

WRITING HISTORY

Luke 1:1-4

Being Deliberate

1 THE SOURCES

2 THE INVESTIGATION

3 THE RESULT

4 THE PURPOSE

Being Confident

The idea is based on a conversation that Jesus had with some of his disciples in Mark 8:28-29. "Who do people say that I am?" and "What about you, who do you say that I am?"

There is a website, to help us, and for interested people to learn more about what people say about Jesus: jesus-is.org.au. Why not take a look for yourself?

We are planning to train up more and more people to be able to work out their own personal answer to the question, and practise having gospel conversations in this term and early next year. We hope and pray that as a result of people speaking with their friends, and family and work colleagues, there will also be some invitations to come along to church at St James. Our sermon series in early 2018 will be following the theme: "Jesus Is ____." The month of March 2018 will be the special month of mission, with the climax being the week 18-25 March, when we will have a range of special events for young and old, across the region. We will be assisted by a range of guest speakers and all the students from Moore College, assisting our churches in the work of the proclamation of the gospel. Stay tuned for more information, but start praying even now, for the people you would like to speak to about the Lord Jesus, and how you might ask the question of others, and answer the question for yourself: How would you finish the sentence: "Jesus Is _____?"

Your brother in Christ, Chris

MEN'S BREAKFAST \$5

8m Saturday 18th November at the Rectory – Andrew Cameron

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 7.30pm tomorrow

MISSION TEAM FROM THE NATIONAL TRAINING EVENT

At the start of December each year the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students run the National Training Event. This year we have a team of 10-12 students coming from Wednesday 6th December through to Sunday 10th December. They will be looking for opportunities to speak to people about the gospel. They will be sharing in the Scripture seminar at Douglas Park Public School, speaking with the Men at Shop, sharing with people at Durham Green and with people in our local area. Please consider helping billet the students or providing some meals for them.

CMS SUMMER SCHOOL 6-8th Jan 2018

This is a great chance to meet many of our CMS missionaries, hear about the spread of the gospel around the world, and hear some great Bible teaching, while enjoying Christian fellowship. This year, Richard Chin, will be teaching about the supremacy of Christ, from the book of Colossians. Consider coming away for the whole week, or coming up to Katoomba for the day. Find out more information and book in:

<http://www.nswsummerschool.org.au/apply/>

Prayer for the twenty-second Sunday after Trinity:

Father in heaven, keep your household the church steadfast in faith and love, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and may devoutly serve you in good works to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Requests:

Please keep the following in your prayers: Ray & Colleen Burge; Esmee Charles, David Cutts [give praise for the good report], Merv Filby, John [Barb's son-in-law], Barbie Linfoot, Leandra Negrini, Celeste [Merle's daughter], Ernie & Jean Siddall, Matthew Wood.

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Offertory		Target	Actual	
2017	Last Week	\$2,500	\$1,860	74%
	Year to date	\$112,250	\$108,098	96%
2017	Mission (last week)		\$191	
	Mission (year to date)		\$10,344	
Other missions giving 2017:		Barnabas Fund \$606 BCA boxes \$360 A'Bishop's Aid \$150 MAF \$150 IGL \$400		
Bank details for Direct Debit giving:				



Geoff and Robyn



Michael Duckett



Craig and Red Fulton



God so loved the world that he gave...
God so loved the world that he forgave...



MONTH OF MISSION

12th November 2017

There has been a lot of talk about the Australian constitution lately. There is a real concern that none of our politicians should be dual citizens: Australians with an allegiance to or an interest in another country, at the same time. There is the fear that their commitment to the “other country” might sway or influence their decision making, and work against the interests of the Australian community. The surprise for many people is that it is that only after serious digging in the family vaults they might discover they have a citizenship of which they were previously unaware.

On the basis of Philippians 3:20 many Christians have declared themselves to be dual citizens. Paul writes: “But our citizenship is in heaven.” We may live on this earth for a long time, but we always know that our eternal home is in heaven. We also know that some people may say: “He is so heavenly minded that he is of no earthly use.” But history shows that Christians have been at the forefront of acts of genuine charity over the years and across many areas of need.

Our heavenly citizenship is a very important concept. Although many of us have been taught about the love of God and the cross of Christ by our parents, Christian faith is not something that is automatically inherited. We have to make it our own, and then realise that it is a gift from God that we personalise. We could even say that **Jesus is my Ambassador**, the one who is from the “other country” and grants me that new status of becoming a citizen of his country. After all, as we sing at Christmas: “He comes from the Glory.”

The whole idea of working out different ways to speak about what Jesus means to us, is the theme of the Month of Mission in March next year. This mission is being undertaken across our whole region, not just the Macarthur Region, but the whole of the Wollongong Region, which Bishop Peter Hayward looks after. This area stretches from Sutherland down to Ulladulla. All the people of the churches in that Wollongong Region will be working together to generate lots of conversations about the person of Jesus. We will be seeking to engage people to be talking about Jesus. “Who is Jesus for you? How would you complete the sentence, Jesus Is ___?” And then trying to be prepared to share how we might answer the same question, but with a particular and personal edge to our answer. We would hope to make just one point, get across just one idea, and have further conversations about what it means to be a Christian, go to church, and read the Bible to learn more about Jesus.