

NOVEMBER 8 2020

# WALKERVILLE UNITING CHURCH

A community in Christ for all generations



## Honour your father and your mother

Right at the centre of our families is the relationship between parents and children. This relationship can be the source of our greatest joys and most appalling griefs and Paul is keen to address how that relationship can work. In many ways the same principles that apply to a mutually glorifying marriage relationship also apply to the relationship between parents and children. Little wonder then that Paul goes straight on from discussing marriage in the Ephesian epistle, to the relationship between parents and children when he writes,

Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honour your father and mother"- which is the first commandment with a promise - "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. – Ephesians 6: 1-4

Both the parents and the children have different roles to play in this relationship and we will explore both sides in today's message. However, in this short piece we will only be discussing the role of children. Of course, when I say 'children,' I mean both minors and adult children.

## Scripture Readings:

- Old Testament:  
Deuteronomy 5:6-21
- New Testament:  
Ephesians 6:1-9

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

- **Craft Group** *Tuesday*  
10th Nov 10am in Hall 2
- **Seniors Exercise**  
*Tuesday* 10th Nov  
10.30am in Hall 1
- **Men's Munch** *Tuesday*  
10th Nov 12noon at The Walker's Arms
- **Bible Study** *Wednesday*  
11th Nov 10am in Hall 2
- **Prayer Group**  
*Wednesday* 11th Nov  
11.15am in Vestry
- **Playgroup** *Thursday* 12th  
Nov 9.30am
- **msg@5 Family Service**  
*Sunday* 15th Nov 5pm St  
Andrew's ELC Playground

## Honour your father and your mother continued...

One thing I have learned over almost thirty years of pastoral ministry is the truth of the command that Paul cites here, that we must honour our father and mother if we want to have the blessing that goes with it, i.e. – “that it might go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” (Deuteronomy 5: 16, Ephesians 6: 2-3). No one has perfect parents, and some have perfectly terrible parents, yet Paul’s instruction here is unqualified.

Honour, in Paul’s understanding (not just here, but elsewhere in his writings) must be given to the office of the one to whom honour is due and not just to the person. In other words, even an undeserving parent must be honoured by their children if the children want to have a fighting chance of things “going well and enjoying long life.” That is not to say that you won’t live long if you fail to honour your parents; but living long and enjoyably is a whole other matter. If we will not honour our parents, then it’s as certain as night follows day ‘that it will not go well.’ If we are at war with our parents, then we will end up harming ourselves. As with all wars, there can be no true winner.

In faith

David Kowalick

*“that it might go well with you and that you may enjoy  
long life on the earth.”*

*(Deuteronomy 5: 16, Ephesians 6: 2-3).*

## MEN'S MUNCH

November's Munch is this **Tuesday 10th November**

The Walkers Arms at 12.00 noon.

Moved due to the Melbourne Cup, it will go back to first Tuesday in December.

John Laubsch. Contact 0475563130



## ROSTERS

### Assistants for Sunday 8th November

Welcomer: L Everett

Morning Tea: E&P Morrison

Prayer: H Baker

Bible Reader: J Magee

Flowers: P Morrison

Children’s Chat: F Slater

Godly Play: F Slater & M Hobby

Stewards & Counters: J Everett & G Slater

Sound Desk: S Nethala

Music: H Baker

### Assistants for Sunday 15th November

Welcomer: L Everett

Morning Tea: Farrant/Sellars msg@5

Prayer: F Raymond

Bible Reader: S Farrant

Flowers: R Sellars

Children’s Chat: M Hobby

Godly Play: Children stay in church

Stewards & Counters: J Everett & G Slater

Sound Desk: J Laubsch/msg@5

Music: J Iles

DECEMBER 6 & 13

AFTER CHURCH

# Christmas Delights Trading Table

Homemade, heartfelt food ready to purchase  
for the Christmas season.

Food to enjoy eating, sharing and giving away



A sneak peak at what  
will be for sale during  
the Christmas Delights  
Trading Table.  
See Rhonda for more  
details.

## COMING UP

**msg@5** - Sunday 15th November. 5pm. St Andrew's ELC Playground.

**WOW & Men's Fellowship** - Christmas Breakup. Thursday 19th November 6.30pm, Church. Covid Safe food handling and serving procedures will be in place.

**Hike Group** - Sunday 22nd November 2pm. Moderate walk along Sturt River with coffee at 4pm. Contact Lisa Preston 0417 282 527

**Craft Group** - Tuesday 24th November 10am. Contact Helen Baker 0407 830 640

**Ladies Chat Group** - Thursday 26th November 1pm. Contact Kay Graham 8269 5538

## COVID UPDATE FROM SYNOD



The Synod of SA is adapting and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to support our communities, congregations and presbyteries across the state, and this remains our highest priority, while adhering to the latest Government advice. As we have updates to this topic, they will be detailed on this page: <https://sa.uca.org.au/uniting-church-media-releases/covid-19-update#lastestupdates>

## FRONTIER NEWS

The November 2020 Frontier News is out NOW! In this issue:

- Challenges faced by bush chaplains in 2020
- How farming families are coping in the face of drought
- Outback Links volunteers showing farmers that we care
- Restoring country with Frontier Services in South Australia
- Christmas message from Bush Chaplain, Pastor Cain Hartigan
- his year's Christmas Cards and Gift of Hope Cards available now for order

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**Frontier Services**  
Standing with people in the bush





## SITUATION VACANT...

We are seeking a person willing to organise the roster for both Children's Conversations and Godly Play... don't worry - you don't have to actually do either task yourself! Merilee Hobby and Tina Leidig have done a great job of coordinating these duties since Kylie left us; however, they both have other busy roles in msg@5 and youth group. We are very keen to find someone willing to administer the rosters for Children's Conversations and Godly Play. If you think you may be able to help, or would like to find out more - please speak to Sue Farrant.



# Sunday November 15th

5 PM TO 6.30 PM

PLEASE BRING CHAIRS AND PICNIC RUGS

Sausage sizzle (vegetarian option)

St. Andrews Early Learning Centre Playground

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