

## What's Happened?

- Trent McLaren is engaged to Melissa McColl - Impressive dude; a side order of double Mc's
- Welcome back from your honeymoon Mr & Mrs J Southwell
- Peter Rietdyk is a year older

## What's On?

### Breakfast with Ps Keith Edwards

Pastor Keith Edwards is a respected leader and teacher  
Keith and his wife Janet are Senior Ministers of C3 Church Victory and also Senior Ministers of Victory Network



Keith & Janet Edwards Senior Ministers of Victory (Hunter Valley NSW)

The Victory network is made up of 8 local congregations, reaching 1500+ across the region. Keith is also the Director of C3 South East Asia

Called to Australia from Alabama (USA) in 1982, Keith and Janet spent the first fourteen years of their ministry in the remote desert city of Whyalla, South Australia. In 1996 he moved to Newcastle as Senior Minister of Victory. Keith has been in fulltime ministry for 30 years, has a Bachelor of Ministry, Theology and Counseling and an Advanced Diploma of Arts from Southern Cross College. He has spoken at conferences, colleges, churches, business meetings, & ministries in Argentina, United States, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Fiji, Jordan and Iraq. Keith's hobbies include motorbikes, hunting and fitness. In Alabama he was the high school city champion in wrestling and was also involved in martial arts for 15 years, running his own martial arts school for 8 years in Whyalla

## Who else is coming to Canberra in 2012?

RealMen Conference, Oxford Falls 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> July  
Fergus McIntyre (September) & John Finkelde (November)

## Dates for your diary

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August** - Keith Edwards men's breakfast



"Come and join Ps Keith Edwards for breakfast on Saturday 18th August 8:00AM at the Jetty Cafe overlooking Lake Tuggeranong, invite a friend. For \$20.00 plus a gold coin donation you will receive a Full Breakfast, Regular Size Hot Drink and Orange Juice, register at the Information Desk, payment of \$20.00 up front at time of registration, gold coin on the day"

### **Powerhouse revisited in a different form.**

Last year the men of C3Moansh participated in a quarterly event called "**Powerhouse**", one of the main elements of that event was prayer and worship. It was a powerful element of the discipleship of the men and created Prayer Warriors as well

Ps Steve White has approved a simple form of Powerhouse by introducing a different format to accommodate the busyness that is our lives

**POWERHOUSE** - Men praying with their sons - **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month at C3Monash** (main auditorium in the back corner) for 10 mins starting at 9.30am and finishing at 9.40am. There will be a theme each month for prayer. This month it is "**I love my Church**". We as men are effectively anchoring each month's church theme in prayer at the start of that month

I am challenging you - "Would you count yourself extremely fortunate to have a PRAYER WARRIOR committed to praying especially for you, family, friends and the unsaved"

What is a PRAYER WARRIOR - One who effectively prays for others; There is no better time to begin to intercede with purpose and gusto in prayer for others than

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 9.30 am in the main auditorium at C3Monash for 10 mins max, for the church we love and protect.**

How do I become a Prayer Warrior - the main requirement is that you know God and are willing to pray to him on behalf of others.

Are you willing to yield to God's claim on your life by being a prayer warrior so that God's will is done in your life and the lives of others around you?

I will be there, come and join me in prayer, all that I ask is you commit to 10mins of each month and set a powerful statement that we will not yield and make a strong united stand in the face of the enemy

## **For Free/Sale/Wanted**

Wanted free Fire Wood and off cuts for youth bonfires. Drop off point behind church building

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## **Testimony or Profile of one of the Men in C3 Monash**



My name is Jacques, even though surprisingly, I'm not French. I was born and raised in South Africa before I made the big trek to Australia in 1998 with my wife and kids in tow. My wife is the beautiful and talented Ilze, my son is the ruggedly handsome Rene (gets it from his dad I believe) and my daughter is the gifted Danielle who loves all things Asian

We've lived in Canberra for the last 14 years and are all proud Aussies (Oi, oi, oi) now. We've been with C3 Monash for the past 6 years and Ilze and I have served in the church in various roles. We are currently Connect group leaders and run a connect group in Theodore. I'm also part of the Greeting crew, so keep an eye out for me next time I'm on duty and I might just give you a nice big hug!

By nature I'm a fairly laid back person who mainly enjoys spending time with my family. I like a bit of reading, spend too much time lying on the couch in front of the telly and sporadically attempt to transform my body from its present, somewhat flabby, form into something a bit more ripped. I also love nature and like doing the odd day hike with some of the boys from work

I've been working in the IT industry all my life, first as a public servant back in the 'old country' and as a contractor at a couple of government departments since I've been in Canberra. My dream is to see Ilze finish her Psychology degree and start practicing so I can escape the rat race and become her toy boy

I've hung around church on and off since I was a kid and would probably have considered myself a Christian for most of my life, but it's only 7 years ago that I got a revelation of who God really is. Before then I had considered him to be some sort of benevolent father figure up in heaven, but at a time when Ilze was having a real struggle with her health, God revealed to me that He craved a personal relationship with ME!! That transformed my life and my faith and filled me with a passion to get to know God and draw closer to Him. I found that the Bible was transformed from a somewhat boring book into a fountain of wisdom and knowledge about God and Jesus. It suddenly became compelling reading. Since then I have been on a journey of discovery, getting to know my saviour better and allowing Him to speak into my life.

Now that you all know just about everything there is to know about me, hopefully you'll feel free to come and have a chat to me whenever you see me around the traps

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**Pastor's Post-It**  
(Ps. Steve White)

I'm really looking forward to the upcoming Real Men conference in Sydney. This has become an annual pilgrimage for me, over the years I've travelled by bus, car, and airplane. I have journeyed with friends (old and new), sons, sons-in-law, colleagues, team mates, men who are no longer with us, men who have been overwhelmed by life, men who want to grow in God. This year the only difference is that, for the first time, I'm heading north rather than south! And again I am reminded of the charter of the Real Men ministry, the reason I place such a high value on the weekend and ministry to men in general. So, even though this year I'm heading in the opposite direction the destination is still the same

REAL MEN IS DEDICATED TO BUILDING BETTER MEN BY:

- DEVELOPING CHARACTER

Through consistency, responsibility, decisiveness and accountability.

- STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

Helping men grow in appreciation and love for their wives and families.

- SHAPING APPROPRIATE PERSPECTIVES

On men's sexuality, humanity and health.

- BREAKING DESTRUCTIVE LIFESTYLES

Assisting men to introduce and facilitate change.

- ENCOURAGING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

With men, women and their community.

- ESTABLISHING POSITIVE ROLE MODELS

Through biblical principles and life experiences that influence their immediate and wider community.

### Scripture

He gives power to the weak, and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

### Isaiah 40:29-31

### Editorial

This newsletter will only be as good as your input - Please email [john.g@monash.org.au](mailto:john.g@monash.org.au) with your testimony or profile for further editions. John is thirsty for articles, news, anything that will grow, bond and connect the Men of C3 Monash and their friends, it is the dawn of a new and exciting season for **Real** (Genuine and authentic; not artificial) **Men**.