



## Faith Hope and Love

This was the theme of our Convention held over the weekend of 16-18<sup>th</sup> November. CareWorks, and Churches of Christ in SA and NT AGM's.

### Faith, Hope and Love

These were the topics of our speakers on Friday evening and Saturday's gatherings.

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There is much to do as we move from our Convention 2017 and forward into 2018. As we do, let us not lose sight of these three things as we discern the future God would have for us.

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The three things that continue forever according to Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 13:13) is Faith, Hope and Love. Paul concludes with the statement "and the greatest of these is love.

### Faith Hope and Love

Why would love be the greatest of these things? The chapter talks about speech, prophecy, knowledge of God and even the faith to move mountains being "nothing" without love.

I have **Faith** that Christ Jesus is guiding us forward as Churches of Christ into yet another "new thing" as he promises in scripture.

I have **Hope** in the future that Christ Jesus has promised us; and is calling us into even now.

I have **Love** for Christ Jesus as our Lord and God. I have **Love** for who we are as congregations, Churches of Christ who have faithfully stood

together in Christ's name; calling for unity that is not authoritative but relational. I have **Love** for the Gospel that when embodied, brings healing and truth to those who experience its truth in Christ Jesus. I have **Love** for the Scriptures that teach us to see Christ Jesus in love.

Remember **Love** is patient and kind. **Love** is not jealous nor will it brag or be proud. **Love** is not rude. **Love** is not selfish. Those who live with **Love** do not get upset with others. **Love** won't let us hold onto or count up, wrongs that have been done. **Love** takes no pleasure in evil! **Love** rejoices over truth. **Love** patiently accepts all things. **Love** always trusts, always hopes, and always endures. **Love** never ends. <sup>1Cor13:4-8)</sup>

Remember for God so **Loved** the world that he gave his son... as a baby, who became a man and who is our Christ.

This Advent season as we remember the miracle of Immanuel – God with us; as we hold in tension the end of one year and the beginning of a new one, this journey that we are on as a movement. Let us with Faith and Hope look to next year holding each other in Love.

Merry Christmas

Scott.



## CareWorks Christmas Appeal

Your generous gift to the CareWorks Christmas Appeal can make an amazing difference in the life of a family struggling to celebrate this Christmas.

Christmas Hampers will be distributed on behalf of our churches to people experiencing Financial Hardship and/or Domestic Violence.

Last year, together we distributed 300 hampers and thousands of gifts. This is made possible by the generosity of our people, and with your support we can once again express love and compassion to others who do not have the resources many of us do. These gifts are so gratefully received.

You can make a tax deductible donate easily by visiting [www.givenow.com.au/careworkssa](http://www.givenow.com.au/careworkssa) or send you donation to: CareWorks, PO Box 306, Torrensville Plaza SA 5031.

More details are available in the November CWConnect newsletter.



### CareWorks Office Christmas closing times

Please note that the CareWorks Office will be closed from Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> through until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

### Please Pray for

- The CareWorks staff who work so hard to facilitate CareWorks' caring ministries
- Those who donate and those who will sort and deliver toys and food to Domestic Violence Shelters. May those who are the recipients be aware of the Love of Jesus, and the care that is expressed through the Church Community
- The ministries at CareWorks Noarlunga, Balaklava Church of Christ Community Care, Marion Life and Brighton Church of Christ Community care
- Give thanks for a wonderful Churches of Christ conference weekend

**The State Office of  
Churches of Christ in SA & NT  
will be closed from Dec 22 to Jan 2 inclusive**

Christmas time and subsequent celebrations are full of life and laughter!

And yet for some, this season is filled with heartache and grief.

In the midst of bright lights, Christmas jingles and paraphernalia,  
some people look for a quiet space . . .

Those who are seeking quiet hope, comfort or healing are invited to a

### Blue Christmas Service

with the Aldgate Church of Christ and  
Bridgewater Uniting Church.

For any who are sad, lonely, find Christmas 'just too hard',

or have experienced any kind of loss . . .

you are invited and welcome to rest in the simplicity

of hearing and knowing the story of God-with-us,  
giving comfort, bringing peace, offering hope,  
resting in love.

**Wednesday, 20th December, 7:30pm**

**Aldgate Church of Christ**

54 Strathalbyn Road, Aldgate



## World Day of Prayer 2018

**Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018**

**Look out for a Service in your area.**

The Service was prepared by women of **Suriname**, a small country in the north of South America.

They chose the theme:

**All God's Creation is Very Good!**

**City Service, 1.30pm**

**Flinders St Baptist Church**

65 Flinders St, Adelaide.

**All welcome**

For further information contact Julie Walladge on  
0422 279 083

## Morialta Charitable Trust Fund

Morialta Charitable Trust Fund has been supporting disadvantaged Children, Young People and their families in South Australia for 40 years.

To enable this support to continue through Community Organisations, the Trust Fund seeks public donations. Donations of \$2- and above are Tax Deductible and can be forwarded to the Morialta Charitable Trust Fund at PO Box 92, Crafers SA 5152.

## Convention 2017 Faith, Hope & Love

In appreciation of everyone's contribution

—Alan Young—President

*Moments of celebration, reflection, connection and action.*

- \* CareWorks SA, finding our voice for the needy
- \* SouthPoint's music team joyously lifting our voices in praise & adoration
- \* New Church plant in Elizabeth/Andrew's Farm
- \* Dedication of our State team in service to our Movement
- \* Sharing in (Edwardstown/Glenelg) SouthPoint's growth excitement and Clinton Montgomery's ordination
- \* Six new Church Apps now able to share a sermon a day
- \* Youth Vision's leadership reaching the hearts of our young within church & beyond.
- \* Adrian Blenkinsop's message to cast our net in a different way amid changing times
- \* Jade's art placing Faith, Hope & Love centre stage in our lives
- \* Tabor students reminding us of our Churches' story of Faith
- \* Ian Schneider challenging us to enact our Faith by reaching out to the most vulnerable in practical ways
- \* Sharing our stories of Faith with each other and prayer
- \* Derek Linsell passionately encouraging us to connect with each other, to return to our roots and be open to serve God's world seeking spiritual growth
- \* Julie Simpson encouraged us to respond by being beacons of Hope in sharing God's gracious gift from beginning through eternity
- \* Acceptance of reports highlighting our blessings and ongoing concerns; resources, needs and outreach
- \* Importance of process in continuing our review and to value being in community whilst sharing our conversation
- \* Tanya Nokes opening our minds to the Love of God and its power within us moved all to continue in His Love
- \* Inducting our president, Alan Young and our CEO, Scott Combridge for the next two years
- \* Doug Walladge lead us in sharing Communion, reminding us all of the act that enables us to be reconciled with our Lord
- \* Be bold, honour all people, love and serve Jesus Christ where ever He calls you to be

*Thank you to all who participated and are now sharing their moments of celebration, reflection, connection and action in all that they do.*

Special thanks to the Marion Church for their hospitality and the extra-ordinary planning team who brought us together in this year's Convention. Namely, Mark Riessen, Doug Walladge, Janet Mugford, Valerie Gordge & Lyndall Simpson-Smith.







5.30pm - Pre-entertainment

7.30pm - Carols Commence

You're invited to a night of Christmas Carols

**Lots of Music and Entertainment plus ...**

BBQ ... Side Gate Café open for Coffees and Refreshments ... Jumping Castle ... Wheelie Kids

**When: Saturday 9th December**

**Time:** 5.30pm Pre-Entertainment

**7.30pm Carols**

**Where:** Marion Church of Christ Car Park  
Cnr Marion Rd & Alawoona Ave Mitchell Park

**Bring:** Your family, friends and a chair/rug

### Dulwich Rose Park United Parish

## Christmas Events and Services

in the Gartrell Church corner of Prescott Terrace and Alexandra Avenue, Rose Park.

**Dec 10 – 10 am.** You are invited to a service of ... and Carols with Cantabile Singers.

**Dec 18 – 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm Open Church** - a special time for children to visit the manger, hear the Christmas story and engage in crafts and activities.

**Christmas Eve – 10 am worship,**  
**11.15 pm Candlelight Service.**

**Christmas Day – 10 am** On Christmas Morning at 10am we will celebrate the gift of the Christ Child and remember the real meaning of the Christmas Season.

[gartrellchurch.org.au](http://gartrellchurch.org.au)

## Modbury Church of Christ

955—957 North East Rd, Modbury

Christmas Eve Service — 10.00 am

Christmas Day Carol Service — 9.00 am



## Salisbury East Church of Christ

Corner of Smith Road and Yale Road  
Salisbury East.

## Christmas Carols Night

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm.**

Welcome to Young and Old

Sing along to the karaoke sound.

Featuring beautiful traditional and new songs amid an Aladdin's cave of sparkling Christmas lights.

Bring a plate of supper to share.

## Call to Pray

It is a good thing when you can pray for someone. It not only calls on God to be active in their situation, but it has an effect on us, the ones praying.

You are invited to join with people across our churches in praying for one another. This month we will focus on:

Williamstown, Aldgate, Aldinga Community, Balaklava, Berri.



**COCOA Christmas Offering** envelopes have just been mailed out and should be arriving for you at the start of December.

There is a Video and PowerPoint slide to help you promote the offering. These resources are available on [www.gmp.org.au/resources](http://www.gmp.org.au/resources)

If you need more envelopes or other resources please free call the GMP office on 8352 3466. Thank you for your support that changes lives! Wishing you all a wonderful and meaningful Christmas, from all the staff at Global Mission Partners