

ENGAGE



White Board

May 2013

Any contributions to this newsletter are encouraged.

Dates for your diary

2013

Men's Network Group - Sat 4th May, 7.30am McDonalds, Tuggeranong
RealMen Conference, Oxford Falls, 26th & 27th July

What's on in May?

Everywoman "High Tea" Sat 18th May - Guys support your wives, girlfriends etc by releasing & encouraging them to attend this conference. Invest in their future by paying (\$20) for their registration.

Start thinking and praying about this event -
Realmen Conference - **REALMEN** 26th & 27th July 2013 // C3 Church Oxford Falls, Sydney, Guest Speakers are: Ps Phil Pringle, Ps Greg French and Peter Overton (Chief news reader for 6pm Nine News). Registration is \$65.00 and you can register online via:

<http://www2.myc3church.net/category/realmen-conference-2013>

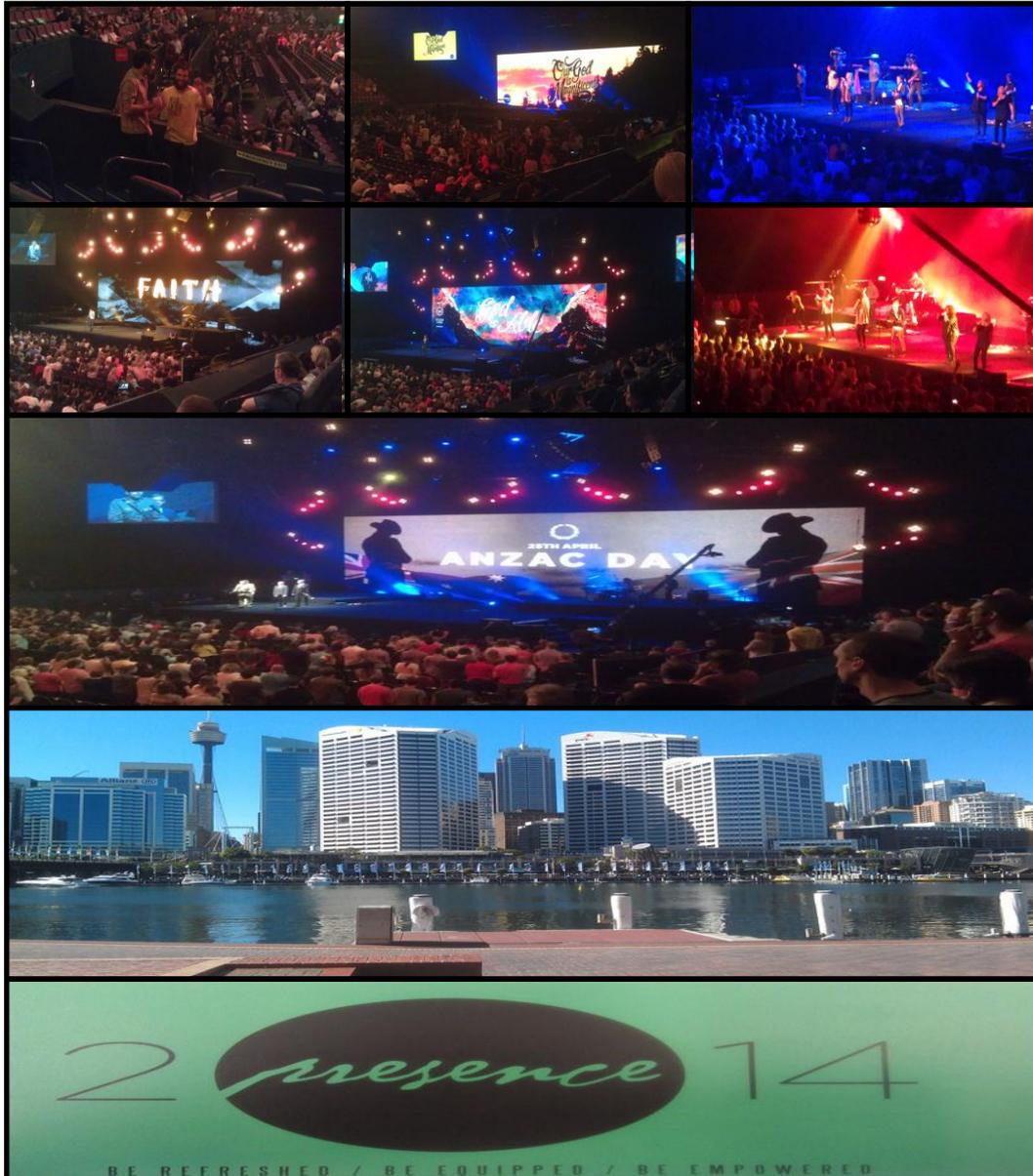
For accommodation check out the following websites:

<http://www.thesandshotel.com.au/> Narrabeen Sands Hotel

<http://sydneylakeside.com.au/> Sydney Lakes Holiday Park, North Narrabeen

What has happened?

Presence Global - Sydney Entertainment Centre, Tuesday 23rd - Friday 26th April. Hosted by Pastors Phil & Chris Pringle. Special Guests included Steven Furtick, Darlene Zschech, Kong Hee, Joey Bonifacio, Chad Veach and Gabriel George.



Register for Presence Global 2014 <http://www.presenceconference.com/>

For Free/Sale/Wanted

No items for this month's edition.

[Please email JohnG@c3monash.org.au if you would like to place an advert in the – For Free; For Sale; Wanted Section]



Q&A - the longest serving male member of C3M

Q-Who are you?

A- "I'm **David Marriott**"

Q-How long you have been a Christian?

A- "Since I was saved April 17th 1988"

Q-How did you become a Christian?

A – "The short version is I was searching. I met a couple in a jazz night bar who became my friends. They gained my trust and respect. They invited me to church and instructed me to go up when called to initiate my relationship with Jesus. As quoted on the day: " those who confess me before men, I will confess them before my Father."

Q-How long have you been with C3Monash?

A- "I started attending what is now known as C3 Monash the same day I was saved 25 years ago."

Q-What have been your roles within the church since 1988?

A- "I have been a street evangelist, performing arts co-ordinator, youth leader, connect group leader, youth minister, men's assistant leader, and an audio/visual operator on the sound desk."

Q- What have you learned as part of your personal journey within the church life?

A - "Everybody is unique and therefore we all have different paths and patterns laid out in front of us. Being the oldest member of this church does not make me more important than anyone else. We all have different reasons why we may leave a church or seek out another church, when making these types of decisions we need to ask ourselves why?"

I believe what makes us endeavour is this: We are family, we share and love the same God and we have convictions that stem from our maturity in Him.

I don't claim to be saint but I know through faith and patience there is an inheritance for me.

I have seen success within the church and I have seen many failures. I have seen people come and go. I have made friends and I have lost friends. I have seen death I have seen life.

Q- With this in mind what's your point?

A-“My point is that church is all about doing life and doing life together as a family with God being at the centre of it all. We don't need to do life alone. That's dangerous!

When things are tough do we say to ourselves it's time to leave?

That has crossed my mind many times, but at the end of the day we need to consult God on the matter and trust what He has to say. It is so easy to give up and maybe decide to go to another church or not go at all. To do that and go to another church, you are just taking your problems to another location and then your problems snowball into a crisis. I am sure the next church would have enough baggage to deal with let alone taking on yours as well.

Are we attending the house of God for us or for God? All this may sound harsh but we need to look outside our little window and see the bigger picture, the greater body of Christ.... GOD is building HIS church... God, what do you want us/me to do?

Q- Why is it important to you to ask God what do you want us/me to do?

A-“That question in itself is enough to get our minds off ourselves and into the plans that God has for us through His Son Jesus. Are you willing to take on the challenge stay with C3 Church Monash for the long haul, I know I am challenged everyday by continuing to turn up and serve our God, but I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.”

[What a great testimony from one of C3 Church Monash's longest serving Members]

The Adventure (Ps. Steve White)



The adventure has taken a short break this month as Ps Steve busted out his new jacket for the Presence Global Conference.

Scripture

*** *Greg Brazel favourite bible verse****

“He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with your Lord” KJV (Micah 6:8)

*** *Ken Hubert favourite bible verse****

“And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright – words of truth.

The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepard” KJV (Ecclesiastes 12:9-11)

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

Editorial

Engage with your CALLING – by Ps Steve Furtick.

Where can you help advance the Kingdom of GOD, build, service the great body of Christ by activating your calling?

What is the nature of your calling – your calling is calling! (Judges 6:11-13 NIV)

Do you need clarity about your calling? The following are 4 points that will help you with “what does God want you to do?”

1 – A CALLING is ACTIVE not passive

Live out the calling GOD has for you, bare up with a sense of responsibility and step up. (Judges 6:14 & Genesis 2:19 NIV). If you want to have a calling then **“CALL IT”**.

2 – Your CALLING is PRESENT not future

Two thirds of GOD’s name is GO!!!!

“Go in the strength that you have. In this life we can’t always do great things, but we can do small things with great love” quote from Mother Teresa

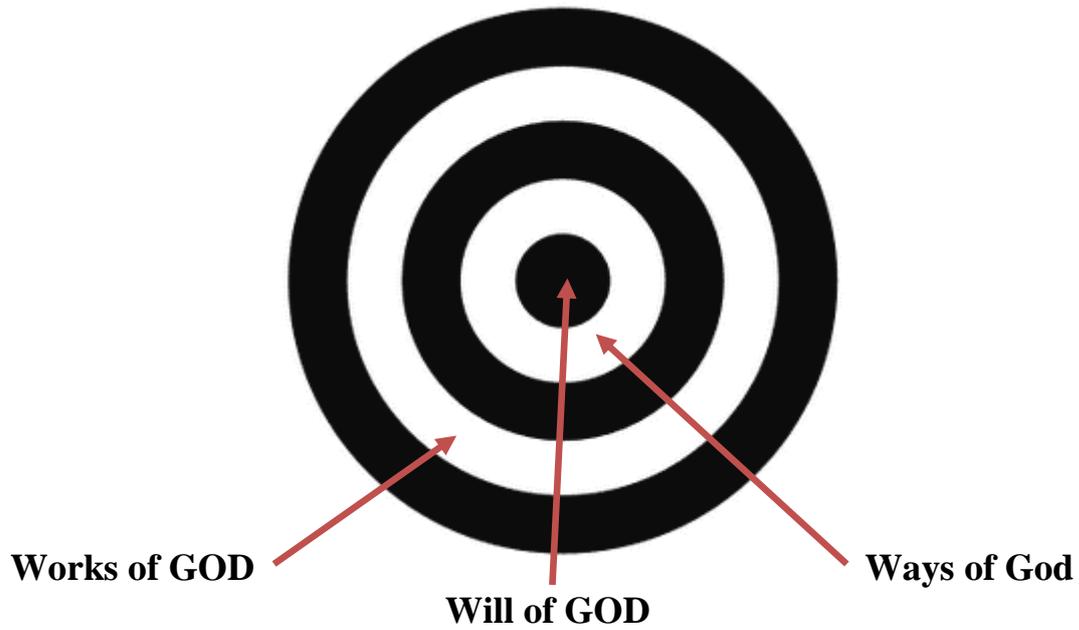
3 – Your CALLING is PLURAL not singular

You are a connector to the power of Christ. What you cannot do by yourself we can do together.

4 – Your CALLING is a PERSON not a place

Paul reveals in Colossians 3:17 NIV *“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through him”*.

Anything you do in the name of Jesus it’s His will for you. God’s will is whenever!



When you target the “Will of God”, you do it in the ways of God that will complete the works of God. “God can use us anytime, anywhere”. The heart of God is the way of God and you should always operate in the will of God. “What part of your destiny / calling have you been deferring”. “What can I do today to enable me tomorrow to do what I cannot do today”.

Take this message from Ps Steve Furtick and activate your faith. Don’t wait on God for your calling, make the call yourself, be active in it, do it now and don’t wait as the time is right now.

Your calling can only be achieved with the help of others and in God’s will, honour Him with everything you do.

Let me know what your calling is?
