

WEEKLY DIARY

SUNDAY 5th September 2010 Fathers' Day

- Men's Walk to Emmaus (Katanning)
- 9.00am Worship Service – MERREDIN
Preacher: Sal Marais
- 11.00am Worship Service—BRUCE ROCK
Preacher: Sal Marais

MONDAY 6th September 2010

- 10.00am Ladies KYB Study (Christian Bookshop)

TUESDAY 7th September 2010

- 11.00am Ladies Guild—Fellowship Day

WEDNESDAY 8th September 2010

- 6.00pm Congregation Prayer Meeting (Church)
- 7.00pm Men's Fellowship (Church)
- 7.30pm Ladies KYB Study (Beth Smith's Home)

THURSDAY 9th September 2010

- Ladies Walk to Emmaus (Katanning)

FRIDAY 10th September 2010 David's Sabbath

- Ladies Walk to Emmaus (Katanning)
- 2.00pm Community Prayer Meeting (SDA Church)
- 3.30pm Muckaround Youth Group (Church)

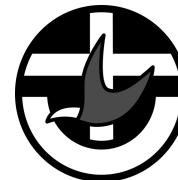
SATURDAY 11th September 2010

- 9.00AM Eastern Wheatbelt Parish Council Meeting

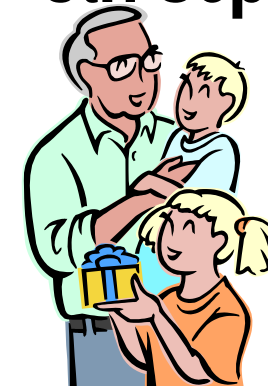
SUNDAY 12th September 2010

- Ladies Walk to Emmaus (Katanning)
- 9.00am Worship Service — MERREDIN
Preacher: David de Kock
- 11.00am Worship Service—MUKINBUDIN
Preacher: David de Kock
- 5.00pm Church BBQ & Bonfire (Higgins Farm)
- 6.30pm Worship Service—Southern Cross
Preacher: David de Kock

Eastern Wheatbelt
Uniting Church
Bruce Rock + Merredin + Mukinbudin + Southern Cross



5th September 2010



Happy
Fathers'
Day

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VESTRY HOURS: 8.30am—12noon (Mon-Wed)

Worship Service Today

9.00am—Merredin

Musician – Tania Higgins - Projection – Kevin Tengvall

Welcome & Call to Worship

Introduction to Worship—Debbie Tengvall

Prayers of Praise & Confession

Children’s Story

HYMN – TiS 134 Praise my soul, the King of Heaven

Offering (Luke Higgins & Grant Bennett)

Prayers of Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURES - 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Cor 1:18-31

Readers: Lisa & Jamie Arthur

SERMON – Sal Marais (Thanks for Dads)

Prayer of Response

HYMN – TiS 133 O worship the King

Prayers of Intercession

HYMN – TiS 152 Joyful, joyful, we adore you

Benediction **SiS 274—The blessing of the Lord**

11.00am—Bruce Rock

Welcome & Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Prayers of Praise & Confession

Children;s Story

Hymn

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intecession

Hymn

Benediction

Scripture Readings

Day	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
Sun Sept 5	am: 63, 98 pm: 103	Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6	Rev 14:1-7, 13	Matt 5:13-20
Mon Sept 6	am: 41, 52 pm: 44	Job 32:1-10, 19, 33:1, 19- 28	Acts 13:44-52	John 10:19-30
Tue Sept 7	am: 45 pm: 47, 48	Job 29:1-20	Acts 14:1-18	John 10:31-42
Wed Sept 8	am: 119:49-72 pm: 49, 53	Job 29:1, 30:1 -2, 16-31	Acts 14:19-28	John 11:1-16
Thu Sept 9	am: 50,59,60 pm: 66, 67	Job 29:1, 31:1 -23	Acts 15:1-11	John 11:17-29
Fri Sept 10	am: 40, 54 pm: 51	Job 29:1, 31:24-40	Acts 15:12-21	John 11:30-44
Sat Sept 11	am: 55 pm: 138, 139	Job 38:1-17	Acts 15:22-35	John 11:45-54
Sun Sept 12	am: 24, 29 pm: 8, 84	Job 38:1, 18- 41	Rev 18:1-8	Matt 5:21-26

Serving @ Services

TODAY	MERREDIN	BRUCE ROCK	SNAC
Elder	Matthew Smith	May Hayes-Thompson	No Service
Worship Leader	Debbie Tengvall		
Musician	Tania Higgins		
Readers	Lisa Arthur Jamie Arthur		

NEXT WEEK	MERREDIN	MUKINBUDIN	SOUTH’CROSS
Elder	Tobias Vudzijena	Gordon Jones	
Worship Leader	David de Kock		
Musician	Lorna Bennett	Margie de Kock	
Readers	Anne Sutherland Fanie Coetzee		

What's Up?



LADIES GUILD

Fellowship Day
September 7th at 11am

You are invited!

Speaker: Rev Brett Guthrie
(Merredin High School Chaplain)

The Barefoot Café

In town at lunchtime?
Bring your lunch to the church
enjoy an hour of fellowship & tea with your mates.
Table Tennis, Talking & Tucker



Eastern Wheatbelt Parish Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the congregation will take place on
Saturday September 11th 2010 at 9am.



A Day of Praise & Thanksgiving

MERREDIN SDA CHURCH—11 September 2010
(9.30am—Service)

11.00am—Music, Singing & Testimonies
Followed by lunch—ALL WELCOME

Church BBQ & Bonfire

Higgins' Farm—Sunday September 12th at 5pm

Coming Up

Ladies Guild—Fellowship Day on September 7th
Ladies Walk to Emmaus—September 9-12
Parish Council Meeting—September 11th
Merredin Congregation BBQ & Bonfire (Higgins' Farm)— Sept 12
Churches Fraternal—September 15th
UCWA Annual Synod—September 17-19
Pneuma Campfire Weekend (Yearling) - September 25-27
Blessing of the Harvester (Nungarin) - October 3rd
Merredin Congregation Garage Sale—October 9th



Your Pastor's Pen

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Happy Fathers' Day to all our Dads!

Today is a double Fathers' Day celebration for me—not only did our children celebrate with me earlier in the year (South Africa has Fathers' Day in May) but today is also our eldest son Garth's 35th birthday. So it was thirty five years ago today that I first became a Dad. It was one of the best days of my life. I remember walking out of the Maternity Home in Port Elizabeth after he was born and I felt like I was walking on air. I had been in the Delivery Room and had signed as a witness to his birth and record of his vital statistics—I was a Dad!!! I could scale a wall, I could advance against the troop. Woowee...

Thank you to Sal for stepping up to the pulpit today. She also did it for Mothers' Day, so it seems to be her forté to celebrate parents. I'm away at the Men's Walk to Emmaus in Katanning together with Steve, Tobias & Gerhard. When you read this, I'll be getting ready to present a talk on Sanctifying Grace. Each time that I have presented this talk I am amazed at how God is continually at work changing us from who we are into who we can become. And each time I have to add to the talk because He has changed me just a little bit more. Steve, who is one of the Lay Directors on the Walk, will be speaking later in the morning about how we can continue to live our lives with God when the weekend is over.

Wasn't last weekend really great. I was particularly inspired by the personal time I was able to spend with Chris Walker. And I thought that the sharing of God's faithfulness in the service and in George & Val's anniversary celebration was so uplifting.

I'm going to be away several times during the next month. During this next week I have a meeting with my Supervisor Group (a person appointed by the UCA as my mentor). Actually, in my case, several of us meet together every six weeks as co-mentors to share ministry thoughts and prayer. I have found these meetings to be exceedingly helpful to build up relationships with my new colleagues in the Uniting Church. The following weekend is the Synod Meeting and I shall be attending together with Steve Higgins. During the week which follows Synod I will be away on a retreat to fast and pray as I seek the Lord's direction for us here in the Wheatbelt. There are times when the Lord begins to move His people in a particular way and I believe that we are presently in one of those times. You might well call it revival. The danger when God does begin to stir us is that we run ahead of Him and end up in the wrong place. I will be spending several days alone with the Lord so that I can be clear of His intention, both for preaching and for our outreach as a congregation of His people.

However, the whispers of the Lord are already sounding quite clear. Our combined churches prayer meeting for rain in Merredin had a number of consequences—apart from the rain, of course! First, it developed into a Statewide Prayer Meeting involving many churches, and hundreds of Christians across the State. Now it is developing into a regular fortnightly Combined Churches prayer meeting on a Friday afternoon. The first of these will take place at 2pm on Friday 10th at the SDA Church. And then, as a further direct consequence, we have been invited to host an evening meeting in Merredin on Sunday October 3rd with Marc Poree. Marc is Angus' Buchan's pastor as Shalom Ministries in South Africa. He is in Australia for a series of Mighty Men Regional Meetings but when word got out that we were praying for rain, Mac Forsyth & Craig Lydon who are organisers of the Mighty Men Conference Team, got in touch with me to hold a special meeting here in Merredin. This will, I believe, be another great opportunity for the churches in Merredin to get together and for us to reach out to people with the good news of God. Begin to pray about this meeting and invite your friends to come along.

Ladies—don't forget the Fellowship Meeting on Tuesday. Chatting with Anne Sutherland about what is planned, I think that this yet another opportunity for us to reach out to others and to share what God is doing.

Love you all.
David

Prayer Time

This week we are praying for the following families in our congregations

- Jeanette Kolatowicz
- Michael & Deanne LePre and Carrie & Eden



Family News

Birthdays

September 8th—Teaghan Horne

Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries this week

If you have any news that you would like to share with your church family, then call David 9041 1117, or email daviddekock@bigpond.com for inclusion in this space.

PRAYER NEEDS

- Give thanks for the rain but continue to pray for rain.
- Give thanks for fathers, especially your own!
- Pray for
- Kobus Marias' mother. Pray for Kobus, his father, brother & sister.
- Brieanna Fisher (Gordon & Joy Jones' granddaughter) with underdeveloped kidneys.
- Val Hooper, recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- Eric Trounsen who has had cardiac problems.
- Neville Jolly's mother who is very frail.
- Margaret Dalton with hurt shoulder. Going for surgery in October
- Amanda, Owen & Carol with cancer. Also others known to you.
- Pray for hurting marriage relationships to be healed.
- Pray that the Lord would send a new spiritual awareness and hunger for righteousness amongst His people.
- Give thanks for the good things in your life—God has blessed you.
- Pray for the situation in Pakistan
- For the week commencing Sunday 5th September: Synod of WA: General Council, Business Committee, Church Law Committee and Nominating Committee. Also the Earthwise eco-community..