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'Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few'

1 Samuel 14:6

PCWA GOSPEL ADVANCE IN 2025



By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ 2025 promises to be a year of great gospel advance for the PCWA.

Congregations are electing new elders and receiving believers by public profession of faith in the Lord. Plans are on hand for an exciting PYWA Spring Camp in October. New church buildings have been purchased for the Bassendean (McDonald Cres) and Mandurah (Sutton Street) congregations and are currently being refurbished for congregational use. PCWA Gospel ministry in remote and very remote Outback WA has received a great boost with the arrival at the Mt. Magnet congregation of Michael and Jemima McNair. Plans are in hand for the first WAGON (WA Gospel Nomads) Week to be held in Albany in August. Highly regarded ministry is being given to aged and infirmed people by our Presbyterian Care Chaplain, Rev. Damien Meeuwissen.

Most importantly each Lord's Day the precious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is preached at Albany (Rev. Ben Wingard), Bassendean (Rev. Seong Mo Byun), Fremantle (Rev. Dr Campbell Markham), Mandurah (Rev. Joel Otten), Mt. Magnet (Mr Michael McNair), Peppermint Grove (Rev. Dr Kwang Ho Song) and West Leederville (Rev. Minoru Morimoto).

In addition, prayer plans are being made for new gospel ministries at Bunbury, Meekatharra and Joondalup.

Please ask for blessing on all these Gospel ministries.

Below: 2023 Spring Campers



THE WORD

Picture a combat medic on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. There he is, red-painted cross on his steel helmet, clutching his green canvas bag of bandages, disinfectant powder, morphine syrettes, and plasma. Around him scores of soldiers lie moaning, crying, shot through their arms and legs, stomachs and lungs. How hopeless and helpless he felt. "What can I do to save all these?!"

He is like the church. Here we are in our little building, leaking and crumbly, hardly sixty of us on a Sunday morning, surrounded by tens of thousands of the wounded and dying, the poor and lonely, the drug and alcohol affected, the survivors of divorce and abuse: a community whose only religious instruction has been the Enlightened dogma that "There is no God, no transcendental meaning and purpose, nothing beyond the grave, and nothing to do but to 'Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die."

What can we few do for all of these? On our own, nothing. But with Christ Jesus? Matthew unveils our potential as he shows us Jesus feeding the four thousand.

- A. The World is Broken by Sin (Matt 15:29-30a)
- B. In His Compassion Jesus Heals the Broken (Matt 15:30-31)
- C. Jesus Brings Life and Healing through His Church (Matt 15:32–32)

Jesus brings abundant life to this broken world through his Church. Here are three things we must do in response:

- 1. Show Jesus' compassion to this broken world. Jesus raged against those "who cause his little ones to stumble others.... It would be better for them to have a large millstone hung round their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea" (16:6). The cruelty and injustice of sin should anger us too. Yet our hearts must also break for the lost: for sin is a terrible disease that has lamed, crippled, blinded, deafened, and muted us all; we are lost and hungry sheep without a shepherd. Look beyond the walls of this church, see the suffering multitudes, and weep the tears of Christ for them.
- **2. Hand out the bread of life.** Let us receive from Jesus' hands his bread his life-giving words and let us carry it to our families, our church, and our community. And let us commend his words with lives of Christ-like self-sacrificial love: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35).
- **3. Rely utterly on the power of Jesus.** We look at the greatness of the task, to "go into all the world." What can we offer the LORD, this little church of crumbs and tiny fishes? Remember, the despised and crucified Christ has saved the world. So, we place ourselves powerless and despised into his hands. We pray without ceasing; we get on with his task. Trust that he will multiply what we give to him in an extraordinary way.

So, I see our young men and women marrying and forming godly marriages and households. I see men and women training for Gospel work. I see evangelists going from among us into our community. I see each one burning bright with the light and love of Christ in our homes, schools, workplaces, and community. Let us watch as Jesus brings life to our broken city through this, his church.

Rev. Dr Campbell Markham

The Scots' Church Fremantle (for full message and church details go to www.scotschurchfremantle.com.au)

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and by Zoom

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FOR CHRIST AND THE CONTINENT

Are you in the season of life when you are enjoying road travel around WA and even the rest of Australia?

Are you keen to use your time in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, His Gospel and His people in remote and very remote Outback and Inland Australia?

Come to the 2025 WAGON Week

WA Gospel Nomad week!

- Learn new skills, make new friends and find new ways to serve and share Christ whilst on the road
- Learn what is involved in being considered as a PIM Gospel Nomad

When? Tuesday 5 August to Friday 9 August 2025

Where? Albany Presbyterian Church, including a visit to Lake Grace AIM Hospital

AM: Bible Teaching, Training in Evangelism and Discipleship

Afternoons: Networking, Sightseeing

PM: Prayer, Sharing, Discussion, Vision Casting

Welcome and Farewell BBO

- Self-Catered
- Self-Accommodated
- Participants to have the Support of their Local Church Leadership and a Current WWC Card

Endorsed by:

- The Presbytery of Western Australia
- Session of the Albany Presbyterian Church
- The Presbyterian Inland Mission

More Information from Stuart Bonnington 0400 012 865

2025 WA PIM WAGON Week Coordinator

I have come that you may have life and you may have it to the full

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Are you or a friend interested in having *Christianity Explained*?

Christianity is all about Jesus Christ. All we need to know about Jesus is found in the Bible. The story of Jesus' life and death is found especially in four parts of the Bible called Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

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Further details: Stuart Bonnington 0400 012 865

PRESBYTERIAN PRAYER FELLOWSHIP 2025

As the Lord enables, pray every day for

PRESBYTERIAN CARE CHAPLAINCY

Rev. Damien Meeuwissen

SOUTHERN PATROL

Matthew 9:37-38

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ALBANY

Rev. Ben Wingard

BASSENDEAN

Rev. Seong-Mo Byun

BICTON

Rev. Dr. Campbell Markham Matthew 9:37-38

BUNBURY

Rev. Ben Wingard Matthew 9:37-28

FREMANTLE

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JOONDALUP

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MANDURAH

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MOUNT MAGNET

Rev. Damien Meeuwissen Mr. Michael McNair

PEPPERMINT GROVE

Rev. Dr. Kwang Ho Song

WEST LEEDERVILLE

Rev. Minoru Morimoto

KNOW AND SERVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FREMANTLE

(The Scots' Church)
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