

NEWSLETTER

9 May – 15 May 2022

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

NRCC News and Notices

▪ Preachers while Steve is on leave

This Sunday Sue will be sharing with us. It has been a great blessing to listen to the messages from members of our congregation over the past month. Please invite your family members or friends who might want to join our Sunday services and our fellowship.

If you are not able to get to our services, the messages are uploaded to our YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9XZ6bg-Sb5az1E9oqqPbFA>

While Steve is away please contact Robyn (pastoral matters), Jenny or Cathy (worship and other church related matters).

Dates for your Diary

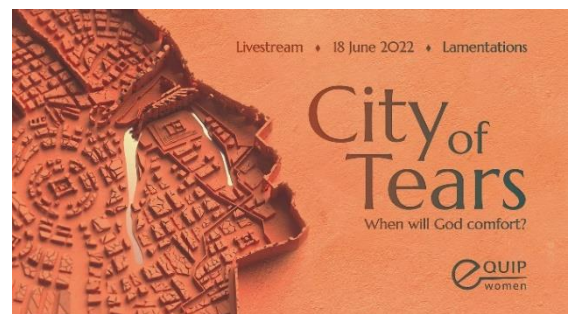
▪ Equip 22

Our church will be hosting Equip 22 again this year. Please contact Robyn for more information or to register as part of the group.

Date: 18 June 2022

Time: 10am – 3pm. Please arrive early so we are ready to start at 10am. Tea and coffee will be served on arrival.

Cost: \$25 per person includes morning tea and a light lunch, teens free.



Community News and Notices

▪ Moderator's Flood Appeal to help devastated communities

The Uniting Church NSW/ACT has launched a special appeal to help those communities devastated by record-breaking floods.

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/media-release-moderator-s-flood-appeal-to-help-devastated-communities/>

▪ Applications for PNP Communications Officer

Parramatta Nepean Presbytery is recruiting a Communications Officer for Presbytery. If you are interested in applying please email enquiry@northrocks.org.au and further information can be sent to you.

Reflection of the Week

In Colossians 2, the apostle Paul presents a magnificent picture of how the Roman legal system worked. Under strict legal procedure, the Roman authorities would interrogate a witness.

Then his testimony had to be substantiated before the Roman court could bring his case. When the indictment had been handed down and the case came to trial, it was necessary for the accuser to stand in the presence of the accused to give his testimony before the judge.

This picture can be applied to our spiritual standing in this world. We are guilty sinners, and our accuser is none other than Satan. The Bible says that the wages of sin is death (see Romans 6:23)—we deserve death for our sin. And Satan is quick to point this out. He prosecutes us, unearthing every reason we should be thrown into the pit of hell. His accusations are just and true. A judge cannot dismiss an indictment if it is true. (That is why when the Pharisees brought forth accusations against Jesus, Pontius Pilate tried to wash his hands of the whole affair in Matthew 27:24—he could see that Jesus was innocent.) But we cannot escape the just judgment of our sin. There is no one righteous, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

But God in His mercy and compassion provided us a way out. He spared not even His own Son, but sent Him to live perfectly for us, die in our stead, and atone for the sins of the whole world—all of yours, all of mine, if we will but receive the gift.

In Christ's day, when a criminal was convicted and sentenced, an official writing was drawn up by the courts. In it would be an explanation of the crime and its penalty. That is why Pontius Pilate had written on Jesus' cross: "JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS" (John 19:19). When a man finished serving his sentence and was released, his indictment would be taken down. A judge would write across it *tetelestai*, which means "paid in full" or "it is finished."

As Jesus Christ hung on the cross, this was the last word He uttered, "Tetelestai"—"It is finished" (John 19:30). If you have committed your life to Jesus Christ and have accepted Him as your Savior, Satan has no legal right against you. You have been ransomed. In Christ, you have the victory!

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for saving me and perfectly paying the price of my sins past, present, and future. It is finished because You are loving and full of mercy and grace. I rest in You, my Redeemer. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).

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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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