

## COMMUNITY



## White Board

March 2013

*Any contributions to this newsletter are encouraged.*

### Dates for your diary

2013

Men's Network Group - Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30am McDonalds, Tuggeranong

Clean up Australia Day - Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March 12.30pm, Lake Tuggeranong

Presence Global, Sydney Entertainment Centre, 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> April

RealMen Conference, Oxford Falls, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July

### What's on in March?

**Clean Up Australia Day** – contact Jared Pritchard. [glauron@gmail.com](mailto:glauron@gmail.com)

Help us make Lake Tuggeranong SHINE a little brighter by spending an afternoon taking an easy stroll around the lake clearing the clutter!

The plan is to walk around the lake & collect rubbish on the way. It would be BRILLIANT if we can get some groups (Connect Groups?!) who would be willing to target special focus areas - some of the spillways around the lake - a lot of rubbish collects at these points. Please let me know if anyone is interested!

Don't forget your, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, sturdy shoes, water bottles and lunch! All participants will need to report to HQ to register before setting off.

Where: Sea Scouts boat club, Mortimer Lewis Drive, Lake Tuggeranong

When: Sunday 3rd March 2013, 12:30pm

## What has happened?

### Realmen Canberra Conference



Notes from conference refer to: <http://www.c3monash.org.au/ministries/realmen>

#### Testimonies:-

The male leader of C3Monash Connect Groups provided the following feedback for the conference. "I don't want to regret not having had the courage to express my feelings. Thank you, Graham Cumming for sharing.

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The CEO of the local Christian Radio station **1WAYFM** provided the following feedback from the conference. Thank you, Colin Webster for sharing

"I love the way that God speaks to each of us – but it remains our responsibility to both make the opportunity for him to speak into our life & then to listen.

For me the recent C3 Canberra men's conference was one such opportunity, gathering with men of the same faith & heart and allowing the wisdom of our senior pastors & leaders to speak into our lives.

I must say I was not disappointed. I wouldn't say that I walked away with any new revelations but certainly a strong sense of confirmation of God working in my life. I am sure that of the 80+ men, who attended, we all got something different from the conference but for me the take away message was "that the choices we make in life define us, & that it is our day to day choices that impact the influence of Gods spirit in us."

One of my life passages is **Jeremiah 17:5-8** which confirms this very approach. You see we really only have 2 choices, we can do it our way & trust in our own ability & strength or we can do it Gods way & trust in His ability and strength.

Surprise, surprise - only one way sustains us through the issues of life! As men (husbands, fathers, sons and brothers) we are responsible for modeling life to our families and friends. I was challenged through the conference to choose wisely, to choose to trust in the Lord, making his ways a priority over my own and to create both the opportunity and the desire to allow him to speak into my life.

I would challenge you to do the same, it is the best thing you could do for yourself, your family and your circumstances."

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## The Adventure (Ps. Steve White)

**“You’re never too young to be taught and never too old to teach.”** When I read this phrase recently it captivated me. It struck me as being far more than a sentimental notion, although at first glance it could be passed off as just that. It can apply to all facets of the adventure of life. For me it rung with a biblical imperative that cut through to my heart as a father, grand-father, pastor, but at its essence reached into my soul as a man of God.

The bible reminds us of our generational responsibility.

*“He planted a witness in Jacob, set his Word firmly in Israel, Then commanded our parents to teach it to their children So the next generation would know, and all the generations to come— Know the truth and tell the stories so their children can trust in God, Never forget the works of God but keep his commands to the letter. Heaven forbid they should be like their parents, bull-headed and bad, a fickle and faithless bunch who never stayed true to God.” (Psalm 78:5-8 MSG)*

At C3 Monash I desire to see an environment that empowers men to:-

**“...Know the truth and tell the stories so their children can trust in God...”**

The way we do this is by relational engagement and positional prioritising. By that I mean that if the next generation observe the priority we put on going to church, attending connect group and RealMen conferences, and living a life out in the marketplace consistent with what we believe and what we say, then they will **“stay true to God.”**

It begins with us – it begins with me.

**“Are you up for the adventure?”**

## Scripture

*“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength”*

*(Philippians 4:13 NLT) Tim Brown’s favourite bible verse!*

*“This is what the LORD says: Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the LORD. They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land. But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit.” (Jeremiah 17:5-8 NLT) Colin Webster’s favourite bible verse!*

*[If you have a favourite bible verse then let me know and I will include it!]*

## Editorial

Ps Steve White has delivered the Vision for our church for the next 3 years and the top three priority items for us to focus on are **[Be in a Connect Group; Change in Christ; Connect our Community to Christ by meeting their needs]** in other words he has declared war in the spiritual realm. The following scripture prepares us for that war, as collectively and individually we are now soldiers on the battlefield. Are you prepared for “WAR?”

### The Whole Armour of God

*“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil, for we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armour so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armour of God’s righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good news so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” Amen! (Ephesians 6:10-18)*

Stand strong and together in the face of the enemy, having tried everything within your power, “stand” and wait on the Lord.

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