

2017

## **Around our churches**

**Sunday, don't fill it up with** your agendas let it be space and time to fill you up with treasures from God. Listen to Ian's 60 second radio podcast [Sunday](#) on 'how to get the most out of the gift of Sunday'.

**Welcome to Walkerville congregation,** minister Rev. David Kowalick, which has recently joined HopeNet. We look forward to mutual upbuilding and doing some things together. Also welcome to Jill Schunke (Clare) and John Riggs (Sunset Rock) elected to HNExec.



## **How many VietNam veterans are in our**

**HopeNet churches?** Remember when we had those farewell gatherings before the coscripted boys headed off for brief training and then the jungles of Vietnam? Well, today many have to deal with the mental stress, cancers and other post traumas over the past 40 years. For them it is not over. Any chance we get to support them personally and through welfare and political awareness and support we should jump at it. It is surely unconscionable that all should not receive full services free of cost for their post-war needs.

**From no-one to someone through Jesus.** She turned up the other day not having seen her for ages. By the age of 25 having been abandoned to an orphanage she had ricocheted around 30 different foster homes and institutions. Self-harmed, angry, declared schizophrenic, nowhere except for some caring Christians to somehow be there for her. But she received Jesus Christ into her life until years later we meet again and I find her full of hope and the life of the Holy Spirit doing her good. How come? The Lord Jesus stayed true to promise and was her shepherd, she for her part cried out to Him on many occasions. "Of all the loss I suffered abused and cast-off, Jesus has given me back a thousand-fold " she testified. I see again the all-powerful sin-crunching, character transforming, soul healing Gospel doing its work

commanding all other forces remaking a human into the image of God again. (Ian).

And from another of our **Hills pastors, relishing seeing his church continue to grow**. 'A magnificent week with more people coming to know Christ. Perhaps one of the most joyous things that happens in my life is to see Jesus transforming a person's life!' (Darryl)

**Bute church hosting** a meeting to explore the path ahead with marriage coming before Assembly in July and how the local church may be affected. April 15<sup>th</sup> Bute 2pm. At the church.

**Jesse Size will be ordained** on Saturday 12 May at Port Augusta Uniting Church at 2pm. Entertainment will be provided by Dusty Feet Mob.

**"Judgement Starts With The Household of God"** It is because we have received all the riches of God the Father's saving grace to us as sinners, through the sacrificial death of His dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we are held all the more accountable for following His truth and ways. [More](#). from Golden Grove minister.(Jonathan)

### **And Beyond**

Are you aware [this has been going](#) on in the '[Apple Isle](#)' ? Read Rev Campbell Markham's powerful testimony . Superbly written, disturbing content. On reading this Patrick Sookhdeo said; 'appalling'!

**Will the church recognise the dangers of capitulation** to state control of sexual values and a return to the ancient cultures that its Jewish roots taught it to reject? This [daring film](#) speaking for those who hope in the God of Redemption and the Gospel of transformation was [refused screening](#) in the UK. It highlights the challenge in Australia to resist legal shackles being placed on true Gospel ministers lay and ordained.

**Insights into preaching** over reflections by Ravi Zecharias on the preaching of Billy Graham [here](#)

**Open Doors, Church Engagement officer, Tim Reid** is keen to visit and resource churches on the needs of persecuted Christians. Tim knows the value and importance of getting churches engaged 0435 050 680

**South Australia ACL inaugural Conference.** April 21, with Martyn Iles ,Ryan Anderson, a prophetic ministry spear-heading work for a civil society believers are exhorted to pray for, Biblical preachers declare the possibility of and churches demonstrate in Gospel created model societies. [Register here](#) and be a part of building a just,merciful and compassionate SA. And **Resources** on the development of [civil law and society](#) in Australia. The Human Rights Law Centre in [its submission](#) to the Ruddock Enquiry wants to make illegal Gospel work for conversion and sanctifying ministry to gender harassed people who long for wholeness.

**Pre-seeding season comment**” And why God made a [farmer](#). Just do an Aussie make-over and its even better.

**Easter Quotes:** “God the Father took His eternal wrath, condensed it, and emptied it into His cup. He distilled eternal judgment, the very lake of fire, hell’s blazing fury and then asked His Son to drink the cup of wrath on our behalf.” (Jason Hubbard, The Lamb’s Reformation)

*Jesus washed our feet and then washed our conscience with his own blood, absorbing our sin against him and forgiving it, calling us to follow him in how we treat others. What does God teach? What is the point of the cross, of our believing? It is that if God can humble himself and serve, and not retaliate against those who hated him, then we can do the same. The cross defines our discipleship, defines leadership, and defines our fellowship with each other and our identity in the world. (Kent Hodge, presenter at HN General Meeting)*

*The messiah myth: many wanted a king like David, to vanquish their enemies, but we got the King of the Beatitudes, to overcome the enmity within our hearts. (Kent Hodge)*

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