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Katarina Schulz

A Simple Meal Becomes a Feast

Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up to heaven, thanked God for them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and had enough, and the disciples picked up twelve baskets full of what was left over. (Luke 9: 16-17)

It was a simple, frugal meal. Bread and fish, although adequate, would hardly be described as haute cuisine. But there was plenty – enough to fill more than five thousand people. Everyone was satisfied. There were even leftovers.

Blessed by God, five small loaves of bread and two fish became a meal for a hungry multitude, and in the sharing of it a simple meal became a feast.

If you are in need of spiritual food, God supplies it in abundance in his word. In the Bible we receive the bread of life to fill and nourish our hungry souls.

Blessed by God, his word becomes a feast for us – especially when we share it with others.

by Grace Bock, in 'Guidance for each Day' (LCA, Openbook, 2002)

From the editor...

The theme for this edition of @ Glynde is 'telling stories'.

Stories are powerful and have the ability to make us laugh, think and cry.

When I think about telling stories I often think of huddling around campfires with friends on family trips. We would stay up late listening to and sharing stories from our lives. These were formative moments of my life where I learnt about other people and how we all share common experiences and can learn from one another.

In the same way I learn about God from stories in the Bible and this developed my faith. It is through the Bible that we have access to the most powerful story of all and we can build our relationship with God and understand His love for us.

You may not gather around campfires, but this month I encourage you to think and reflect on ways that you can gather with others and share your stories and guide people to be interested in the story of God's love.

I hope you enjoy this edition of @Glynde and a big 'thank you' to all who contributed!

Katarina Schulz

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From the Pastor...



*Hi! We are now past the shortest day of the year. Hooray! The days are now getting longer, and the weather will be warmer.... Maybe 😊

*The theme that Katarina, the editor of *@Glynde* for this month, has suggested is: **“Telling Stories”**. It’s a good theme to have, because it reminds us that Jesus was a story teller, and that story telling is a great way to communicate the gospel to people. It also ties in with some of our emphases in church in recent times and in the future. Let me explain....

*In the months of May and June this year, we have been looking at Michael Frost’s book *Surprise the World* under the theme *Living Questionable Lives*.

As part of this series, Michael Frost emphasises that **we need to “Learn Jesus”, to learn the stories**

about Jesus in the Gospels, and the stories which Jesus told, so well that we can share about Jesus readily to our friends, and to those who ask us about our “Questionable Lives”. Let me share with you a little bit from the message that I preached under the habit, “Learn Jesus”:

Sharing the Gospel is all about introducing people to Jesus. This means we need to become so familiar with the stories of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John that they roll off our tongue when people ask us why we host dinner parties for the poor.... Or why we bless so many people every week.... Or why we volunteer for various organizations.... Or why we spent our holidays on a mission trip or a disaster relief project....

Michael Frost describes this as being “marinated” in the Gospels so we can share any part of the story as the occasion calls for.

*A similar message comes out in the **Bible Me2U seminars** that are held regularly in different churches. The publicity stresses that by doing this seminar you will discover:

- #How to learn and tell Bible Stories
- #How to teach Bible stories to others
- #How to craft Bible stories

The next one will be held at Elizabeth Church of Christ in August, from Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th August, ’18.

Introductory mornings are also going to be held. I intend to go to one of these, to check them out, on Saturday, 14th July at *The Ark Lutheran church, Salisbury* from 9.30 a.m. – 12 noon. See *The Sunday Paper* for more details.

***By the way, today's message for Multi-cultural Sunday is an example of using the stories about Jesus to teach and to emphasis certain points.**

Our theme for today is: "Images of faith". Using the stories of The Centurion and Jesus, the Canaanite Woman who begged Jesus to heal her daughter, and Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, we stressed that the following aspect of faith, namely:

#Faith is willing to go to Jesus, and to listen to him

#Faith trusts in Jesus

#Faith receives great blessings from Jesus

So, telling stories about Jesus is a great way to share with others about who Jesus is, and about the blessings that come from knowing Jesus and having a relationship with him.

*Well, enough on the "telling stories" focus. Let me just briefly point you to things coming up in July. Have a glance at the *Worship Calendar for July-August '18* at the rear of this @Glynde.

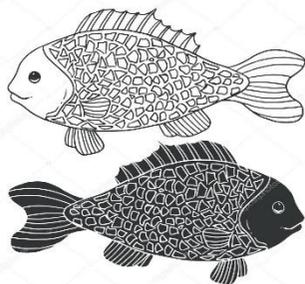
Today, July 1st, we have a **Combined Multi-cultural service** at the 10.30 a.m. service, with involvement from the Korean and Sudanese people who worship with us and in our church. This, too, is Karleigh Crepin's last Sunday with us as a YAGM, *Young Adults in Global Mission* :- (We will **farewell Karleigh** at this service, and send her home with our prayers and our best wishes to continue serving her Lord in all sorts of ways. Thank you Karleigh for all that you have done for the Lord in your time with us. We will miss you!

In the next Sundays, our focus in worship will be on "**Favourite Old Testament stories**". What are your favourite stories in the Old Testament? Henry Martinez and I are going to be sharing with you some of ours during the months of July and August, and telling you what we believe God wants to say to us in our lives today through these stories.

***May God bless you and me** as we share the stories of God with those around us. May God bless us as we "reveal and celebrate God's love, so that **all people, people of all nations** may know Jesus and worship *God through him*".

Pastor Wayne ☺

Everyone loves a story!



Everyone loves a good story.... here is one I found recently:

The little fish

"Excuse me," said an ocean fish, "You are older than I, so can you tell me where to find this thing they call the ocean?"

"The ocean," said the older fish, "is the thing you are in now."

"Oh, this? But this is water. What I am seeking is the ocean," said the disappointed fish as he swam away to seek elsewhere.

- from Anthony De Mello (1982)
The Song of the Bird

This little story is about big things - the search for God, for Truth, for finding Jesus, the purpose of our lives. And so often the answer lies in our current situation, our present circumstances, our capacity to stop searching and to *look with fresh eyes at what is already around us. God is with us and his love never fails.*

This story is a good fit for our recent focus on forming new habits to help our spiritual growth and capacity to share our Christian faith with others through the sermon series and the mid-week studies using *Surprise the World* materials. This series has encouraged us to be believers with BELLS attached! We have been challenged to develop new habits - to regularly Bless, Eat, Listen, Learn and Send. We are encouraged to reflect and tell our own stories and our own experience of Jesus as our friend and saviour. We already do so many of these things, often without realising it. One of the benefits of this recent focus was to be conscious of how we live as Jesus' followers and to recognise that this part of our every breath and every day and every interaction with others.

Our news:

A huge thank you to Karleigh Crepin in her last days of ministry with us before she returns to the United States. Karleigh has been with us for 10 months as a YAGM volunteer and she will be greatly missed for her big smile, her overgrown heart and the special bonds she has formed with so many of us. Her final farewell will be on Sunday, 1st July

Our kitchen upgrade has been inspected for compliance with

Food Handling regulations by the Eastern Health Authority and passed with flying colours! There were some recommendations about labelling for the refrigerator and drawers which will be followed up, so please take note of these changes when they occur.

Welcome to Bella Milton, baptised on 10th June 2018

People involved in our cross cultural ministry were interviewed on 14 June as part of preparing a report for the National Synod by the Cross Cultural Mission team of the LCA. This is a great opportunity for us to let the church know of how their grant of \$75,000 over 5 years is providing a wonderful outreach and connecting us with our wider, multi-cultural community. Thank you to those who attended and spoke of the impact of our mid-week ministries

A Quiz night is going to be held on 1st September - form a group and save the date!

Fundraising efforts continue, with the Saturday markets making a regular contribution to our budget and redevelopment commitments. The football carparking fees collected by Linden and Janet Huxtable also being a steady fundraiser.

Helping others:

The Kwatja Etatha Playgroup in

Alice Springs and run by LCC was defunded by the Commonwealth government at the end of December 2017 but is starting up again next term for two days per week thanks to donations from supportive churches in SA. We will be having a GEMS offering to support this playgroup in September and have also been offered the opportunity to have fundraising from the 28th October St Peters Cathedral choir concert (which will be held at Glynde) be given to this project. This Playgroup reaches some of the most vulnerable families in Alice Springs who would otherwise not receive any pre-school play or learning opportunities. Please support this work if you can!

Shalom,

Helene Schulz
Chairperson



Get Involved at Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 9am Worship HC 10:30am Multicultural Worship HC Last Lighthouse (T2) 12noon Community lunch	2 7pm KYB	3
8 9am Worship 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Korean Worship	9	10 7:30pm Exec Meeting
15 9am Worship HC 10:30am Worship HC 12:30pm Korean Worship	16	17
22 9am Worship HC 10:30am Worship HC 12:15 Pastoral Assists 12:30pm Korean Worship HC	23 Term 3 Starts 7pm KYB	24 9:30am Craft
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What's on in July?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:30 Playgroup 7:30 BRM meeting	5 7:45 Prayer Group	6 9:30 Parenting, English and KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	7 End of Term 3 10am Girls' Coffee
11 9:30 Women's Fellowship	12 7:45 Prayer Group 12noon Cards	13 10:30 Coffee and Chat	14
18	19 7:45 Prayer Group	20 10:30 Coffee and Chat	21 8am Blokes' Brekky
25 9:30 Playgroup	26 7:45 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	27 9:30 Marriage Course, English and KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	28 10am English and Market

Karleigh's Testimony

On Sunday June 10th, I was asked to share my testimony in church. For those who may have missed it, here is what I shared. I hope you enjoy!

9,648. I am 9,648 miles or 15,527 kilometres away from home. Coming to Australia meant a new beginning for me. In the past I wasn't always the nicest person, to be frank I was downright rotten. I hated myself which led me to hate others, especially God. It wasn't until my confirmation camp in tenth grade that my life was changed around. God came into my life through many tears and grace, from that moment on I wanted to make sure no one ever felt the way I did in the past. When I heard about Young Adults on a Global Mission in College, I wanted to be just like them. Being a missionary looked really good in general and on resumes and with that, I applied and got accepted into the Australia program. My limited knowledge of Australia led me to believe that my year was going to be spent in luxury. Now don't get me wrong, Judy's house is absolutely lovely, but luxury in this testimony means not living outside of the box or not being challenged. I have absolutely been challenged this year some bad but so many being ridiculously rewarding. I have gained a new family here at Glynde and at Ingle Farm. All of you have accepted me into your families with such grace and love that I've never experienced before. My family had a funny way of showing their love. As a young child my family all spoke the subtle language of sarcasm, but I was too young to understand it. I would hear their sarcasm and take it all to heart. This resulted in me losing all of my self-esteem. I still to this day feel uncomfortable in my skin, but here at Glynde, I receive nothing but love. I have learned being my loud crazy self can be accepted and cherished. Your love helped me gain the resilience to overcome my self-doubt. I like to say I have become a succulent, I grow in the toughest of situations and am hard to kill, this is all thanks to your support. The most important thing I have learned is family isn't defined by blood, family is everywhere. No matter the race, gender, language or distance, family can never be divided. 9,648, that doesn't seem too far for family.

Karleigh Crepin



Surprise the World!

Bless people

Eat together with people

Listen to the Holy Spirit

Learn Jesus

Sent by God to everywhere life takes us

We've taken up a 5-week '**Surprise the World' Challenge** to begin these **Five**

Habits of Highly Missional People. It's all over for now! But is it really.....?!?

How are you at starting new habits by yourself?

How long does it take you to change your own behaviour?

As Michael Frost writes in the last chapter of his book, *"As should be obvious by now, I'm not merely promoting these five practices as a one-off program. I want you to make a habit of them. I want you to inculcate these habits as a central rhythm of your life...missional effectiveness grows exponentially the longer we embrace these habits and the deeper we go with them."*

Research has suggested that forming new complex habits **can take months** of intentional practice. Michael Frost suggests forming a triad of accountability, **a microgroup of three people that meet weekly to hold each member accountable to the habits, as well as encouraging and nurturing each other** and helping each other learn from their experience of living out the habits.

Have you thought of asking 1 or 2 others to join you in attempting to develop these habits? Who in your life would make a good discipleship / nurture / accountability relationship? Perhaps re-read the 'Surprise the World' book together with them.

These habits are not distasteful or unpleasant!

Blessing people is **personally satisfying**. Eating with others is **fun**. Listening to the Spirit and learning about Jesus is **spiritually enriching**. And journaling the various ways you alert others to the reign of God is **encouraging!**

I would love to hear your stories of practicing to live these habits! Let me know how you've gone and what you've learned from this 'Challenge' experience!

John Kupke

Copies of '*Surprise the World*' by Michael Frost are available for only \$5!

Want to be part of a small group (DNA Group)? Contact Pastor Wayne or John Kupke (0402 915 044 / kupke.john@gmail.com)

Copies of the small group studies are also available.



Free in Christ

Do you know this story? A man walks on a beach after a big storm has passed. He sees a boy approaching from a distance, often bending down to pluck a washed-up starfish and toss it back into the waves before it dies in the sun. As the two meet, the man says, "There are thousands of starfish here. You won't be able to make much difference." The boy picks up another starfish, tosses it as far as he can into the sea and replies cheerfully, "It made a difference to that one!"

I'd like to tell you about two organisations: *Open Doors* and *Barnabas Fund*. Both are Christian groups who aid persecuted Christians in many parts of the world. I first became aware of *Open Doors* when I heard of Brother Andrew taking Bibles into Eastern Europe decades ago. His story became the book *God's Smuggler*. In recent years *OD* sponsored a speaking tour to Adelaide in about 2011 by Maryam and Marzieh, Iranians who had been in gaol for many months because of their faith. The Australian CEO of *OD* is Mike Gore, a young man born in India but adopted by Australian Christians. He says when he was new to his job, he thought the aim would be to *end* persecution. He has learnt from Christians living in dangerous places that what they actually want from the free Christian world is help to be

able to *stay where they are and be bold to stand in the face of persecution*. *OD* disciples help new converts, who face strong pressure to abandon their new faith, especially if they are of Islamic background. They provide Bibles, Christian literature and practical help such as health care and safe houses. They draw up the World Watch List of the places most dangerous for Christians to live. The top 5 at the moment are North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan and Pakistan. Their website has fascinating podcasts that give up-to-date news from around the world. www.opendoors.org.au

Barnabas Fund is a UK-based international agency which wants to follow the Galatians text that says: 'Let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.' So they work in 60 countries through existing churches or Christian organisations in those recipient countries. Their main work is helping persecuted Christians living in Muslim environments. They rely on church leaders in the persecuted churches to help to shape their priorities. *BF* tries to meet both spiritual and practical needs. They tend not to send out missionaries but aim to strengthen existing church communities so that they can maintain their witness in their community. *BF* acts as the voice for the persecuted churches, informing

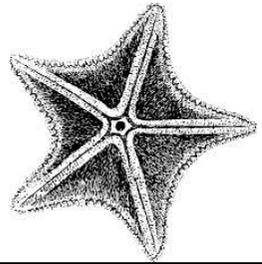
Christians in the free world –like us! They prepare comprehensive prayer materials, encouraging intercession for our brothers and sisters. They aid places like Iraq where people are trying to rebuild their lives and their church buildings. Their website: www.barnabasfund.org.au

A startling comment made by a Chinese Christian was that we should pray that persecution never leaves China, as it has made the true Christians stronger. He said the Australian church is an example of what happens when faith is free. He said Jesus' value drops, and we are not so passionate about honouring Him. After all, Jesus did predict a number of times that His followers

would be persecuted. We enjoy religious freedom, but perhaps don't value the opportunities we have.

Both of these organisations have informative publications, and I'll leave some past issues in the foyer for you to take and read. They both have ideas for intercessory prayer, and options for ongoing sponsorship, or one-off donations. I know – we're bombarded with so many begging charities! But don't forget the story of the boy and the starfish.

Lois Kupke



Adelaide Show Outreach Ministry

The Combined Churches of Adelaide Show Outreach Ministry Team are again commencing preparations for the Stand at this year's Adelaide Show where they will distribute Christian tracts, Bibles and other Christian material to passers-by. This is an important opportunity for reaching many non-Christians with the saving Gospel of Jesus, many of whom would have little or no contact with the Word in any other way. The rental for the space in the Jubilee Hall costs around \$7000, and there are other costs involved. They rely entirely on receiving support from congregations and individuals to maintain this ministry. Can you help? We will be holding an **appeal** during July and encourage you to open your hearts to generously support this important ministry. Envelopes will be placed in your pigeonhole.

Should you wish to give **personal support** it would be most helpful. Your support can be deposited in their account at the LLL (BSB 704 942, A/c 100516513) or posted to the committee Treasurer, 1 Hollywood Way, Glenalta SA 5052.

Please keep this important ministry in your **prayers**.

Volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to assist at some time on this stand please contact Jeff Roberts on 0478 293 650 or email jmroberts@internode.on.net. Assistance will be provided. Show dates are Friday 31st August to Sunday 9th September.

Pentecost Party!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

– Galatians 6:22-25

Galatians 6:22-25 was our theme verse for the Pentecost Party on the 15th of June. The party was a huge success with twenty or so people rocking up to learn more about their spiritual gifts. We had five different activities; Pin the flame on the apostle, codenames, origami doves, arts and crafts and lastly Just Dance. Each activity had its own theme verse, to help remind us of how the spirit blesses us through day to day activities. The best part of the night, by far, was building up community with one another. When two or more people are gathered, Christ is present and there was no denying Christ presence at the party. Thank you to all who attend and invited others to attend as well. The art project will be hung up when a location is determined! It was a great party and one could even say it was “lit” (Pun intended).

-Karleigh Crepin



WORSHIP CALENDAR

JULY

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|---------------|------------|----|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | Pentecost 6 | Matthew 8:5-13
"Images of faith" | |
| 1. | 9.00 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | 10.30 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | 12.00 noon | | | | |
| | | | | Combined Multi-cultural service followed by <i>Bring and Share lunch</i>
<i>*Plus farewell to Karleigh Crepin, our YAGM volunteer</i> | |
| | | | Pentecost 7 | 1 Samuel 17:32-50
"Facing the giants in your life" | <i>Favourite OT stories (1)</i> |
| 8. | 9.00 a.m. | | | | |
| | 10.30 a.m. | | | | |
| | | | | <i>Plus LCC Winter Appeal by Helen Lockwood</i>
<i>School Holidays Begin</i> | |
| | | | Pentecost 8 | Daniel 3:1-20
"By the rivers of Babylon..." | <i>Favourite OT stories (2)</i> |
| 15. | 9.00 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | 10.30 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | | | | <i>Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne</i> | |
| | | | Pentecost 9 | <i>Guest Preacher: Pastor John Thiele</i>
Ephesians 2:11-20
"Christ, the cornerstone" | |
| 22. | 9.00 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | 10.30 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | | | | <i>School Resumes</i> | |
| | | | Pentecost 10 | Genesis 6:9-22
"Safe on God's Ark" | <i>Favourite OT stories (3)</i> |
| 29 | 9.00 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | 10.30 a.m. | HC | | | |
| AUGUST | | | | | |
| | | | Pentecost 11 | Jonah 3:1-5; 4:1-11
"Our God is colour blind" | <i>Favourite OT stories (4)</i> |
| 5. | 9.00 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | 10.30 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | | | | <i>*Morialta PROBUS at 9.00 a.m. service</i> | |
| | | | Pentecost 12 | 2 Samuel 12:1-15a
"No sin is too great for God to forgive" | <i>Favourite OT stories (5)</i> |
| 12. | 9.00 a.m. | | | | |
| | 10.30 a.m. | | | | |
| | | | Pentecost 13 | <i>Pastor Henry Martinez</i>
Genesis 45:1-15
"To forgive, or not to forgive - That is the question..." | <i>Favourite OT stories (6)</i> |
| 19. | 9.00 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | 10.30 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | | | Pentecost 14 | 1 Kings 18:17-39
"How do you know that what you believe is true?" | <i>Favourite OT stories (7)</i> |
| 26. | 9.00 a.m. | HC | | | |
| | 10.30 a.m. | HC | | | |

What stories do these pictures tell?

