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Strong Family Church

Kawana Waters Uniting Church

A word from Schalk



Hi Everyone,

Warm Greetings,

Many years ago I chanced on a little book entitled **"Ordering your private world"** by Gordon MacDonald that has been of great help to me.

He makes the point that in our culture we produce huge numbers of books, programs, calendars, software, legislation and training regimes to help us organise our work, our schedules, our careers and our general lives. If you like, the **public dimension of our lives**.

The **private dimension of our lives** is that part of our lives where we know ourselves best. It is often hidden from others, but yet it is here that we tend to be more disorganised with regards to motives, feelings, values and commitments. No wonder people sometimes say, "I can't get my act together; I am in a rut; I feel such a failure; ". It is in the private dimension that we struggle with the voices of dis-organisation and misleading thoughts.

MacDonald himself was the victim of the tension between an organised public world and a disorganised private world. It caused him great pain.

He writes; ***"Slowly and painfully, I have discovered that to bring organisation to the private world where Christ chooses to live is both a lifelong and a daily matter. Something within—the Bible calls it sin—resists both Christ's residence and all of the resulting order."***

I have found his discovery to be true to my life and to the many who have chosen to share some of their private lives with me through the years.

Jesus points to a way of encounter and mystery that helps us on the journey towards an organised private world. He said, ***"Abide in Me and I will abide in you."*** John 15: 4

There is hope for those who are disorganised in their private worlds. My hunch is that this includes all of us.



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Interim youth and family assistant

Our congregational meeting held on Sun 15 August 2021 unanimously approved the appointment of **Kate Boileau** as our interim youth and family assistant from 1 Sep 2021 to 31 Dec 2021.

Kate has been and continues to be a devout follower of Jesus, is completing a Master of Theological Studies at the ACU, and is doing a Period of Discernment towards the possibility of being accepted as a candidate for the Ministry of the Word in the Uniting Church. She has a strong legal background and enjoys the full support of her husband, James, and her 3 boys.

Welcome Kate.

New Preaching Series

(Please note that I will be teaching on angels on 5 Sep and 12 Sep 2021)

REVELATION: REALMS OF GLORY

5 Sep Throne in Heaven Rev 4: 1 -11

12 Sep Angels among us Rev 5: 6 – 14; Heb 1: 14

BY THE GRACE OF GOD

19 Sep I am saved by grace Eph 2: 1 – 10 (vs 8)

26 Sep I am secure by grace Rom 3: 21 - 26 (vs 24)

3 Oct I am strengthened by grace 2 Cor 12: 1 -10 (vs 9)

10 Oct I am supplied by grace Heb 4: 14 – 16 (vs 16)

17 Oct I am somebody by grace Eph 3: 7 – 13 (vs 7-8)

24 Oct I am satisfied by grace Eph 2: 1 – 10 (vs 7)

31 Oct I am surprised by grace 1 Cor 15: 1 -11 (vs 8-10)

Some personal news

Please note that I am taking long leave and study leave from 13 September to 31 October 2021. Our hope had been to visit with family in New Zealand, but sadly this is not to be. So, not sure here to go, but we are clear that we want to use the time well.

One of my hopes for my long leave is to pay more attention to my private world. Please pray for me.

The Presbytery has appointed Rev Dr Peter Hall to do supply ministry at our church from 13 Sep to 12 Oct 2021. Local arrangements will be made for the remaining 3 weeks. 13 Oct to 31 Oct 2021. More information will follow.

Much love to you all,

Blessings

Schalk