

## FEELINGS OF FAILURE

At one time or another most of us have felt that we haven't achieved what we set out to do. Maybe it was due to lack of time, insufficient resources, lack of follow-through etc; or maybe it was a poor plan to begin with. Whatever the reason, it's not a pleasant feeling and often something we don't want to share with others.

On the other hand – perhaps sharing our failures with our church family is what Christians need to do. It may enable us to better understand why we failed so that we (and those around us) can learn from the failure and then, as the Apostle Paul observes in his letter to the Philippians, to put it behind us and move on (Phil. 3:13). Also, Paul seems to have benefitted from simply sharing his troubles with the Philippians (Phil. 4:14).

For the reasons above, we (the Rowleys) are sharing our failure with you. Specifically, we feel a sense of failure in our leadership of the Congregational Care Ministry. Why?...because nothing much is up and running and the few 'activities' we did plan (Communication Packets for Visitors, Adopt a Student and DG New Member Roster) either didn't get off the ground or didn't take hold as we expected. And yet lots of spontaneous caring activities are happening – meals are being supplied by loving individuals to those in need; new members are being invited to people's homes for food and fellowship; babysitting is being provided for our young families; transport to and from church is regularly provided to many in the congregation; unsettled babes are being looked after by surrogate mums (and dads) in Bible Class and Worship; people are praying for each other and sending notes of encouragement and probably lots more we're unaware of.

What are the learnings here? Well some may be:

- Ministry success is not just about programs implemented. Maybe in leading a ministry such as Congregational Care, it's just as much (or more) about identifying and communicating needs and then encouraging people to just 'pitch in'.
- Lots of unselfish, caring acts happen regardless of centrally organised interventions because we are a loving family.
- Some organised programs/interventions are probably required but these should be needs driven, few in number, focussed and impactful.
- Ministry Leaders often don't know what these needs are and require your views and your willingness to get involved

Proverbs 15:22 points out that 'with many advisers they (plans) succeed.' So, please talk to us, give us your views about the real needs for this ministry and tell us how YOU can help. And of course continue with your wonderful, caring acts whenever the opportunity arises.

Love  
Alan & Debby

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Welcome

We welcome you this morning and hope and pray that your time with us will be spiritually uplifting and fulfilling. We look forward to seeing you again.

### Good news from Richard & Sally-Kate

We want to thank God for answering our prayers and prayers of many. Sally-Kate is pregnant with our second child. Elysse is expected to have a sibling to fuss over around May 2011.

We'd like to thank all those who have kept us in their prayers for this. It has encouraged us endlessly. Please do continue pray for safe development of the baby and the health of Sally-Kate.

### Ladies Christmas Dinner 2010

Friday, 26 November at 7pm

To be held at the home of the Tabalujan's

Cost: To Be Confirmed (Approx. \$27 per person)

Kris Kringle is on again this year with a small gift to the value of \$10 for a fellow sister.

RSVP with payment to Jackie Baldwin or Sally-Kate Hooi no later than Sunday, 21 November.

The evenings meal will be a traditional Christmas buffet with a hint of India.

### Melbourne Cup Painting

Thanks so much to everyone who helped out last Saturday!!!

Doing work together like that makes me think of the Mary Poppins song 'you find the fun and snap the jobs a game'. Well the fun for me is doing it together.

On Cup day Tuesday, Ash and I plan to paint the Hallway. Steve has informed us that there is paint left over from the auditorium so we'll

check that on Sunday and maybe purchase a roller or two.

Let us know if you'd like to come by and help. Ash and I aren't painters by trade so if you have any tips or tricks we're happy to take your advice.

love always,  
Charlotte

### Curriculum for 2011

It's that time of year when I'm inviting suggestions for adult lesson topics and preaching topics for next year. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to me in the next couple of weeks. Suggestions are welcomed for Sunday morning adult Bible classes and Sunday sermons. If you have any ideas for weekday DG topics, please forward them to Alan Rowley. Many thanks, Benny Tabalujan.

### 2010 Saving Light Lectureship

The annual Saving Light Lectureship will be hosted by the Heidelberg West Church of Christ from November 4-7. The theme is: "The Church That Christ Died For". Lessons will be presented on Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings and Sunday morning. If you are interested, please make your plans to attend.

18th SAVING LIGHT SERIES 4 - 7 November 2010

*"THE CHURCH THAT CHRIST DIED FOR"*

Thu 4th Nov 2010

7:45pm: "Was the Church God's Plan From the Beginning?"

Speaker: Ted Paull

Fri 5th Nov 2010

7:45pm: "Jesus' Teaching About the Church"

Speaker: Philip Dow

Sat 6th Nov 2010

4:30pm: **Spring Sing**

**Please join us for an afternoon of song**

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Sat 6th Nov 2010

6:00pm: "The Beginning of the Church"  
Speaker: Graeme Offer

Sun 7th Nov 2010

10:00am: "The Church at Heidelberg West"  
Speaker: Ted Paull

Sun 7 Nov 2010

11:00am: "Why Be Involved With the Church At All?"  
Speaker: Steve Burgin

**ALL WELCOME!**

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### Spring Sing

A time of singing will be hosted by the Heidelberg West congregation on the Saturday afternoon (6 Nov) of the Saving Light Series from 4:30pm (see above).

### People Movements

- Ian Campbell is in the US and will be back tomorrow
- The Drews are having a few days away at Powlett River
- Stuart Penhall will be with us from Monday November 1 until November 22
- Welcome to Jack Goodwin from the US who's back to teach at Melbourne Business School. Jack will be here till 10 Dec and will be joined by his wife Ellen in a few weeks

### Prayers Please

- For Allan Smith who is recovering from heart surgery
- For Irene Mitchell, Pauline Tabalujan's sister in Boise, Idaho, who has undergone chemotherapy and is now undergoing radiation therapy for breast cancer.
- For Ron Tabe (David's dad) as he undergoes cancer treatment
- For Peter R, Chorlian and Gareth as they seek Employment
- For Hannah's health
- For the health of Sue (David Wilson's sister)
- For Brad, a friend of one of Jackie Baldwin's work colleagues. He is undergoing chemo for pancreatic cancer and has a difficult road ahead.
- For Peter Collier (Jean's husband) who is recovering from an operation on his spine.
- For Beth Humphris who is recovering from more surgery and can't lift things until end November.
- For the health of our pregnant mum, Sally-Kate and the safe development of the baby.
- Continue to pray for the students in our midst who are facing a barrage of exams

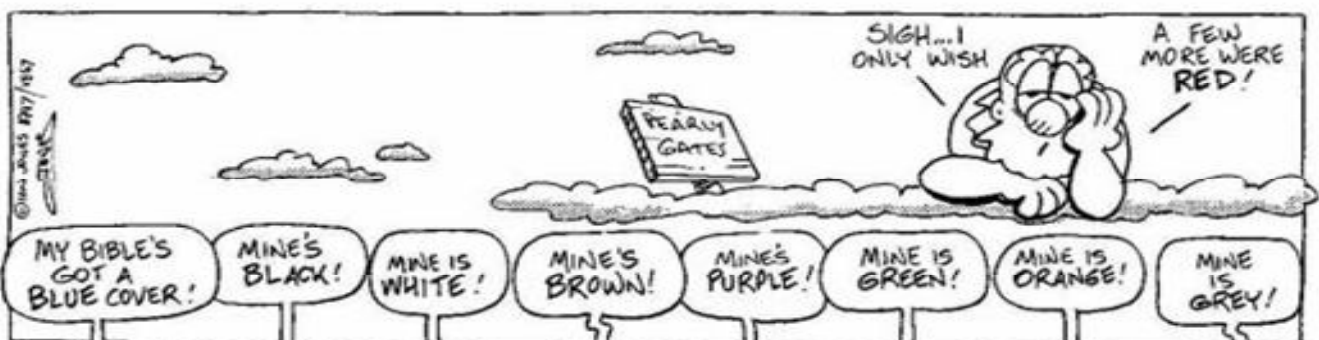
### For the Record

**24th Oct 2010**

Contribution: \$1832.00

Worship Attendance: English N.A., Chinese N.A.

## PEARLY GATES



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In Jesus and through his spirit, we foster and encourage spiritual growth and understanding, offering friendship and help to those in need. We reach out to all, starting with those who are seeking the truth, people in our local community and those who we meet in our daily lives. As we have come to know God's love, we reach out and share His love with others.

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WORSHIP ROSTER NOVEMBER 2010

NOV	Greeters + Assist LS	An- nounce (+Op+Cl Prayer)	Songs	Lord's Supper	Reading + Assist LS	Sp Prayer + Assist LS	Preaching (The Gos- pel In Genesis)	Sun Adults' Class (The End Times)
07	Gareth L Jimmy F	Ian C	JohnC	Roger D	Nic L	Charles H	Stuart P	Stuart P
14	Gareth L Jimmy F	Ian C	John C	Roger D	Tim Tb	Scott C	Stuart P	Stuart P
21	Gareth L Jimmy F	Ian C	Richard H	Peter R	David W	Steve B	Stuart P	Stuart P
28	Gareth L Jimmy F	Ian C	Richard H	Peter R	John B	Ash C	Cong Mtg	Benny T
Mid-week	Discovery Groups – Worship							

WORSHIP ROSTER OCTOBER 2010

OCT	Greeters + Assist LS	An- nounce (+Op+Cl Prayer)	Songs	Lord's Supper	Reading + Assist LS	Sp Prayer + Assist LS	Preaching (The Gos- pel Is For All Man- kind)	Sun Adults' Class (Lessons from Genesis)
31	David W John B	Alan R	Tim M	John C	Ian C	Tim Tb	Francis H	Benny T
Mid-week	Discovery Groups – Worship							

DUTY ROSTER NOVEMBER 2010

	Lord's Supper	Luncheon Prep & Cleanup	Morning Tea	Mowing	Cleaning (weekend of)
NOV	Tjing Krause	Jennifer P. M. Ibbetson Charlotte C (H)	Bee Ling Goh Sonia	David Tabe	06 - Nancy W & Ruth Xu 13 - Rowley 20 - Tabalujan 27 - R Hooi 's