

transforming lives

through helping people connect with Jesus Christ

November 2018

Do you ever lift?

Two of my best mates spend loads of time in the gym - hours at a time in fact and they seem to lift one really heavy thing just a few times in those hours. It took me a long time to realise they weren't just lazy... in fact it was the exact opposite.



Their focus is to be really, really strong. And they know that they can't shortcut the growth of muscles. Building big muscles is slow, heavy work. They have to strain them and hold them at a point of tension so that they are forced to grow. To lift too light and too quickly allows the muscles in training a momentum that actually makes the lifts easier and therefore doesn't grow the muscle to the same level of strength. SO, it's about slowing down, gritting your teeth and getting it done- time under tension.

As humans we tend to try and spend as little time as possible under tension. Whether it be a hard work out session, a difficult conversation or the awkward family gathering that you may grit your teeth through once a year. Even time reflecting on our own life can be tough to sit in. We can have so many tensions just in our own head and heart and often look to ways to avoid these tensions at all cost.

Joseph knew what it was to sit in tension. The awkward family encounters, a nation in famine under his command and prior to all of that, years and years of working his way out of jail along a slow and heavy path to becoming the hand to the King. Joseph was strong! He had incredible strength of character, leadership and wisdom forged by time under tension.

To carry the weight of the often difficult things in this life for our families and community, to lead with integrity, to bring glory to God and to be entrusted with his kingdom we need to learn to lift.

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Spending time under tension, committing to pushing through the awkward and hard, and even allowing ourselves to sit still in our tension just for a moment longer and allowing God to minister to us in that. And trusting Gods faithfulness in every moment as we see impossible feats of strength become possible.

Stay strong,
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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation Meetings November 4th

At 11am we will be meeting to consider the future directions of CUC in 2019. At 3pm there will be a meeting for those interested in forming a new community under another network in 2019. You are welcome to attend one or both of the meetings to find out more.

Congratulations

- Congratulations to Josh and Caitlin Grant on their new little baby boy, Henry.
- Congratulations to Dan Elliott and Corinne Fulford on their engagement.

Thank You

Carol Guyer and family would like to thank the church family for all the love and care they have received since the passing of Ron on the 29th of August. Many, many thanks. Carol

Scripture

It is a privilege to attend our local schools each week and tell the children the gospel truths. We are now preparing our Scripture classes for 2019. Would you consider teaching Scripture for just 1/2 hours each week? All the material and aids you need are provided and you may try it out by sitting in on some lessons this year. There will be some training during January 2019 but for more information, please contact Bronwyn Scherer 0408 292 716.

AGAPE

- ◆ 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
4 November	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION
11 November	Cameron McKerral	Cameron McKerral	Cameron McKerral
18 November	Rev Peter Wilson	Rev Peter Wilson	Erin McKerral
25 November	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION	Rev Peter Wilson HOLY COMMUNION
2 December	Dennis Astill	Dennis Astill	Erin McKerral

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

November 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30am Ladies Church Aid AGM	2 7.00pm CUC Youth	3 1pm AGAPE- "Pathway to excellence" student concert
4 Church Services 8am 9.30am 5.30pm	5 9.30am Fingerprints Playgroup	6 Office Closed	7 9.30am Fingerprints Playgroup	8	9 4.30pm Kidz Connect 7.00pm CUC Youth	10 12pm Macarthur Music Club 7:30pm Ladies Zumba Night
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Upcoming Events:

Ladies 80's Zumba Night

10th November/7:30pm-

Please join us for a fun girls night out while we raise funds to go to the incredible CUC mission work going on in India and Indonesia.

Morning Tea Fellowship

13th November/10am-

Meets at the home of Leigh and Sue Daniels (66 McCall Ave, South Camden). Please RSVP by 11th Nov to Sue Daniels 0401396761. All are welcome.

Ladies Evening Fellowship

LEF CHRISTMAS PARTY-

19th November in the Civic Centre. Cost \$35 and payable on booking your seat. A great night of fellowship! **RSPV** 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-

Has unfortunately been cancelled for this year and will be re-visited next year.

Property Committee Meeting

20th November/7:30pm Lower Activity Centre

Please contact Leigh Daniels for more information on 4653 1416.

Seniors Christmas Party

17th December/10am Lower Activity Centre

NEWS

Hutchings Can Drive

Please continue to leave any used cans and bottles in the barbeque area behind the church to be refunded for Steve and Natalie Hutchings helicopter fares in West Papau. We have raised so far through returned cans and the sale of lemon butter (made by Carol Guyer) a total of \$671. Big Thank you to all.

Blacktown Uniting Church Forum

Thursday November 15th/6:45pm-8:30pm

Join us to see how you can help people seeking asylum in your community and take action to achieve long term change. Learn about the current situation and hear stories from people with lived experience.

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Christmas is nearly here again!! If you are someone who chooses to bless people outside your family at Christmas, please consider these local giving opportunities:

- ◆ **TEAR**– The Useful Gift Shop will be operating again this year and will start in the next few weeks. Look for them coming soon at the back of the church.
- ◆ **Target UnitingCare Australia Christmas Appeal, Narellan Town Centre**– Simple purchase a \$1 Gift Tag at check out and Target will donate \$1 to the Uniting Christmas Appeal on your behalf Or, you can donate an unwrapped gift at the layby counter and they will make sure it gets to someone who really needs it.
- ◆ **Turning Point**– Looking for donations of cash to allow them to purchase gift cards for clients.

St John's Church Memorial Service

Tuesday 27th November/7pm

Tony Galea from St Johns Church is holding a memorial service for those who are grieving. Come along and be comforted by those who are in a similar situation.

Lost and Found

We have an overwhelming amount of personal belongings that have been found in our church. Please come see Mel in the office or Leigh and Sue Daniels to access our lost and found box to claim back your personal belongings.



TREASURERS REPORT

FY 2018/19	BUDGET	ACTUAL	SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)
October 2018	\$27,255	\$23,826	-\$3,429
YEAR TO DATE			-\$3,925

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

Kathy Key

Treasurer

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OUR MINISTRY TEAM:

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Staff Team Leaders:

8am Community

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9.30am Community & Kids Church

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5.30pm Community

Ps Erin McKerral Mobile: 0408 580804

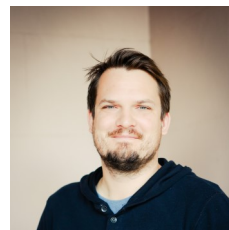
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Youth Community

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