

# **PAYING THE BILLS**

Deuteronomy 14 1 Timothy 5

“Partial Baptism”

## 1 THE PICTURE OF SALVATION

“God’s love changes us.”

## 2 THE RESULT OF SALVATION

Independence

Dependence

Interdependence

“An Undivided Heart”

about being good stewards of the resources that have been entrusted to us by God. We always need to be careful about how we spend our money and use our time. We need to be faithful in the way we earn our money and thoughtful in the way that we spend our money, after paying our bills. But what is the overall purpose? For the non-believer, the purpose is to have as much money as possible to spend on ourselves and our family. For the believer, it is so that we can maximise the resources that we can make available for God's kingdom purposes.

Your brother in Christ,  
Chris

### ***MAF Fundraiser***

A variety of cards are available at the church entrance. Please put your donation in the offertory plate and mark it "MAF".

### ***Menangle Kids***

Our children are collecting money for The Bible Society to translate the Bible into another indigenous language. It is also the 200th year of the Bible society operating in Australia, so we would like to raise \$200. This term the children will be selling things - all the proceeds will go to the Bible Society. Look out for them after church and support their efforts.

### ***Operation Christmas Child***

#### **HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX:**

Grab a shoebox and cover the box and lid separately with brightly coloured paper.

Choose boy or girl and age 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

Donate \$10 for each shoebox you are going to pack.

Fill each shoebox with simple gifts; include something from each of the 6 categories:

*Something to wear*

*Something to play with*

*Something for school*

*Something to love*

*Something special*

*Something for personal hygiene*

Pray for the child who will receive your shoebox gift.

Include a personal note of encouragement and a photo.

Shoebox collection month is October.

Contact Leandra on 0414 409 032 for further details.

## Prayer for the fourteenth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty and eternal God, grant that we may grow in faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayer Requests:

Please keep the following in your prayers: Ray & Colleen Burge; Esmee Charles, David Cutts, Merv Filby, John [Barb's son-in-law], Rochelle Lawless, 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	\$3,595	143%
	Year to date	\$92,500	\$89,928	97%
2017	Mission (last week)	\$237		
	Mission (year to date)	\$8,395		
Other missions giving 2017:		Barnabas Fund \$525 BCA boxes \$360 A'Bishop's Aid \$150 MAF \$150		
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...



## **BEING SHREWD MANAGERS**

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Jesus said: I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.” Matthew 16:9

When Jesus tells the parable of the shrewd manager, he is addressing his own disciples. But in the background, there are the Pharisees. They were very keen religious people who tried to be exceptionally good, in keeping the ritual laws of the Old Testament. But Jesus knew that they loved money more than they loved God. Jesus makes some extreme statements: “You cannot serve God and money” (v13) and “What is highly valuable among men is detestable in God’s sight.” (v15)

It seems odd to us that Jesus should commend the shrewd manager for writing off some of the debts of his boss, in order to make friends with his creditors. But the whole point of Jesus’ parable is that his followers should use worldly wealth to advance the kingdom of God. The idea of making friends who will welcome you into eternal dwellings is all about using our money to support gospel outreach. This is so that, when we reach our heavenly home, we will then be welcomed by the very people who have become followers of Jesus through the very funds that we had set aside and given for gospel purposes. This is such an amazing thought that goes beyond our everyday experience. But it puts the gospel, Christian conversions and kingdom growth as the highest priority and the most valuable thing in this world.

It is important to keep this perspective in mind as we think