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Celebration and Action

Our seasons of celebrating have passed and it is time to put into action the plans we prayed about and prepared last year in preparation for this season of activity focusing afresh on our ministry. So, Happy New Year!

Do you, like me, get lists of books from your Financial Advisor, and other service suppliers to read over the 'holidays'? I confess that these rarely get a second glance. But I do try to read at least one of the Christian books I have purchased during the year at this time. This year I have been reading "Models, Mentors, and Messages:" by Dr René Rochester.

In 2017 part of our focus will be on what the scriptures say about us being 'Ambassadors for Christ'. To be an ambassador, it means we have listened at some point to God Almighty / the Holy Spirit and declared that Jesus is our Saviour and he is God the Son. Dr René in talking about Jesus learning to obey, referred to Luke 2:49-51, following on from where Jesus (12 year old) had been in the temple, but went back to Nazareth with his parents and was subject / obedient to them.

"A lot of times when we hear God tell us what to do, we don't move forward because of fear. Of being misunderstood. Of being ridiculed. Of not fitting in. We tend to shy away. But Jesus didn't. He heard the voice of his father and obeyed. Here Jesus shows us how to do ministry : There's no one on the planet like you. You were born with a specific purpose in God's mind. All of us get so caught up in fear of what people think that we fail to see the uniqueness of our own design. What is it that you felt like God sent you here to do? Get praying. Don't stop dreaming. Don't loose your passion. ...

The Father has prepared a place for us, like he prepared a place for Jesus; but unfortunately, a lot of times we believe we're supposed to arrive in the 'place' of favour, blessing, and support because we feel God called, or we saw a need and went of our own accord. But it often seems that instead of walking day to day, we (impatiently) want to build several ministries, and have a great following /membership in the next two years. ...

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When Jesus saw that his parents did not understand what 'being about my fathers will' yet meant, he was obedient and returned to Nazareth for another 18 years before starting his public ministry as had been revealed to him. We often find this trusting God to bring about change to be difficult, while we remain obedient to God's voice and learn to wait for others to gain an understanding of what we've seen and heard.

Here is the rub! Often we cannot hear what to do, especially when it comes to change, because we've become dull of hearing." And we do not like change, do we?

Please join with me and the Board in praying that all of CBMC will hear and understand where God is leading us individually and collectively.

Tony Levick
Chairman

A Foreign but Necessary Idea?

Last year I casually agreed to get some information sent to me via email. I have just caught up with this year's project after returning from my usual time away at the CMS Summer School. They have called it "A Year Of Discovering Jesus". This is a 'cousin' of our "e-Operation Timothy"

I read "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus" by Nabeel Qureshi. This man knew the New Testament very well since he wanted to prove that Christians were wrong in holding to "Jesus Is God." The turning point in his faith journey came when he accepted the (often repeated) challenge to actually read the Koran and subsequently the Hadiths. I have found among some acquaintances that they have read the Koran (Eng.) but not any of the Bible, and on that basis (having not had Sunday School to even fall back upon) have rejected Christianity and anything about faith in God Almighty.

Our greatest challenge is to get our friends to read about Jesus, what he did (Gospels-Biographies), and what he continues to do (Acts). This is the number one goal of Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AEFS), Bible League, Bible Society, Church. AFES' second goal, like that of CBMC, is to train believers / disciples to share the good news so that we are obedient to the task Jesus gave us.

Here is the main question many people use in 'walk-up evangelism', which is also applicable to our general conversations:

"Who is Jesus to you?" { pause & wait for an answer }

{ if necessary prompt-} 'Was Jesus just a good man, a good teacher or a prophet? Or was He actually the Son of God?'

I feel sure the answers will alarm, and maybe even shock you. So often, our generation rejects following Jesus because they believe it to be just a list of rules to follow, or a boring life to settle for, or a stern ruler who just wants to control us and limit our fun. BUT be gracious and see how the conversation may flow, still with the aim of reading the Bible with them. Or if that seems remote, do try to use OT in printed or 'e' form. It will give you some structure and help in building the relationship between you and the relationship with Jesus.



Remember, as we look through the pages of scripture, we discover that following Jesus is the most beautiful, fulfilling and risky adventure. We discover that Jesus invites us into a life of beauty and excitement and wonder. We discover that Jesus was a radical, passionate, world changing, movement-starter who was anything but boring or "safe." (:Anon)

This is the Jesus we want our friends to discover in 2017.

Pray, eyes and ears open, with a question on our lips. May Jesus be honoured.
Tony Levick

What is needed most isn't textbooks but 'Text- people'

"What's needed most isn't textbooks but 'Text-people' - because the teacher's personality (Coach/Mentor/Team Leader) is the 'text' that pupils will read and never forget." Abraham Heschel, 'The Spirit of Jewish Education'."

Christian Ministry Alliance's (CMA) new ministry focused on Christians in or approaching their fourth-quarter (Q4 for shorthand) and the churches and ministries who wish to engage them effectively is being formally launched with four one-day conventions, plus a lunch in Launceston, in late February. CMA is thrilled to have world class keynote speakers attending, plus we're right now assembling an additional faculty of Australian presenters for each region. Super early-bird registration is now open.

Have you made plans to attend the Q4 Seminar "Faithful for a Lifetime!" in February 2017 yet?
Yes! – Great, fantastic!! I will want to compare notes afterwards.

No. -Why Not?

Now is the time to plan and prepare. If you wait till mid-February, you will 'miss the boat'.



We in CBMC have been asking you to pray for, and seek younger men to mentor. Another description has been to talk of coaching another person. These names resonate with different people. We ought not to get confused or pedantic about this ministry as from a Christian perspective it is all Discipleship.

At the recent CBMC Board meeting we determined to ask , encourage, or even 'bribe' you to join with us and put aside a day to attend one of these conventions so we may better connect with younger people.

We have to make some change to what we have been doing and a Coaching role may not need excessive amounts of time to be set aside. We do need to meet with these younger people at a time when they are available. *[Read my lips! We are not asking them to come to our prayer breakfast! (Well not yet, and maybe never.) Our prayer is that they gather other younger people to meet with them for that!! What a great result for your Coaching!]* We do need to see that their Christian development is vital in the economy of God and to fulfil the 2 Timothy 2:1-2 imperative: “You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”



CMA “Q4” Conventions will be held in:

- Sydney – Feb22;
- Brisbane - Feb24;
- Melbourne – Feb27;
- Launceston 1st March; and
- Adelaide 2nd March.

For more information and to register please go to: <http://www.cma.net.au/q4/> and then advise Trent at our National Office of your registration (maybe a surprise!).

Upcoming Events

Prayer meeting

Regular prayer meeting are held in the following locations

- Victoria
 - Horsham
 - Melbourne CBD
 - Burwood East
 - Warragul
- Queensland
 - Ipswich
- Brisbane- Wooloongba (Korean)
- Coorparoo
- Tasmania
 - Hobart
 - Launceston
 - Scotsdale
 - Ulverstone

Outreach events

New South Wales

- Pennant Hills – member BBQ February 11th and Dinner February 27th

Tasmania

- Devonport – regular outreach events and forums are held

Queensland

- Brisbane – Coorparoo prayer meeting restarting January 24th
- Camp Hill – group meeting as part of Camp Hill Church of Christ men’s group using Operation Timothy
- Wooloongabba – Korean group meets weekly for breakfast and reflection restarting February 2nd and regular hold encouragement events

Victoria

- Melbourne CBD Prayer meeting Tuesday lunchtime – resuming January 24th with a new format
- Burwood East Prayer meeting Thursday Morning

21st CBMC Asian Convention

We need your help.

To ensure we have the best CBMC Asian Convention we can we need your assistance.

- We need you to pray
- We need you to help with the organising
- We need you in Brisbane for the event



We need you as CBMC Members and friends to pray for this event.

Pray for insight, wisdom and connections as the organising team and Board deliberate and plan for this event. We see this as a pivotal event for Australia, where we can invite our friends and colleagues for them to hear first-hand the great work CBMC does around the world. Pray for everyone involved in planning and resourcing this event.

We are one year out from the 21st CBMC Asian Convention. The Australian Board is seeking your daily prayer support so that this event may be planned well, within the required budget, and the work of CBMC throughout Asia (including Australia and New Zealand) will be strengthened bringing honour to our Lord Jesus.

If you would like to join the prayer team please email admin@CBMCAsianConvention.com. And you will be added to the team.

Prayer Points

- Asian CBMC Board meeting in February 2017 in Brisbane
- 21st Asian CBMC Convention in Brisbane in October 2017
- For the Board as they look to plan activity in 2017 and develop and trial new Interest Seminars
- for members to invite a new generation to be involved in CBMC
- for Operation Timothy in Australia, that a new group of Paul's and Timothy's is established in Australia
- for good faith related conversations for all our members
- For CBMC members attending CMA Q4 training seminar end of February (Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Launceston, Adelaide.)

Membership Renewal

We thank God for your partnership in Gospel ministry through CBMC Australia. Our Task of demonstrating transformed lives in the Marketplace, helping others to investigate who Jesus is and what he has done is not yet complete. As a member of CBMC Australia our first priority of praying for one another is of great value and truly appreciated.

Membership will provide funds to equip men to become disciple makers. Through prayer and teamwork we will impact business and marketplace communities across Australia, particularly those who seek answers to life's questions. CBMC is passionate about seeing the lives changed by God. Being a CBMC Member, you can 'make a difference'.

For our members who renew their memberships in January each year the renewal forms have been emailed, if we have your email address, or posted to you.

Please complete the form and return to the office.

Or you can go online to <http://www.cbmcaustralia.com.au/donations/> and process your payment via credit card on our PayPal enabled site.

Financial Support



Thank you to the members who regularly contribute to the ministry of CBMC across Australia. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in supporting the work we do. As we begin looking to 2017 we realise what your support has enabled over this last year.

We invite others to consider regularly partnering with CBMC as we look to new initiative for 2017. By supporting this ministry you are investing in us by

- Supporting our CBMC staff and volunteers
- Assisting in providing resources to members and guests.
- Increasing our reach and effectiveness



These activities cannot be done without the financial support of our members and friends. We invite you to give a once off gift or a monthly contribution towards the work of CBMC Australia.

You can give your support by:

- Cheque
- Credit Card (securely on our website <http://www.cbmcaustralia.com.au/donations/> or over the phone to our office)
- Bank Transfer (BSB: 083054 Account number: 24 836 1352)
 - Or contact our national office: admin@cbmcaustralia.com.au or call 07 3172 9365

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