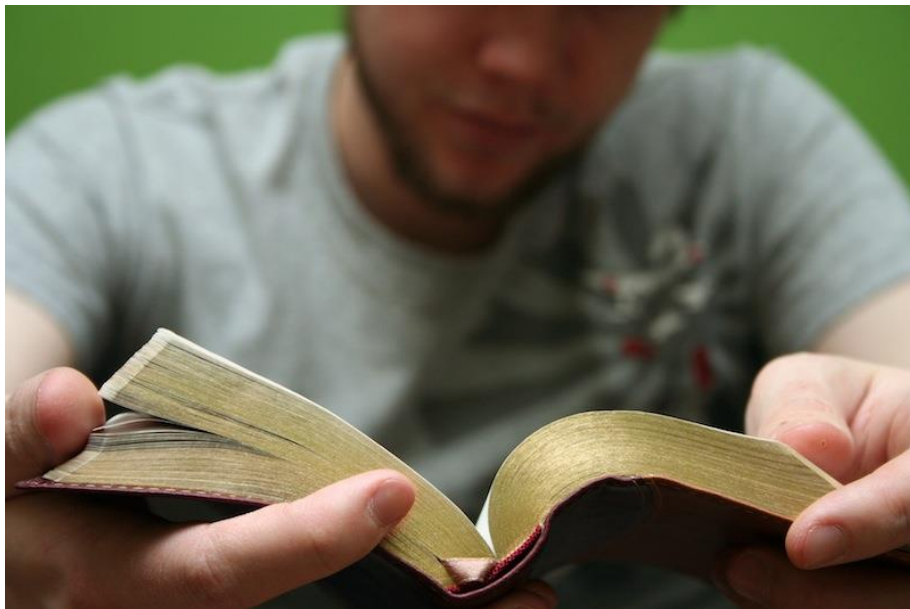


# *SOUL FOOD*

## *March 2015*



*But his delight is in the law of the Lord;  
and in His law doth he meditate day and night  
Psalm 1: 2*

## ***Serving the Lord***

*The Lord speaks to us in His Word, giving us guidance for our lives. By reading and reflecting on His teachings, we are able to cooperate with His goals for us. Emanuel Swedenborg is an example of a person who was able to serve the Lord partly because he conscientiously read the Word.*

*In his "Rules for Life," the very first one is:*

***"Diligently to read and meditate on the Word of God."***

*Starting as a young boy, Swedenborg prayed to the Lord and read His Word. He was very interested in science, for he wanted to learn all about the natural world. He enjoyed learning, and he kept studying long after he finished school. But he never forgot the advice of his father: "I beg you most earnestly that you will fear and love God above all else, for without this fear of God all other training, all study, all learning is of no account." Late in life, Swedenborg wrote 35 books that we call the Writings or the Heavenly Doctrines. It took him 24 years to write them all before he died in 1772. Some books told deeper meanings of the Word. Others described life after death, how the Lord created the world, how the Lord leads us, and the genuine marriage love called "conjugal love."*

*About these books, Swedenborg wrote, "I have not written anything from myself, but the truth from God." These precious books are the Lord's Writings, but He gave them to the world through Emanuel Swedenborg. Each of us has the potential to serve the Lord and each other in wonderful ways.*

*The best preparation includes reading the Lord's Word and reflecting or meditating on it.*

## ***Swedenborg's Rules of Life***

*Diligently read and meditate on the Word of God*

*Be content under the dispensation of the Lord's Providence.*

*Observe propriety of behaviour and keep the conscience pure.*

*To obey what is ordered*

*And to attend faithfully to one's office and other duties;*

*and, in addition to make one's self useful to society in general.*

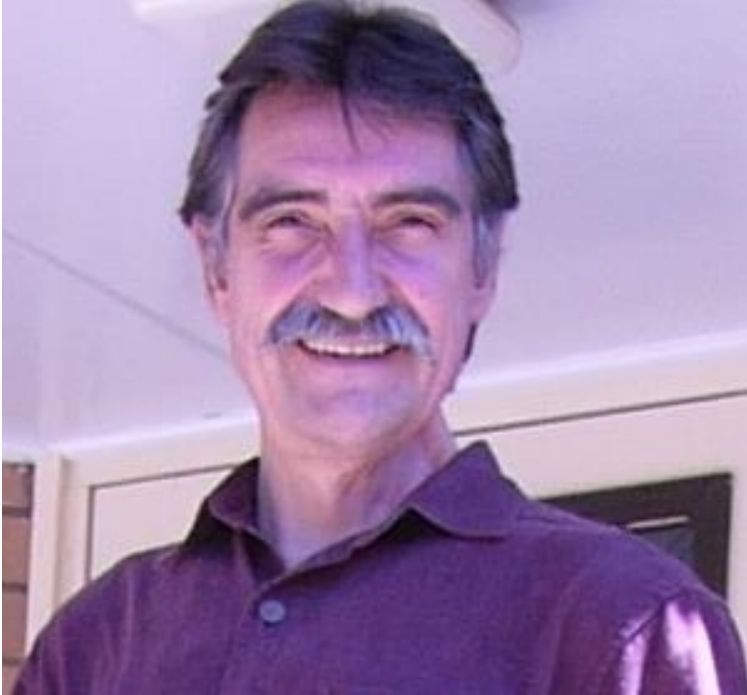
### ***News***

***Retreat*** in May30,31 and June 1<sup>st</sup> is to be held with ***Rev Todd Beiswenger*** at a venue to be organised by the Perth Society. His wife Jenn and son Zach will be attending too😊  
*Mark this event in your diary too.*

### ***Birthdays***

***Alex Benjko:*** Passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015

***Rev Todd Beiswenger*** officiated at a memorial service held at McDougal House on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February



*Informal farewell to Alex on 15/2/15*

*It is always hard to say goodbye to a dear departing friend. Even more sad when we learn that they have left without us having a chance to say goodbye. Even more sad when their departure is one way.*

*It shocks us. We grieve. We remember all the good times, the old memories unwind and play back to us to help us see Alex in our mind's eye. Highly intellectual. Sensitive. Considerate. Helpful. Polite. Kind. Generous. A gentle loving spirit to all.*

*Alex we know you struggled with in this gross physical world of harsh realities. Your mind ever searching for lofty principles and ideals, trying to accommodate them to the world around you.*

*Arriving into our lives the day Verity got married December 2005, after finding us on the web...you spoke to Peter Buss the then Bishop.*

*You inspired us with the desire to study the Old and New Testaments in more depth.*

*Later you*

*were the only representative of us from Perth when you attended the Hurstville Anniversary.*

*You led the "Rise Above It" course at Smuts home in 2006.*

*When Raymond was struggling with cancer you were a frequent visitor and spent hours chatting to him.*

*Your help to Smuts family during the decline of Dr Phan, and house sitting for Mary was much appreciated.*

*You also led the Seven practices of Peace in 2014 at McDougal House, and the Divine Providence class ongoing through 2014/2015.*

*You had so very much to give. We longed to see you overcome your struggles and comfort ourselves that you are now out of the problems of this world and by now will have been greeted by celestial angels.*

*Now you are needed in the Lord's kingdom and you will, no longer have that heavy physical burden to bear. You will be able to fulfil the yearning in your heart to function fully, to learn more and more, and associate usefully in the company of kindred spirits in your new home.*

*Alex we miss you already but farewell you with full hearts and teary eyes knowing that when a new soul enters heaven the angels rejoice!*



*June 19<sup>th</sup> Banquet 2006*



## **Calendar March 2015**

<i>Sun 1</i>	<i>5pm worship</i>	<i>McDougal House</i>
<i>Sun 8</i>	<i>10.30am worship</i>	<i>McDougal House</i>
<i>Wed 11</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Val's</i>
<i>Sun 15</i>	<i>10.30am worship</i>	<i>McDougal House</i>
<i>Wed 25</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Val's</i>
<i>Sun 22</i>	<i>10.30am worship</i>	<i>McDougal House</i>



***We are all created to become angels of Heaven  
which is a kingdom of communities.***

*Worship Services are held weekly see attached Calendar  
for venue and times or*

<http://www.newchurch.org/societies/perth/newsletters>

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*McDougal House, 20 Clydesdale St, Como.*

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