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MINITORIAL

Many terrible atrocities have been committed in the name of religion, but one notable event had eternal ramifications and spurned a movement with billions of followers. As I have reread the crucifixion and resurrection stories in the Gospels this week, something stood out in Matthew's account. Pilate, realising Jesus is innocent, tries to lead the unruly crowd to a plan B. One Bible translation poses his solution this way: "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?" (Matt 27:17 NET). Depicted as having the same name, the contrast couldn't be starker. And the question is still relevant to you and me today - will we choose Jesus Christ, or an alternative god of our own making? Astoundingly the religious leaders stirred up the crowd to choose Jesus Barabbas, and they went so far in their convictions as to fully accept the damning consequences, "Let his blood be on us and on our children" (v.25).

This Easter weekend, I again choose Jesus Christ. How could I not after His limitless love for me took Him to a torturous death for my sins. I have chased many other gods over the years but they have brought no happiness or contentment in much the same way as the insurrectionist and murderer Barabbas couldn't do for that rabble what Jesus Christ could. The decision of that crowd outside Pilate's palace 2000 years ago is an absolute tragedy. They chose the wrong Jesus.

With most of the usual distractions removed, thanks to the Coronavirus, I encourage you on this Easter weekend to refresh yourselves with the closing scenes of the life of Jesus who is called Christ. It will prove a blessing to you as the words of this lovely hymn (290) poignantly describe:

His word shall not fail you He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Darren Slade
President
Northern Australian Conference



CHURCH@HOME OPTIONS

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- eGiving App.** Set up a schedule on pay day.
- eGiving website.** Set up a schedule on pay day.
- Transfer funds** to Local Church bank account.
- B Pay.** Get details from eGiving website.
- Send a cheque** to Local Church Treasurer.
- Set up a direct debit** via eGiving website.
- Cash collection** as directed by the local church leadership.

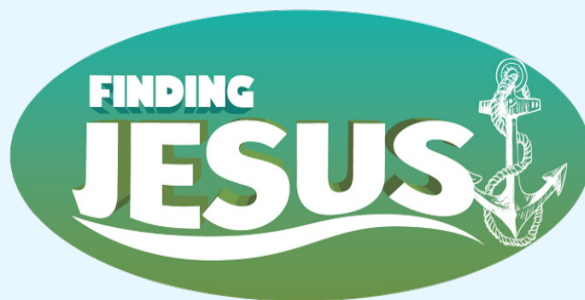


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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Praying that you have all had a great first week of the school holidays. Big Camp @ Home starts this Friday night- <https://disciple.org.au/resources/childrens-ministry-easter-program>. There are so many activities to choose from, music, talks, object lessons, story time, crafts, lego ideas and more. It's so exciting to be able to join in with thousands of families around Australia as we learn more about Jesus together. Don't forget to take some photos and share them with us!

HELLO!

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Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

I'm part of the

Church community



MACKAY - MEN'S MINISTRY

The men had a fun morning Go Cart Racing on Sunday 1st March 2020. It was a great bonding experience with attendance from individuals, brothers, father and sons, grandfather and grandson, and three seekers. Even though the event was attended by all age groups, it brought out the inner child in all. It was wonderful to see the pure joy and excitement expressed by all after racing and sharing their experiences. After more discussion and prayer we went on our way.

The next day Les telephoned the local pastor to tell him that he had gone to Dan's house to see if he had any spiritual books that he could read! Truly this experience was an example of God's timing and leading. Les has now asked for Bible studies as has two of Dan's older children!



WHO ZOOM'D THIS WEEK?

With the Government urging everyone to stay home, Zoom has certainly been a popular way to connect our congregations and fellowship together.

This week, we caught up with Aitkenvale Church as they spoke about 'What do you believe?'.

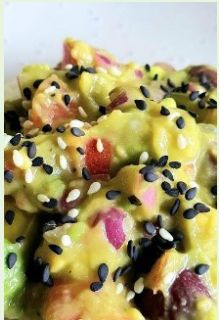
Aitkenvale Church also featured different time slots for various divisions. Head to Aitkenvale Adventist Church Facebook page if you would like to join them for worship this Sabbath.

Who else has been zoom'ing? We may be divided geographically but help us stay connected virtually. Tell us who you 'caught up with' this week via nacinfo@adventist.org.au



HEALTH MINISTRY

Enjoy this immune boosting guacamole loaded with nutrients.



Ingredients:

- 1 mashed avocado
- 1 small diced tomato
- 1 small diced red onion
- 1-2 Tbsp. of kalamata olives (instead of salt)
- Juice of a lime
- A pinch of black sesame seeds
- A pinch of white sesame seeds
- + Lots of Love

Method:

Prepare ingredients and place in a bowl. Store in the fridge covered with cling wrap and use within the day. Tweak it to your tastes.

During these challenging times remember: Be grateful, be yourself, eat well, exercise often, encourage one another, focus on what matters and most importantly trust in God's faithfulness.



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VIRTUAL BIG CAMP

The NAC Big Camp might not be on this year but that doesn't mean you have to miss out on a Virtual Big Camp.

Virtual Big Camp kicks off at 7:30pm (South Australian time) on Tuesday, 14 April 2020. For more details, visit the Adventist South Australia Facebook page. All programming will be live streamed by Living Ministry Media via their website and Facebook page.



Be Restored!



*"Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit."*

Psalm 51:12



Be Restored! Fortnightly Zoom Session:
8:00 - 8:45PM (AEST) Starting 14 April 2020



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