

Preaching

8.30 am Pastor Huth
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Lectionary Readings

Ezekiel 2:1-7
Psalm 48
2 Cor 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13



WELCOME TO AUC!

Please join us after the service for refreshments in the breezeway.

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Are you Purpose Driven?

Many are the plans in a person's heart,
but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.
(Proverbs 19:21)

Well I am home, back from one of the most amazing conferences I have ever attended – the annual 'Purpose Driven Church' conference at the Saddleback Church in California. Our congregation here at Aitkenvale has studied the Purpose Driven Church material written by Pastor Rick Warren, founder and Senior Pastor at Saddleback. In fact, our vision for the next five years and beyond is based on the Purpose Driven Church model, hence the purpose for my attending the conference. While I don't necessarily agree with Pastor Rick on everything, I can't argue against the effectiveness of the church's methods or beliefs. If God was not in it, they would not be where they are. The figures are staggering:

- 30,000 people worship at Saddleback Church every weekend.
- 75,000 attended an Easter service, with many turned away because of lack of parking.
- This year they will conduct their 50,000th baptism.
- They have trained and sent out 26,000 people into overseas mission. They literally have a mission team in every country on the planet.



One of the hallmarks of Saddleback, and a reason for their success, is their faithfulness in fulfilling the great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.* (Matt 28:19-20) Surely God is with them!

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Please pray for

Members of the Assembly as they meet July 8 -14 and discuss important issues such as same-gender marriage.

Church Council Members and Elders as they consider major aspects affecting the life of our Church.

Doris Weightman and Mary Eaton who have had to deal with recent health issues and medical procedures.

Pray for the upcoming Nicky Gumbel "Heart of Revival" study launching on Saturday July 21st for those who lead and those who will attend.

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I can't help but be drawn towards Saddleback Church as I look at the Scripture readings for this week. In the Old Testament reading from Ezekiel (2:1-7), we hear God calling the prophet to a purpose; to speak to the rebellious Nation of Israel. Israel was in captivity in Babylon because of their turning away from God. They needed some straight talking-to. In the Gospel reading (Mark 6:1-13), Jesus sends out his disciples in pairs also with a purpose, to speak to the people of Israel.

Israel was in captivity in Babylon because of their turning away from God. They needed some straight talking-to. In the Gospel reading (Mark 6:1-13), Jesus sends out his disciples in pairs also with a purpose, to speak to the people of Israel. Both Ezekiel and the disciples had a similar charge, to reveal the purposes of God regardless of the reception they receive. They were the evangelists of their age. This call has now passed to the church; that purpose is now our purpose. We have made a clear choice to focus our energies and resources over the next 12 months towards evangelism – communicating the Gospel of Christ to the world. Not everyone that hears will listen or respond positively, but it is our task to share the Gospel, and leave it to the work of the Holy Spirit to convict those who hear. But I sense that something big is about to happen here. When it is the purposes of God and not our own plans that drive us, we will see amazing things happen. As Pastor Rick says, 'A great commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will grow a great church'.

Grace and peace, **Pastor Graham Huth**

The Heart of Revival Study

Nicky Gumbel

**Study Launch is on Saturday 21st July
9:00-12:00 mid-day at the Church.**

Begin the journey with Nicky Gumbel in chapters 1 and 2 of his book, as he opens up the Prophet Isaiah's teaching on, "What is Revival?" and "Is Revival coming?"

Then, continue the study the following Friday evenings at 7:00pm or on Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm. See the sign-on sheet on the notice board outside the church. When you sign on, you will receive the study book (free), courtesy of a member of the Church, a study guide (\$3.50) and a Study Plan/Calendar.

This is the last study organised by the Healthy Church Task Group who have now concluded their three years ministry.

Reaching out in ministry

When we give our time, our talents and our money, we are participating in the redemptive mission of the Church locally and within the world. In giving we are expressing our love and desire to see Christ's kingdom established in our community and the world. We can do this as we pay attention to Christ's teaching to evangelise, to spread the Gospel and become compassionately involved serving the needy so that God's grace becomes known as we reach out to others. We can *all* be part of this great mission as we give our time, talents and money in ministry to our community. "From everyone who has been given much, much will be expected; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be demanded"(Luke 12:48).

Let all of us who are Christ's representatives at Aitkenvale Uniting Church show God's love through our generous giving of our time, our talents and our money.

Funds for Mackay Patrol

Members of the Lavarack Golf Group will be interested to know that at the 30 June event \$400 was raised. These funds will be used to support the work of the Mackay Patrol.

Church picnic

In spite of the inclement weather, many members of the congregation enjoyed a wonderful family time down at Cungula with the Keech and Savage families. The young ones enjoyed playing in the mud and some learned how to peel a coconut and enjoy a coconut drink.



Church Council meeting 18 June

At its meeting held on 18 June Church Council dealt with several matters including the following:

- Council asked Don Adamson to coordinate the formation of a Maintenance Committee. He will report at the next meeting of the Council with recommendations of congregational members who have agreed to serve in this way.
- Pastor Huth advised that he will form an Evangelism Committee during the next few months.
- Church Council Chairman, Ian Savage, reported on the recent Presbytery meeting he attended including Presbytery's resolution concerning same sex marriage with Presbytery reaffirming the orthodox Christian view of marriage. He also provided some details of a Trinity College initiative outlined at Presbytery. Called "Activate" for students taking a gap year it is a one-year three-day per week program providing an opportunity to experience purposeful learning and spiritual growth.
- Council discussed a Church Family Ministry proposal. It was agreed that Pastor Huth would include details of the proposal in the *Outreach* and form a small group, including Helen Cifuentes, to assist in implementing the proposal.
- A policy document regarding how the members of the congregation should respond to needy members of the public in providing cash, food or other items of value was discussed. The document will be kept in a suitable location at the front of the Church for members to consult as necessary.

Material for inclusion in *Outreach*

I will be looking after the weekly *Outreach* for the time being. If you have some material which you wish to have included, you can send it to me or to Graham.

You can phone me at 0429782425. If I am not available, leave a message and I shall call you back. Alternatively, you can send me an email at ronald.store@bigpond.com.

Thanks
Ron Store

Prayer

We pray for your Church throughout the world and for all who proclaim your good news. Send us out, your people here, to proclaim your gospel of reconciliation and love, of justice and peace, of healing and hope.

God of grace

Hear our prayer

From *Let us pray* by Janet Nelson

Dates and activities in July

8 -14 July UCA National Assembly in Melbourne

16 July Church Council meeting

18 July Go Group meeting

21 July Commencement of "The Heart of Revival" Study by Nicky Gumble

22 July Children's Church starts

27 July Youth Group

Are you new here?

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us.

Please complete the "Welcome card" found at the end of the pews and in your welcome bag.

Join us for a snack and coffee after the service and meet some of our wonderful and friendly church community.



Rosters & Readings for 15 July 2018

8.30am Service

Preacher: Pastor Huth

Reader: Ross w

Stewards: Lynne T Achamma

Minister's Steward: Ron N

Sound Desk: Bill R

Data Projector: Liz B

Organist: John

Flowers: Beryl

Morning Tea: Ailsa R, Liz B, R & Melody N

10.15am Service

Preacher: Pastor Huth

Reader: Mal

Greeter: Judy

Sound Desk: Dave

Data Projector: Kellie

Music: Rachel Naomi

Children's Ministry: School holidays

Morning Tea: Church picnic

Lectionary Readings

2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Eph 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 14-29