



TALKING POINT

KNOWING JESUS CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN

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Heart on Fire for God

Luke 24:32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"



If you are familiar with the two disciples who after Jesus had been raised from the dead on the same day were headed to Emmaus you will remember that when He first appeared to them they did not know who He was. As they were talking about the events of His death and now the report that had come back from Mary, Martha, Peter, and John that Jesus was in fact alive, Jesus comes and joins them in the midst of this conversation. He then begins to explain to them from the Old Testament Scriptures the things concerning Him.

As they came to the village Jesus indicated that He would have gone on but they convince Him to stay with them that night. There was something going on in the hearts of these two that was undeniable and they wanted to know more. As He then sat with them to eat He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and then gave it to them. Immediately their eyes were opened and they knew it was Jesus. He disappears and they then make this powerful statement in verse 32. "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" There are two powerful things revealed here that will help us in our relationship with the Lord. I hear many Christians say they want to get to know God intimately, but I find they are struggling in doing so. The word "burn" in this verse means to kindle, be set on fire, consumed with. This is what God wants in the heart of every believer. If we are on fire and consumed with God we are going to have that intimate relationship He desires with us. The first of these two keys is that they having Him present with them and talking with them brought a stirring in their hearts. It goes without saying that when we spend quality time in the presence of the Lord we will get closer to Him.

But the second point is often overlooked and is actually the easiest way to begin developing an intimate relationship with Jesus, and with the Father through the Holy Spirit. It says that this fire was kindled as He "opened the Scriptures to them". The Bible is an amazing book, and is supernatural in its origin. There is no other book in the world like it. In 2 Timothy 3:16 we find out that all of Scripture is inspired by God, or actually what it says in the Greek is that they are God-breathed. When God created man He breathed into man the breath of life. After the fall when Jesus was raised from the dead Jesus breathed on His disciples that breath of life once again and they received the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures have God's DNA in them.

*Exert taken from **Having a Heart on Fire for God** by [Darryl Baker](http://blogs.christianpost.com/weekly-wisdom/8-27-12-having-a-heart-on-fire-for-god-11651/) <http://blogs.christianpost.com/weekly-wisdom/8-27-12-having-a-heart-on-fire-for-god-11651/>*

This morning we especially welcome the children and families who were involved and attended September Camp. We look forward to hearing about their experience and their challenge to be a part of God's Passion in our world.



Traralgon District Uniting Church
Incorporating: Traralgon, Traralgon South, Glengarry & Rosedale.



This Sunday 29th October

Traralgon	9:00 am	September Camp
Glengarry	11:00 am	Congregation
Rosedale	9:00 am	No local service
Traralgon Sth	9:00 am	No local service

Next Sunday 5th November

Traralgon	9:00 am	Rev. T. Johnson
Glengarry	11:00 am	Congregation
Rosedale	9:00 am	Congregation
Traralgon Sth	9:00 am	Traralgon

Rosters for 5th November

Stewards	B. Degnan T. Boulton
Elders	J. Smart S. Scarlett G. Samson L. Samson
Children's Address	C. Rhimes
Welcome Door	J. Allcorn S. Arthur
Newcomers	G. Arthur
Reader	H. Wood
Morning Tea	L. Davey D. Dorman
Accounting Team	B. Degnan A. Bolton A. den Houting F. Doonan
Flowers	J. Smart
Grounds	B. Boucher R. Graham

MUSICIANS for 5th November

Traralgon 9:00am	K. Doonan
Glengarry 11:00am	G. Martyn
Rosedale 9:00am	J. Cox
Traralgon South 11:00am	Traralgon

DATES FOR OUR DIARY

Monday 30th October

9:30 am	Playgroup
1:30 pm	Monday Bible Study

Tuesday 31st October

7:30 pm	Tuesday Bible Study
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Wednesday 1st November

10:00 am	Chatterbox
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Thursday 2nd November

9:00 am	Prayer Gathering
9:15 am	mainly music

Friday 3rd November

7:00 pm	Singing Group
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Sunday 5th November

5:00 pm	Singing Practise
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Monday 6th November

9:30 am	Playgroup
1:30 pm	Monday Bible Study

Tuesday 7th November

7:30 pm	Tuesday Bible Study
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Wednesday 8th November

10:00 am	Friendship Club
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Thursday 9th November

9:00 am	Prayer Gathering
9:15 am	mainly music

Friday 10th November

7:00 pm	Singing Group
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LECTIONARY READINGS

SUNDAY 29th October

Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46

SUNDAY 5th November

Joshua 3:7-17	Psalm 107:1-7,33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12

Playgroup

Monday 9:30 am - 11:00 am
during school term.



Interested persons please contact Theresa or Sue



mainly music ...

mainly music is on every Thursday at 9:15 am during school term. The new roster is on the notice board, please put your name down if you are willing to help. Contact Marilyn or Theresa if you have any queries.

CHATTERBOX

**Wednesday 1st November
10 – 11:30 am in rooms 4&5.
Bring a friend, meet a friend,
make a friend!**



AFTERNOON SERVICES

**Due to low attendance numbers it has been decided
by the Executive Church Council
NOT TO CONTINUE
with the monthly Afternoon Services
until further notice.**

Notices

- ◆ If you know of anybody who is in hospital, please let Tony know so that arrangements can be made for him to pay them a visit.
- ◆ Thursday morning Prayer gathering will be held in the minister's office

Talking Point front page

As Talking Point is for, and of, the whole district, we are asking you, the members of all the congregations, to submit relevant articles that we can use.

I am looking forward to all of your contributions and hope that we will have an abundance of timely, relevant and beautiful articles for the front page of our weekly newsletter.

**Thank you
Theresa**

**RESERVE THESE DATES FOR THE FILM
"SILENCE"**

Michael Easton and Ian Leversha will be hosting the film "Silence" and a follow-up discussion at our church in November.

The film will be screened on **Tuesday 14 and the discussion on **Tuesday 21 November.****

More details will be provided early in November.

"Silence" is a film by Martin Scorsese, based on a book by a Japanese Christian about the persecution of Christians in Japan in the 16th Century.

It raises a number of deep spiritual issues that are worthy of much reflection and discussion.

THANK YOU, LORD...

- ...for your grace
- ...for your mercy
- ...for your forgiveness
- ...for your protection
- ...for your guidance
- ...for your friendship
- ...for your peace
- ...for your unfailing love
- ...for being my Savior



Singing Practise

Sunday 5th November @ 5:00 pm

All welcome!



PRAISE AND PRAYER

As part of God's wonderful family let us pause and give thanks for:

- ◆ peace in our country
- ◆ freedom of speech and movement, to be able to see and experience our beautiful country
- ◆ the opportunity of achieving a good education and those teachers who guide and support students

and we pray for:

- ◇ all fearing for their lives here and around the world
- ◇ students sitting VCE and Uni exams and completing essays over the coming weeks. We pray for clear minds and calmness of spirit
- ◇ family, friends, doctors, nurses and medical staff who care for those who are ill
- ◇ all those whom we know are struggling with illness, sickness or any other difficult circumstances, and for those who grieve the death of a loved one
- ◇ the family and friends of Betty Drosen
- ◇ that we would all be people who seek to share the love of Christ in deed and in word, that we would be sharing in witness and evangelism

**Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayers**

KID'S PAGE

The Greatest Commandment

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."
Matthew 22:37

Based on Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)



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MIND	PHARISEES	QUESTION	JESUS
LAW	GREATEST	COMMANDMENT	YOURSELF
EXPERT	HEART	NEIGHBOR	LOVE
SOUL	LORD	HEARING	SECOND

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