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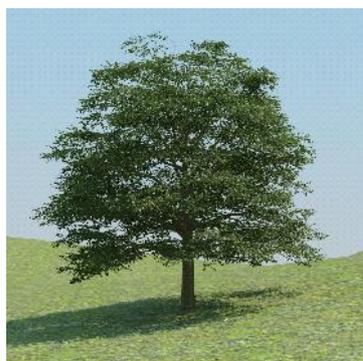
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Services: 09.15am Communion  
10.30am Family Service



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014**

## Righteous Lives Bear Fruit in Season Psalm 1:3 (NIV)



*That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season.*

“I think that I shall never see / A poem as lovely as a tree,” begins the poem “Trees” by Joyce Kilmer. Just twelve lines long, this famous poem is often quoted (and parodied). It vividly depicts the beauty of nature in lines such as, “A tree that looks at God all day, / And lifts her leafy arms to pray,” and concludes, “Poems are made by fools like me, / But only God can make a tree.”

Psalm 1 teaches that a righteous person is “like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season” (v. 3). Thinking of our lives in terms of times and seasons means that just as times of trouble and hardship will come, times of blessing and fruitfulness will also come into our lives. The image of a tree is a rich one, suggesting spiritual rootedness, satisfaction, health, and growth. A similar tree pictured by Jeremiah “does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit” (Jer. 17:8).

What is the key? The fruitful tree is a picture of the kind of person who continually meditates on and delights in God’s Word (vv. 1–2). Such a person avoids the way of wickedness and is firmly committed to the way of righteousness. The wicked are an exact contrast, for instead of being a green, fruitful tree, they “are like chaff that the wind blows away” (v. 4). (Chaff is the useless part of wheat.) They have no place among the people of God and are on the road to destruction (vv. 5–6). The righteous, on the other hand, know that the Lord watches over them at all times. Whether times of trouble or times of blessing, it’s all about God!

### Apply the Word

Jesus also used a natural picture to illustrate spiritual fruitfulness. He spoke of Himself as the true Vine and described us as branches that must “remain” or “abide” in the Vine (John 15:1–8). To lose our connection is to wither away. He said: “No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me” (v. 4).

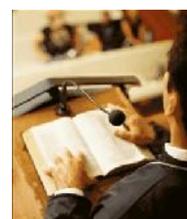
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Opening:  
Graham Scott  
Next Week:  
Wei Cheng



Today’s Speaker:  
Clinton Wood





Subject: Children's Ministry Training Day

Please see below a great training opportunity for people working with Children in your church.

This course would be great for SRE teachers, Sunday School Teachers and Children's ministry leaders. Bring your team and challenge the way you think about working with Children.

Please note it is important that you RSVP for these events so we can provide adequate materials for the attendees.

2014  
march/april

learn extend be encouraged encourage

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: *training day*

**who's it for?**  
- children's ministry leaders

**why come?**  
- find out about how kids think and learn  
- practical tips for lessons and managing kids  
- be encouraged in your ministry  
- encourage and equip your teenagers

**what we'll cover:**  
- why we do what we do  
- getting inside kids' heads  
- good teaching: how and why  
- attention/control tactics  
- how do I make the lesson fit my class?

**dates for 2014:**

- sydney	2/3	1:30pm-5pm and 28/4
- canberra	15/3	10am-1pm
- orange	TBC	
- lithgow	5/4	9am-12pm
- newcastle	14/4	6pm-9pm
- ballina	15/4	9pm-3pm

**learn - be encouraged - encourage**  
*come along, learn and enjoy!*

*session leader:*  
Beth Worley - primary teacher, over 15 years leading kids' ministry

*Scripture teaches*  
Sunday school teachers  
Junior leaders

- how kids matter to God
- how He wants us to show they matter to us
- what they don't understand....

*.... so they DO understand - learning zone, social learning not just stories and colouring in do interesting things without a riot*

*how to modify a lesson help! some kids know a lot, some don't....!*

PLEASE RSVP TO BRAD SCOTT

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Ina is going and wants to know if anyone can go with her.



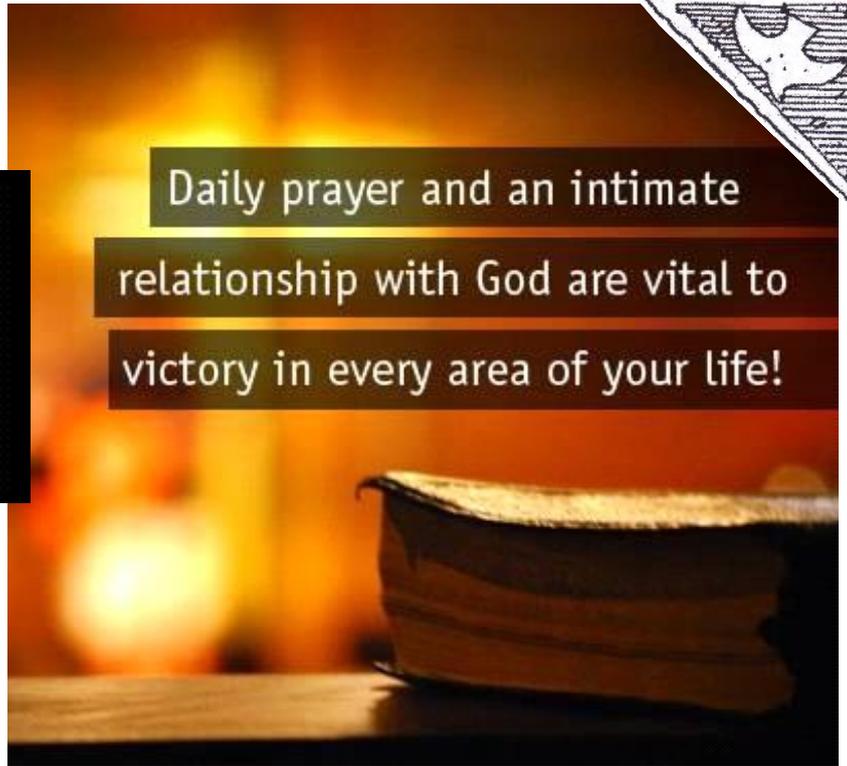
I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me!

# BUILD 2014

**Men's Conference**  
28-29th March 2014

Christian COMMUNITY CHURCHES OF AUSTRALIA

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My  
Chaplain

Mrs  
Ina Cook

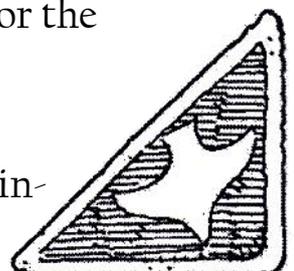
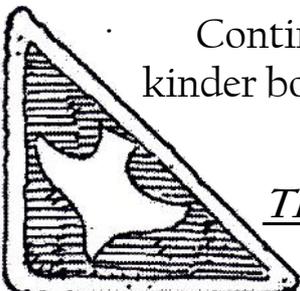
Jill is having quite a hard time getting Conner to school – please pray that he will respond when I speak to him and say what the problem is.

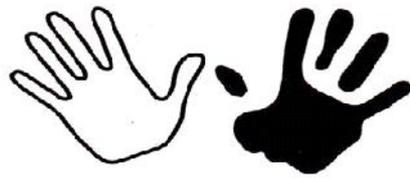
Please pray for a young girl' and her mother's peace of mind and safety, ( year 5) her father is violent and she is afraid he will come to school and be aggressive – he does not live at home.

Pray for attentive listening during scripture this week on Wednesday. Pray the Holy Spirit will give understanding.

Continue to pray that a suitable arrangement can be made for the kinder boy who is very unpredictable, violent and abusive.

THANKYOU so much for sharing in this important ministry through prayer.





# Hands at Work

## A F R I C A

### A Testimony from Zambia



In Mulenga, an urban slum just outside of Kitwe, Zambia, a group of children from the local volunteer-run school recently completed Grade 7 and took exams to enter into government school system.

Under the loving care of the Volunteer Care Workers and teachers who have given their lives to serve the most vulnerable children, these children have thrived.

Prayers were answered when they found out that every single child passed and was accepted! This testimony speaks to the transformation that love and care can have in the lives of the most vulnerable children.



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If you wish to listen again to a sermon, or catch up, they can be found on the website or see Jared for a CD copy.