



NEWSLETTER

9 August – 15 August 2021

*Revive
Restore
Reach Out*

NRCC News and Notices

▪ **This Sunday (15 August) Online Service**

9 AM Online Service

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XZ6bg-Sb5az1E9oggPbFA?view_as=public

▪ **Morning with Psalms**

Would you want to begin your day with a Psalm? Or do you need a time to be still in the presence of the Lord? It would be great if someone can read a Psalm for us each morning for a time of reflection. We are inviting all our church family to participate in this little but meaningful ministry. Would you want to be a voice of sending God's comforting and encouraging words to our people and beyond? We need one person each morning who might want to record a Psalm for others. Please contact Steve for more information.

▪ **BASECAMP 2021 Men's Conference This Saturday**

Basecamp Men's Conference (Katoomba), is on again this year as Basecamp 2021. Every year a bunch of the men from the North Rocks Church spend a weekend in Katoomba and attend the Basecamp event on Saturday. The event covers most of Saturday. This year things are a bit insecure because of intermittent lock downs and movement restrictions. The event will be live-streamed.

The date for Basecamp 2021 is **Saturday 14 August and will run from 08:45 to 15:00 (3PM). Cost will be \$59/pp for the day online conference.**

▪ **Useful sources of information about mental health issues:**

Beyond Blue: <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

SANE Australia: <https://www.sane.org/>

Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia Inc: <https://www.mifa.org.au/en/>

The Blackdog Institute: <https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/>

Head To Health: <https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/>

Headspace: <https://headspace.org.au/>

UCA Assembly Resource on **Domestic and Family Violence** can be found [here](#).

Dates for your Diary

ZOOM COFFEE MORNING



*To all ladies/ girls
at NRCC,
Please join us for
our next coffee
morning.*

*NEXT WEEK -
Saturday 21st
August, 10 am
Via Zoom*

Turn off the covid news and re-connect.

*Just chat - or share your greatest lockdown project (or even
a fail? We won't judge.) ☺*

*Log in when you can - leave when you need to - we only
expect to be on-line for about 40 minutes.*

Save the date - meeting link will be sent closer to the day.

Community News and Notices

▪ Lay Ministry Training Opportunities from UME (Uniting Mission and Education)

Sacraments Training

9:00am-4:30pm

Sept 11–12 (Goulburn Uniting)

Leading Worship in the UCA

9:00am-4:30pm, Saturday Sept 25

Canberra (Venue TBC)

Reflection of the Week

One of the toughest tests we face is in our obedience to God. We must decide whether to go our own way or to go God's way. We must choose between the broad or narrow path. We either follow the standards of this world or God's commandments.

When Daniel faced one of his first challenges as a captive in King Nebuchadnezzar's palace, he had to decide between the decadent pagan food of Babylon or a healthy diet that glorified God. Because Daniel passed the test in following God's dietary standards, he reaped the benefits of obedience. Not only did he please God, he also gained favour with his captors.

Daniel 1:17 tells us, "To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds." Because Daniel followed God in obedience, God allowed him to understand and to discern the world around him.

What happens when we pass a test of obedience? God imparts His knowledge to us. He increases our understanding of His commandments. The more we obey God, the more we want to obey Him. We begin to realize that God's grace is not an excuse to sin, but rather a motivation to please and to love God more fully. "And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love" (2 John 1:6).

As we follow in obedience to God's Word, God will also give us knowledge and understanding about this world. The more we obey God and understand His Truth, the more we are able to apply this Truth to the world around us. As we seek to follow God alone, He will give us the discernment and understanding needed to live a godly life.

Prayer: God, help me to follow You in obedience. Thank You for the discernment You give as I obey You. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"He replied, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it'" (Luke 11:28).

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Prayers

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn, Steve or Pastoral Care Team.

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