

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to our Worship Service

Call to worship

Sing: Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Call to confession

Sing: Consider Christ

Children Time

Sing: What a Friend we have in Jesus

Offering

Pastoral prayer

Read: **Luke 15: 1 – 10**

Sing: Jesus, God's Righteousness

Message

Sing: By Faith we see the Hand of God

Announcements

**Please stay and join us
for some Morning Tea**

Conventions 2019

Women's

Uncrowded: Cherished Conversations with Jesus
as told by John

Saturday 14 September at Perth Convention
Exhibition Centre

For more info and to register, go to
pwc.ccowa.org

Activities @ CrossWords

Craft Group will be on again this week Tuesday from 9.00am – 12.00pm. Come and join us in conversations over craft. Everybody welcome!

Food Outlet will be Wednesday the 21st of August from 11.00am – 11.30am. If you can help out with this in any way, please see Erik, Charles or John.

Mission of the Month for August is the **Zacchaeus Project**. An offering will be taken on the last Sunday of the month, towards the end of the service.

Tuesday night's Growth Group in Growth Group we hope to alternate by on the one Tuesday having a discussion evening by discussing the Westminster Shorter Catechism, and the other Tuesday having a Prayer evening.

This Tuesday we hope to have a **discussion evening**. These are started by sharing a meal at 6:30 pm, so please bring and share something to eat.

The prayer evening is held next Tuesday. So please then bring a pen and paper for notation of prayer-points.

Prayer Points

- Meeting Regarding the use of this building as an Alta-1 campus on Tuesday 13th
- Zacchaeus Project
- CrossWords' vision on how to reach out to the lost
- The Pastoral Search Committee



August

Titus North 8th
Erik Muilenburg 20th
Jacinta Robertson 21st
Anno Drent 25th
Dian Drent 25th
Sarie Street 25th

Words of Encouragement

Impossible Faith

Somewhere, Martin Luther points out that saving faith is not an easy matter. (We carefully say, "saving faith", because there is faith, and there is faith.) An atheist has faith that the sun will rise tomorrow. But Peter, on that first Easter Saturday, could not have forced himself to believe: "The Son will rise tomorrow." Saving faith is not an easy matter. We ought not imagine that saving faith is something an unbeliever could produce within himself. In fact, faith is the ultimate good work!

When a crowd asked Him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered,

"The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." John 6:29

Now, that either means A) "Believing in Jesus is something you do, and the best of all good works," or B) "Your belief in Jesus is God's work within you."

Jesus loves to give wonderful, pregnant answers, pithy teachings that keep one thinking for quite a while!

Anyway, if A) is true, then folks are saved by making themselves believe in Jesus, the ultimate good work. And there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God, Luke 15:10. Quite an accomplishment for someone dead in trespasses and sins!

If B) is true, then our salvation is God's work, from start to finish. As Paul writes: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8) Paul says "this" is not from yourselves. This "grace"? This "salvation"? This "faith"? What does Paul mean to include in "this"?

Paul chose the neuter form of the word "this". But, "grace" and "faith" are both feminine nouns. Paul chose the masculine form of the participle "save". Paul's choice of the neuter for "this" means it does not refer exclusively to either "grace" or "faith" or "saved". But, in good Greek usage, the neuter form of "this" is commonly used to refer to whole concepts. This salvation-by-grace-through-faith is not from yourself. It is from God. From start to finish, from the birth of our impossible faith to our birthday into eternity, God did it all. God birthed our faith, the ultimate good work, within us.

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Please Remember

Next Week: Fellowship Tea @ Dave & Heather's

WELCOME	Mulienburg	July 28	COMMUNION	
MORNING TEA	Dianna Gwen	August 4	LEADER	Nathan North
MUSICIAN	Jo	Today	PREACHER	Tim Nsair
	Jackie Tina	August 18		Mark Vivian
	Leanna Stephanie	August 25		Shawn Tan
	Fallon			Erik Mulienburg
	North			Ray Woonings
	Thelma Val & Freda			Cameron St Clair
	Dianna Gwen			Cameron St Clair
	Jo			Rob Mulienburg

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11th August 2019

Welcome to our service! Our prayer for you today is, that by worshipping with us, you will feel encouraged, strengthened and enriched. If you are new to church, do not yet know Jesus as your Saviour and you would like to know or learn more about Him, please contact a member of our Leadership/Pastoral Team (see left) or ask someone here to introduce you.

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