017

We have taken several bold initiatives in redesigning the Christian Formation short courses to be offered in 2017. There will be some half-day seminars with



engaging keynote presenters, together with mid-week short courses that focus upon practical, Christian living topics. The first course for the year will be held on Saturday 1 April, and will help participants identify and develop their gifts. We are also excited to invite our church members to attend lectures in the scripture, theology, and the principles of pastoral ministry by Peter Christofides and Mick Stringer. These classes will be held on Thursdays during the school terms and enrolments will be taken until the end of January 2017.

Cambodia Mission Trip

In early January a team of 9 people from MPBC travelled to Phnom Penh to spend time at the MPBC Centre 16, serving both the trainers and the children. We taught at the Centre, interacted with staff and children, played games, read stories, did craft activities and told Bible stories. The children's English is improving and both they and the trainers love to practice their language skills. They are always excited when sponsors from Australia visit and photos of sponsors are highly valued. Visiting some of the sponsored families in their homes was a humbling experience but well received by the families. Centre Manager Somany is doing a great job, and is now starting up 'Connect Groups' with the parents who gather on 'rice' days and at other times which is creating a better community feeling for the Centre. As usual, the group was blessed in many ways and we feel we received more than we gave.

– Mark & Jane Thrift



Christmas Offering

Thank you for your generosity to the Christmas offering. We have been able to give \$39,612 to Baptist World Aid's Middle East Appeal to help provide shelter, clean water, heating, warm clothes, education and child protection for refugees in the Middle East. A further \$5,660 was raised through The Little Book of Big Gift Ideas for a range of Baptist World Aid projects.

Women In The Word Together

The third year of the *Women In The Word Together* (WITWT) bible study commences on Tuesday 14 February from 9.30-11.30am at Booragoon Campus. Our aim at WITWT is for all women of all ages to grow in faith, hope and love. In 2017 the ladies will be studying the books of Ruth, Esther and Mark and doing a study on Prayer. In the words of one lady, "WITWT provides delightful connection with ladies in our church as we study the Bible together, learn and gain new insights from each other and experience the warmth, love and support as we pray together. Such encouragement breathes fresh heart into us." For more information contact Denise Nicholls at dsn@iinet.net.au

Connect Groups

Small Groups and Clarity Groups have been an important part of MPBC across all age groups. For consistency across the church we have decided to now call all such groups "Connect Groups". Coolbellup Campus will be commencing Connect Groups in 2017. These groups are a great place to discuss the scriptures, pray together, support one another and journey through the 'ups and downs of life' together. In June 2017 we plan to have a preaching series that we hope Connect Groups will take time to study together, particularly concerning how to apply the truth in everyday life. The series will be based on the Baptist World Aid book authored by Scott Higgins, "The Single Thing." If you would like to be part of a Connect Group, contact Sue Ford via sue.ford@mounties.org.au



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

Celebration Service Café

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

Ignite Prayer Night

WHEN: Sunday 19 February, 5.30pm-8.30pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Auditorium

Come together for a time of worship and to pray for the needs of one another and our church. Special family time of prayer from 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Community Ministries

Flourish

WHEN: Sat 11 February, 10.00am-12.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room

Flourish is a support group for people with disability, chronic illness or disorder and their families. Info: mike.miles@mounties.org.au

Men's PIE Night Special Event: The Fathering Project Breakfast

WHEN: Saturday 25 February, 8.00am-10.00am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus

The *Fathering Project* aims to inspire and assist fathers and father-figures to effectively engage with their kids and to make better Dads for the benefit of the children. Professor Bruce Robinson, founder of The *Fathering Project*, will be our guest speaker with a panel discussion to follow. Men of all ages are invited to attend and bring along family and friends. Tickets are \$15 and available from the Info Point or Church Office.

Connect Lunch

WHEN: Sunday 26 February, 12.15pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Function Room

This lunch is for those who are new or 'newish' to MPBC. Come and hear more about the Church and meet others. Register at the Connect Point on a Sunday or reply to Brigitte on brigitte.field@mounties.org.au

Essence

WHEN: Saturday 1 April
WHERE: Booragoon Campus

Save the date for the first essence event of the year – all ladies are invited to breakfast.

Singles Alive – Details of events for this active singles group coordinated by Elsie and Neil Murray are available at the Info Point and on the noticeboard.

coming events

Children & Families

MPK Leaders Meeting

WHEN: Sunday 29 January, 10.00am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Room 10

Before the new school year starts, all MPK Volunteers (whether on roster or not for term one) are requested to attend a team meeting.

Baby Dedications

WHEN: Sunday 12 March, 8.45am & 10.30am
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Auditorium

If you would like your child dedicated please contact Lisa Tabor via the Church Office.

Perth Children's Prayer

WHEN: Saturday 18 February, 9.30am-12.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus

All children (aged 5-16) are invited to attend the first Children's Prayer event of the year. No cost, morning tea included, online registration at www.mounties.org.au/PCP

AMP Youth / RZIM Joint Events

Youth Event: "Is God Relevant?"

WHEN: Friday 17 March, 6.30pm-9.00pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus

RZIM - REBOOT Reloaded

WHEN: Saturday 18 March, 1.30pm-5.30pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus

A half-day Youth Apologetics Conference. Tickets \$10 at the door. More details to come.

Creative Ministries

Info Night 2017

WHEN: Tuesday 7 February, 5.30pm or 7.30pm
WHERE: Booragoon Campus Room 10

The Creative Ministries team at MPBC is passionate about communicating the message of Christ in creative ways such as - vocals, band, orchestra, choir, sound, vision & lighting, event management, dance, catering and music-filing. If you are interested in finding out more as to how you can be involved, please come along to our Info Night at 7.30pm in Room 10. For the Soul to Sole Dance group (ages 7-16) and Gumption band (ages 10-13) the Info Night will start at 5.30pm. For more information, call the church office, or email Christine via christine.kang@mounties.org.au or Jonathan via jonathan.anthony@mounties.org.au

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 (commences 14 Feb)	9.15am - Craft Connection (commences 8 February)	9.30am - Tumble Tots Playgroup	6.45am - Marketplace98% (3 & 17 February)	10.00am - Flourish (11 February)
8.45am - International/ESL Bible Study Group		6.00pm - Prayer and Healing	9.30am - Tumble Tots Playgroup	9.30am - Men's Bible Study (commences 16 February)	7.30am - Coolbellup Prayer Group	7.30am - Saturday Craft (18 February)
8.45am - Booragoon AM Service		6.00pm - Call To Prayer (14 Booragoon & 28 Coolbellup)	10.00am - Coolbellup Ladies Bible Study	11.30am - Seniors Communion & Lunch (16 February)	6.30pm - Friday AMP Youth (Years 7-12 / Term time only)	
9.00am - Coolbellup Service		6.00pm - Revival Prayer (7 & 21 February)	7.30pm - Salt - Young Adults (commences 22 February)			
10.30am - Booragoon AM Service		7.30pm - Creative Ministries				
5.30pm - Booragoon PM Service						



GOT A QUESTION?

Email us: contact@mounties.org.au or phone the church office on 9329 1777.

Ministry Start Up 2017

Community Ministries

Marketplace98%

Marketplace98% will recommence on **Friday 3 February, 7.00am** at Food Monkey Café, 101 Lake Street, Northbridge. John Yates will share at this meeting on the "Fear of God". This group meets on the first and third Friday of the month to encourage one another in the integration of faith with work and all of life. For more information, please contact John Nicholls via the Church Office.

International/ESL Bible Study and Culture Group

If English is your second language, this is an opportunity to study the Bible and learn about Australian culture. Led by Sue Clark and Keith Gallagher during the 8.45am service, this group will recommence on **Sunday 5 February**. Members are then able to attend the 10.30am service. For more information, contact Keith Gallagher: keithgallagher@y7mail.com

Craft Connection

The popular Wednesday Craft Group will start up again on **8 February at 9.15am** at Booragoon Campus.

Saturday Craft

This informal craft group meets when possible on the fourth Saturday of every second month, commencing on **18 February, 10.00am-4.00pm**, at Booragoon Campus. More information from Cheryl Bowden: mumsibear@yahoo.com.au

Seniors Communion and Lunch

The first Seniors Communion and Lunch for 2017 will be held on **Thursday 16 February at 11.30am** in the Function Room at Booragoon Campus.

Flourish

Flourish Support Group is recommencing on **Saturday 11 February, 10am – 12noon** in the Booragoon Campus Function Room. Flourish is a support group for people with disability, chronic illness or disorder and their families. For more information contact Jenny or Mike Miles: mike.miles@mounties.org.au

Ladies Book Club

This Book Club is for women of all ages and looks forward to another year of friendship, fellowship, reading and discussing books. It usually meets on the third Thursday of each month, but with some flexibility, to discuss a book that is selected by a different group member each time. If you love reading please join us. More information from Gladys Burgess: gladys.burgess@mounties.org.au

Women In The Word Together

This Bible Study takes place **every Tuesday (during term time), 9.30-11.30am**, in the Booragoon Campus Function Room, commencing **14 February**. It is for women of all ages and is an opportunity to build friendships and learn from the Word of God together. Ruth and Esther will be the books studied in first term. For more information contact Denise Nicholls: dsn@iinet.net.au

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study will recommence on **Thursday 16 February 9.30am-11.00am**. For further enquiries, contact Mike Miles (mike.miles@mounties.org.au) or Arthur McCarthy (arthurjamesmcc@optusnet.com.au)

Men's PIE Nights

MPBC's Men's Ministry will commence the year with a *Fathering Project Breakfast*. See the *Coming Events* section of February's Together Sheet for details.

Prayer Groups

Call To Prayer / Revival Prayer

All are welcome to come and join the Church in prayer - **second Tuesday** of the month at Booragoon and **fourth Tuesday** of the month at Coolbellup, commencing **14 February at 6.00pm** at Booragoon. On the alternate weeks, the young adults meet and pray together at *Revival Prayer* in the Café at Booragoon Campus, but they are welcoming of anyone who would like to join them.

Creative Ministries

Creative Ministries Info Night 2017

If you are interested being a part of the Creative Ministries team in 2017, come along to Room 10 at Booragoon Campus on the evening of **Tuesday 7 February**. For full details, see the *Coming Events* section of February's Together Sheet for details.

Children and Families

MPK

MPK will resume for 2017 on **Sunday 5 February**.

Tumble Tots Playgroups

The Tumble Tots playgroups will recommence on **Wednesday 1 / Thursday 2 February, 9.30-11.30am**, in the Children's Area. Playgroup is for children 0-4 years, accompanied by their parent, grandparent or carer. Please register through the Church office in good time as places will fill quickly!

Youth

Friday Night Youth

Our Friday night youth program recommences on **Friday 3 February, 6.30pm** at Booragoon with a fun-filled *Nitro Night*. All high school aged youth are welcome.

Keystone

MPBC's exciting service for high-schoolers will recommence on **Sunday 12 February** at both morning services at Booragoon campus – remember to sign in at the desk in the foyer.

Baptist Basketball

The Baptist Basketball season kicks off in March [exact date to be confirmed] and runs through to September with junior teams (U12 mixed, U14 mixed, U16 boys and U18 boys) playing on a Saturday morning, and senior teams playing throughout the day on a Saturday. Anyone interested in playing this year should contact Mike Vickridge on vicko@iinet.net.au with name, age, and contact details.

Young Adults

Salt Ministry 2017 Launch

If you are between the ages of 18 to 30ish, we would like to invite you and your friends to be part of our Salt community of young adults at MPBC. Come and join us on **Wednesday 22 February at 7.00pm** for a 7.30 start, as we launch into the new year. For more information please contact young adults pastors Jonathan Anthony: jonathan.anthony@mounties.org.au