



transforming lives

through helping people connect with Jesus Christ

October 2018



'Take courage my heart, stay steadfast my soul, He's in the waiting...' [Take Courage, Kristen DiMarco]

The words of this song were stuck in my head, like it was on repeat. Over and over and over. I was sitting at the doctors with my firstborn Charlie waiting for his appointment.

I don't like to wait. For anything. I will pretty much do anything to avoid a line. I'll find 5 things to do while I'm waiting for the microwave to beep and if it was legal, I would use the red traffic light time to respond to my e-mails (be assured I don't!). Because I really don't like waiting. But my phone was dead, Charlie was looking at a book and I really don't like waiting (did I mention that?).

'Take courage my heart, stay steadfast my soul, He's in the waiting...' So, I sat with Jesus in the waiting room, in the waiting. And as we sat together he spoke to me of His hope, His plans and His goodness. He spoke to me of the immeasurably more than I could hope dream or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). He is in the waiting!

It was in this moment I realised His presence in the waiting shapes and equips us for what is coming. As we look at the life of Joseph together, it is evident that Joseph was familiar with waiting. The visions and promises God spoke over his life took years to come to fulfillment and the 'waiting' included betrayal from his brothers, accusations against his integrity and the inside of a jail cell.

As a community we are in a season of waiting. With this can come ambiguity, grief, potential confusion and frustration.

Hebrews 10:23 gives us the premise for our waiting...

'Let us seize and hold tightly the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is reliable and trustworthy and faithful [to His word]'.

Continued.....

It's our prayer for our community during this time that we would hold tightly to the truth of Jesus and stand firm in the promises of He who is faithful- that He will build his church, that He will restore all things and that He will indeed set out to achieve what He started for every single one of us. This we can be certain of.

And in the waiting, this same passage goes on to tell us how to live. *'This is not the time to pull away and neglect[n] meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning.'* Heb 10:25 TPT.

As we continue to meet together in this period of uncertainty, waiting and discerning I believe God is refining each one of us for the season ahead. Preparing, growing and empowering us to live more fully with Him and for Him.

Much love and prayers over each one of you from your leadership team. It is a great privilege to wait together- regardless of differences and bound in unity in Him who is faithful.

Much Love, Erin

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Survey-

Please complete the online survey to share your thoughts (as soon as you're ready, deadline October 17). Hard copies available at church or via the office.

8am Service Prayer Request-

If you have any prayers need and would like to be included on the prayer list handed out at the 8am service then please contact Sue Daniels by Thursday each week. The list is for everyone to offer prayer to our Lord for His answer, so let's get on board!

AGAPE-

- ◆ Term 4 will commence Monday 15th October.
- ◆ AGAPE's "Inspiring Excellence" concert will be held at **2pm on Saturday 3rd November.**

The Prayer Chain

The CUC Prayer Chain is made up of a dedicated team of prayer warriors. If you have a need for support through prayer for any circumstance please contact one of our convenors.

Pam Stephenson 4657 1227

PREACHING PLAN - October

DATE	8am	9.30am	5.30pm
7 October	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION
14 October	Erin McKerral	Erin McKerral	Erin McKerral
21 October	Rev Peter Wilson	Rev Peter Wilson	Cameron McKerral
28 October	Dennis Astill	Rev Peter Wilson	Rev Peter Wilson
4th Nov	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION

ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to commence doing your tithing online we have 2 methods you can use.

1. Giving into our Main Account or 2. Giving Direct Account

The Giving Direct account is set up by Uniting Financial and each giver is allocated a number so as to remain anonymous in their tithing. Giving into our Main Account is managed by you so is therefore more flexible but unlike the Giving Direct it isn't always anonymous. Forms for the Giving Direct are at The Hub or our main account details are:

BSB: 634-634

ACC: 100026652

NAME: Camden Uniting Church Main A/C

REFERENCE: **Tithe or offering** (this is essential so we can allocate deposits)

If you would prefer to receive offering envelopes every quarter to be regular in your tithing to the church and missionaries then please contact Mel in the office and we will add you to the list, in the meantime spare envelopes can be sourced at the Hub. Any enquiries please contact the office during business hours.

EVENTS CALENDAR

October 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labour Day	2	3	4 Ladies Church Aid 9:30am	5 Office Closed	6
7 Church Services 8am 9.30am 5.30pm	8	9 Office Closed	10	11	12	13
14 Church Services 8am 9.30am 5.30pm	15 LEF 7pm	16 Morning Fellowship 10am Office Closed	17	18 Office Closed	21 7.00pm CUC Youth	20 Southland Choir 1pm
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Upcoming Events:

Wollondilly Peoples Praise

Oct 7th/2:30pm— Sing into spring at Wollondilly Peoples Praise in a Sunday afternoon programme of praise and worship. Join us as we sing your favourite hymns from the much loved Alexanders Hymnal. Guest Artist: Soloist Laurie Boardman. At the conclusion of the programme join us for a cuppa and a chat. Picton Uniting Church, Corner Argyle and Lumsdaine Streets, Picton. Enquiries— 0423 640 307

Ladies Evening Fellowship-

15th October/7pm—Ladies Evening Fellowship celebrate another year of good company with an enticing evening spent (briefly) in their AGM. After that item is dealt with, we move onto a mystery speaker. All ladies most welcome to attend. Starts at 7pm and finishes with a delightful supper and a natter. Linda Eagles 0412 246 165

LEF CHRISTMAS PARTY – reminder – November the 19 in the Civic Centre. Cost \$35 and payable on booking your seat. A great night of fellowship! RSVP to Kay Sidman (0408 978 266), Linda Eagles (0412 246 165) or Helen Williams (0414 498 542) by the 11th of November with your payment.

FASHION PARADE— Once more we are holding the Wash and Wear Fashion from Paula and this lovely afternoon will be held on Saturday the 24th of November commencing at 2.00pm in Wesley Hall. A delicious afternoon tea will be served after the parade. Please feel free to invite your friends for a laugh, fashion and feasting— in that order!

Morning Tea Fellowship

16th October/10am- Meets at the home of Leigh and Sue Daniels. Please RSVP to Sue Daniels 0401396761.

Ladies Church Aid

1st November/9:30am—AGM— All ladies welcome

NEWS

Mental Health Seminar-

13th October—10am \$10 per person

Blacktown Uniting Church is hosting a Mental Health Seminar. See HUB for flyer and more information.

Counter-Culture Christians

Interdenominational Retreat-

The Sisters at Canaan are holding a retreat on the weekend of 20-22 October, beginning with the regular worship evening on Friday night. You are welcome to attend any of the sessions (cost by donation). The theme is Counter-Culture Christians, and it promises to be eye-opening, challenging and inspiring. See HUB for flyer and more information.

Turning Point-

Turning Point Camden is now located at 1/33 Elizabeth Street Camden. Feel free to drop in on any of our open days (Wednesday, Thursday 10-2 and Friday 9:30-2). Ph: 4655 1567, turningpointcamden@gmail.com. Thank you all for your support with funds, food, your time and prayers and in your support of blessing our community.

HSC Prayer List 2018

We invite the congregation to pray for the following students as they make their final preparations for and complete their HSC exams:

- Tom Woods
- Jacob Beggs

Please be praying for these students and the families supporting them during this time.

Term 4 dates:

The following ministries will be re-commencing for term 4 on the following dates:

AGAPE:	15 OCTOBER
YOUTH:	19 OCTOBER
KIDS CHURCH:	21 OCTOBER
PLAYGROUP:	22 OCTOBER

Help Needed

9.30am Stewards-

We are in need of extra people to be on the roster for our 9.30am service to be a part of our stewards team. Please speak to Earl Biffin to find our more or you can email him eham6@bigpond.com

Care Program

Co-ordinator required-

We are seeking a person who could take over the co-ordination of the team of volunteers to get a meal to those in need. If that could be you or for more information on the role please speak to Heather Loomes 0408 580619.

KIDS CHURCH

Leaders/Helpers-

We are seeking volunteers for this rewarding ministry with our children. If you feel God is calling you in 2018 to serve in this way please contact Peter Wilson to arrange a time to chat further.

Email: pwilson@camdenuniting.org.au or see him after the service.

TREASURERS REPORT

FY 2018/19	BUDGET	ACTUAL	SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)
September 2018	\$25,960	\$27,261	\$1,301
YEAR TO DATE	\$79,877	\$79,690	—\$187

Give thanks for the level of giving in September. The surplus in giving in September means our giving for the first quarter is almost at budgeted levels.

Pray for our congregations continued faithful commitment to the ministries of our church both financially and practically.

Kathy Key

Treasurer

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Staff Team Leaders:

8am Community

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9.30am Community & Kids Church

Rev Peter Wilson mobile: 0468 321640
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5.30pm Community

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Youth Community

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