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This Busy World Today

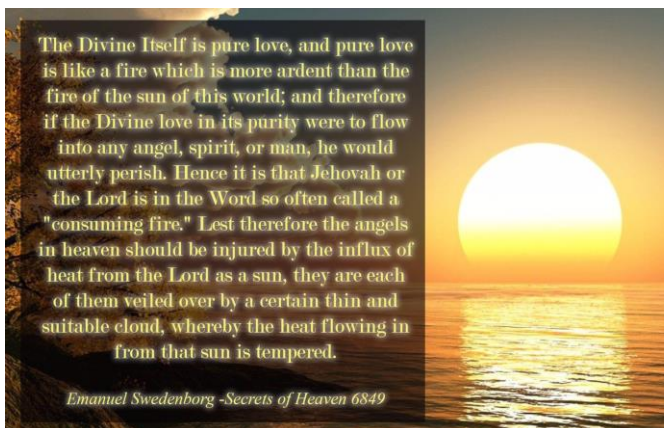
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This busy world today, that has mankind leading a sort of automated existence; i.e. waking up each morning, preparing for the day ahead. Racing off to places of work; being daily controlled by the clock. The clock letting you know when it is time that you can partake of lunch, when you can have a light refreshment break; then after a certain amount of working hours, when you can “clock off” and go home to your family, spend time with friends, and relax and enjoy. This even starts early, for little children starting kindy. Then its Primary school, High school, and onto University, College, training as an important trade, or at least finding some employment.

Please may we find time to think about how we can help others, to share precious time with family, friends and neighbours; and to find time to pray and thank God for all the gifts he bestows on us.

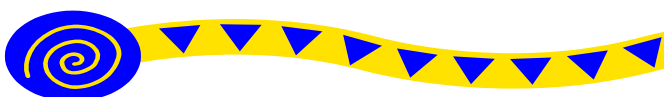
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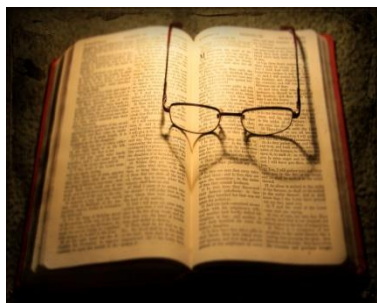


Just love these insights from Secrets of Heaven. Many thanks to Darren Brunne for highlighting this on fb for us all and the Brisbane Church. There is so much written in the Writings, that we perhaps should be making more known, in this crazy world we live in and try and make our voice louder, for more people to enjoy. As valuable today, as when written in the early 1770s, and everlasting too.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-11
 “⁴Love is patient and kind, love is not jealous or boastful; ⁵love is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶It does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends; as for prophesies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge it will pass away. ⁹For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesy is imperfect; ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child, when I became an adult, I gave up childish ways.

1 Corinthians 14: 1
 “Make love your aim, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.”





Inspirational Thoughts

“When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, Pray to thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father who seest in secret shall reward thee openly.”

Matthew 6:6

This is the Lord’s teaching about prayer. The closet, or inner chamber, represents the interior of the mind. And shutting the door, means closing out all distracting thoughts from the world. In this secret place we meet, and talk with our Father. Here He will see us, and reward us openly. When prayer begins from, and ends in, the outer life, it ceases there. When it begins from the inner chamber, it spreads abroad, then the reward or love of our Father is open to all.

Prayer:-

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry: Hold not Thy peace at my tears.
Amen

ADELAIDE CHURCH MOTTO

“The Law of the Lord is perfect”

This motto was created at the time the New Church began here in Adelaide in 1844. As relevant today as it was then.

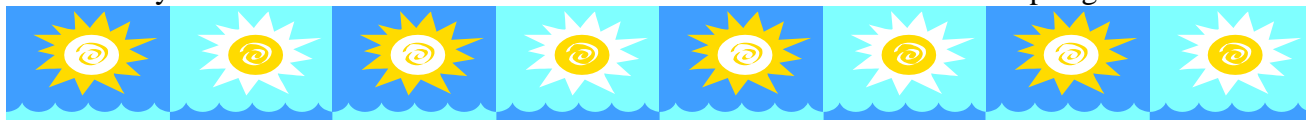
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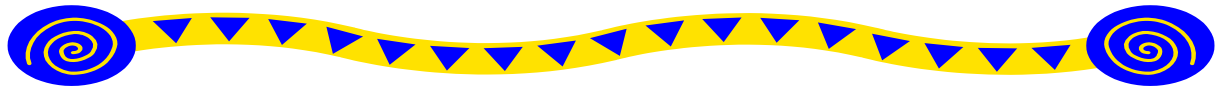
Jeremy and Jasper Visser-Marchant - A surprise drop-in visit to Adelaide, on their way back home to Canberra from Perth, saw June and Ken popping in to the airport, meeting the lads and taking them out for a little while between flights . First stop, food and refreshments for two teenage lads; then into the car down to Glenelg for a pleasant walk along the Patawalonga first. Jeremy and Jasper were quite intrigued with the Buffalo ship – now a restaurant – sitting there, taking in its size and shape etc. then thinking back to 1836 when this ship travelled across the world from UK to South Australia. Next a walk along Holdfast Marina with all the deluxe boats and cabin cruisers moored there. On to Mosely Square to look at the Winter Wonderland Ice Rink; – no time for ice skating though. Then it was time to head straight back to the airport for their flight home to Canberra. A lovely surprise afternoon!

Randall Rabone and Pauline Merritt are escaping the Australian winter for 8 days, as they are off to Bali. They informed us that this was a sort of ‘compulsory’ escape, as it is to celebrate Pauline’s daughter’s 50th Birthday celebration in Bali. Pauline’s daughter is a Nurse at Flinders Hospital, so it is sure to be a well deserved break and celebration for the whole family. A very Happy Birthday is wished to Pauline’s daughter.

It was a pleasure to have a chat with **Shirley Hussey** on the phone the other week. It is good to hear Shirley and the family are doing okay and adjusting to life without Frank. It was good to chat about Frank and how dedicated he was to his role for the Church. We wish Shirley and family well.

Adelaide weather has been so changeable lately, the trees are not sure if its winter or spring. Lovely sunny warm days with people out and about, strolling along the beaches; then it turns wet and chilly for a few days. This has seen several of us with colds and flu. Roll on the real spring and summer.





Gee, someone was in a hurry to get to Church!



Yes, sadly this happened to our Church on 1st July 2017. A call from the Police at 7.50am, requesting attendance, had a panic-stricken me making a dash down to Church. Thankfully my husband drove us. When we saw this, it was hard to comprehend how a car had ended up there. Apparently, it was travelling on the far side of the road, jumped the median strip, swiped the corner of a metal fence two doors down, mowed down an inter-joining 2.6" metal fence between two driveways. Charged through the front garden next door, side swiping their 4-wheeled car on the way; crashed through the 6ft. high brick wall between us and next door, then smashed into the Church wall.

The Police have disqualified the driver - he was unhurt apart from minor scratches to his arms where he clambered to the rear of the car, broke the rear window to get out. So far it is proving to be a long job, as structural engineers have to redraw plans for rebuilding that wall. The roof of the affected wall is being supported by metal poles inside. The inter-joining wall between us and the neighbours will have to be rebuilt too.

The SES have done an amazing job, securing and making safe the building. But for safety the Church itself is "out of bounds". It would be rather chilly without a proper wall and the heater. The rest of the building is safe for us and warm. We have created a mini-church area, with a lectern and comfy chairs in a semi-circle, in the Hall area. It is warm there too; this will suffice until the building work has been completed. Already we are longing to be back in our beautiful Church - patience is the name of the game. The insurance company Assessor is being most helpful. Seeing the plight of the historical oak Baptismal pedestal, he contacted French Polishers, and last Thursday it was returned to Church, having been stripped down and completely re-French Polished again. It looks like new again; now being kept safely in the office until it can go back again. More news later.

Services for August and September 2017

August

13th August - Traditional Service
20th August - Traditional Musical Service

September

17th - September - Traditional Musical Service
24th - September - Service, shared luncheon, General Meeting
(Please note, Members and friends will be notified regarding the General Meeting)

Inter Faith Group

Our Church has become part of the Inter Faith group here in Adelaide. The next meeting, is to be held in a Uniting Church, there will be a Skype link up, live from USA, projected onto a large screen, for us to hear how that Church is planning new initiatives.

These Inter Faith Group meetings are being held every three months, the next one to be held in August

Committee Meeting

The last committee meeting held on 11th July, had many items to discuss. It lasted one and a half hours, but it was cut short, leaving several items over to next meeting. There was a lot to discuss about the effects of the car crash. The reason for a General Meeting on 24th September, is due to the change in the Financial Year, now in line with ATO year. The accounts for a full year will be at the Auditors for the September General Meeting. As there has already been the usual Annual General Meeting in March this year, it was felt that a formal General Meeting, mainly to present the Audited Accounts should take place in September. Next year the Annual General Meeting will be in September 2018.

Activities 2017

North Metro Study Group: This is currently held on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm, at one of our member's home, just North of the CBD. Please contact 0417 632 207 for details.

Angel Meditation The attendees to Angel Meditation will be notified by telephone, when the next one is to take place. Winter chills and poor health has postponed some of these.

Adelaide Bible Study - and discussion time: - This is held at the Church Hall on Thursday afternoons at 12.30pm, following on from refreshments and coffee/tea etc. at 12.00 o'clock. Please phone Church 8277 1891

Computer Awareness is held on Thursday morning from 10.30am - 12.00pm. Bring your own USB for storage of your work, or your own laptop. Internet is on all computers for research and use and free wi-fi is available for you to use when inside our building.

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