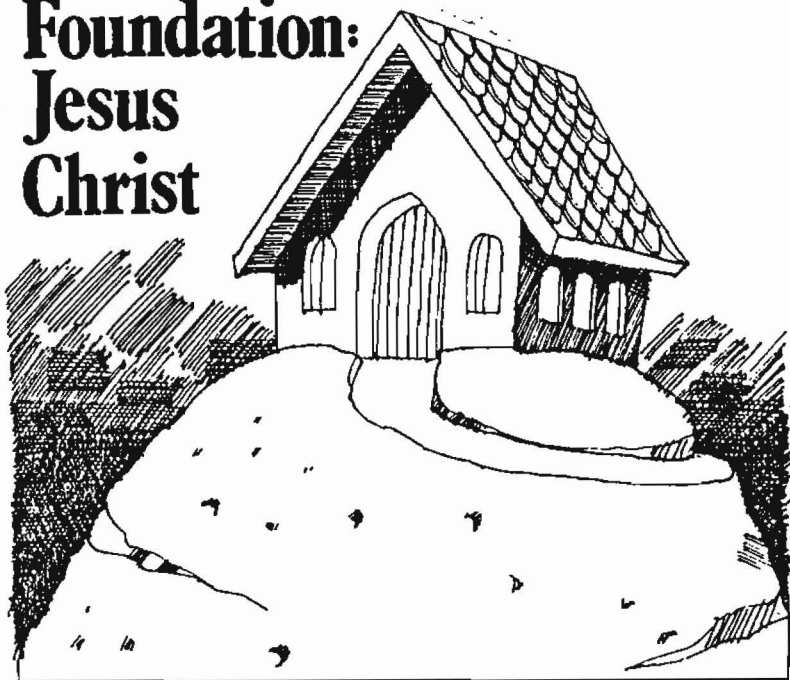


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Dear Readers,

In the Bible we read these words from the apostle Paul. . .

“ I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation. . .” Philipians 4: 11- 12.

Contentment is a gift from God, and it flows from our faith in Him. The world cannot give us real, lasting contentment.

Songwriter Wendell P. Loveless told of a 64-year-old woman in Illinois who had been confined to her bed for more than 16 years. She was in constant pain and unable to move her limbs, yet she was one of the most thankful people Loveless had ever met. She rejoiced that God had left her a great blessing - the use of the thumb on her right hand. The other hand was stiff and completely useless. With a two-pronged fork fastened to a stick she could put on her glasses, feed herself, sip her tea through a tube, and turn the pages of a large Bible. Although it took great effort, everything she did was with the use of just one thumb.

She once said to a visitor, "I have so much to be thankful for." When asked why, she replied, "Now that my sins are forgiven, I can lie back and daily drink in the great love of Jesus my Saviour." Asked if at times she became despondent, she replied, "I'm perfectly content to lie here as long as the Lord keeps me in this world, and I'm also ready to leave whenever He calls me."

Perhaps you are afflicted and greatly limited. Genuine contentment isn't learned all at once. But it always includes being thankful for whatever blessings we have - even if it is just one thumb. - HGB

*When I think how much God's blessed me,
All life's trials lose their sting,
I am thankful for His mercies,
And my heart begins to sing. - Anon.*

We are created to live in relationship with God. Only when we are right with Him will we experience true contentment. To be right with God comes only through Jesus Christ - by faith.

Contentment comes from knowing the reality that God is in control. He has my life in His hands, and He works all things for good for those who trust in Him and are called His children.

My God Bless You
Paul Watson,

What's on This Month of Sundays.

- Sept. 18 "Our Vision"
25 Guest Preacher Mr. Paul Moutzouris
Oct. 2 "Though One Man" Guest Preacher Mr. Scott Dunlop.



PARISH NOTES.

Church Building News: The work involved with the first stage of our Property Conservation Plan is almost completed. The roof and gutterings have been restored so that no water now enters the church building

This will allow us now to proceed on to the next stages of our plan, namely, electrical upgrading and then repainting the internal brickwork, and external doors.

This work is very costly, and financial assistance by way of gifts or bequests to the Restoration Fund would be gratefully received.

Playtime: Last month we commenced a ministry called "Playtime" which is a playground for parents and carers of pre-school children. We are very encouraged in the number of people who are coming - around 12 adults and up to 15 children each Tuesday morning. Please pray for opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus with those who come.

All Saints' Day Outreach Dinner: On Tuesday evening, 1st November, we are to hold a Dinner at the Petersham RSL dining room. Detective Sergeant Garry Raymond, from the NSW Police Force is our guest speaker. Garry is a great speaker, with captivating (no police pun intended) stories to tell of his experiences in the Rescue Squad, murder investigations, and street patrols. He also tells of the wonderful way God radically transformed his life. Not to be missed. Mr. Malcolm Baxter will sing a number of his own recent compositions during the evening. Tickets are available for the evening by phoning All Saints' on 569-4735. (Cost yet to be advised - about \$22). See October Chronicle for more details.

Some more upcoming events for your diary:

Sept 18	Church Picnic Day (Sunday after church)
Nov 1	All Saints Day - Outreach Dinner, (Guest speaker)
Nov 19	Fete.

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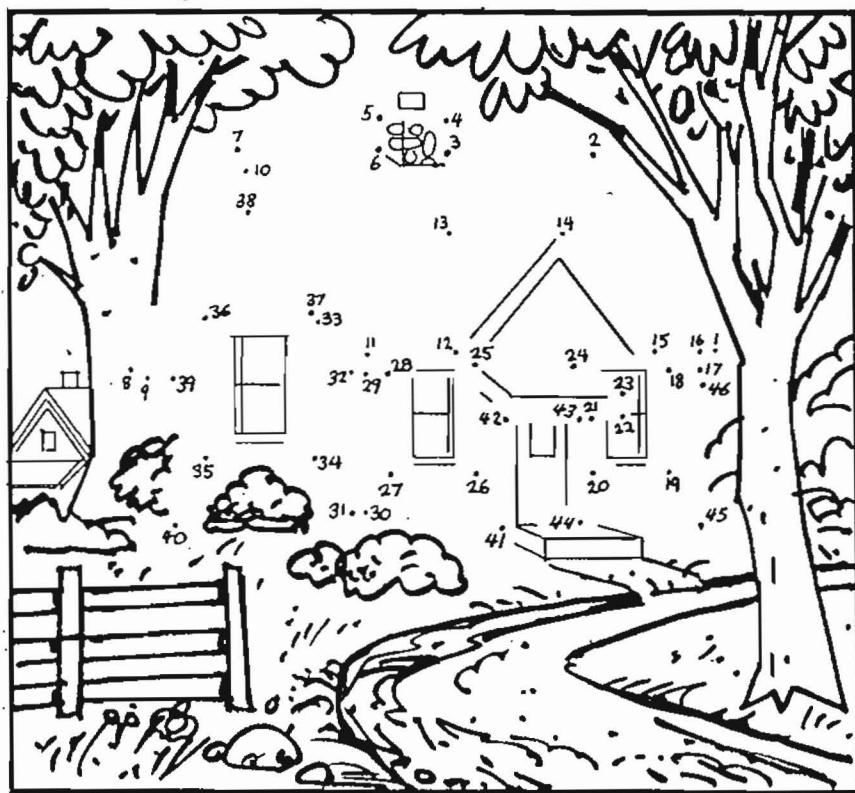
Carols in the Park: The churches in the Petersham, Marrickville area are combining this year to promote the Carols in the Park (run by the Petersham Assemblies of God church). To be held on Sunday 18 December, commencing at 7-30pm, the event is a great celebration of Christmas. There will be a combined choir, band, and fireworks. Petersham Oval is the venue.

PUZZLE PAGE



DOT TO DOT

What is it? Finish the picture below and find an object from Mark 3:20-35.





**FLOWER
MEMORIALS**



September 4	In memory of Mrs. Ellen Swankie
September 11	In memory of Mrs. Sheriff
September 18	In memory of Jack Mitchell
September 25	In memory of Mrs. Hitchins

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JULY 1994

Summary Only:

Offertories	\$2,579.43
Expenditure	\$4,139.21
Short-fall	\$1,559.78

AUGUST 1994

Summary Only:

Offertories	\$1,799.04
Expenditure	\$4,337.30
Short-fall	\$2,538.26

SIX-STEP FORMULA FOR SPIRITUAL FAILURE

1. Go with the natural flow of life.

To be a successful failure requires that you not give much thought to knowing Jesus more intimately on a day-to-day basis. Think of him more as a distant relative than a close friend. Let life's natural currents take you where they may. Don't look for a spiritual rhythm and tempo to daily life. Presume that spiritual growth will occur naturally. Don't expend too much time in reflection, examining life's large purpose and meaning. It will give you a headache.

2. immerse yourself in Christian work.

One of the great secrets to finding spiritual disillusionment is to give yourself fully to the busyness of Christian life. Be there every time the church doors open. Cook the pancakes, balance the budget, call on all the first time visitors. Spend your time doing the work of God, and don't bog down in the scriptures and intercessions. It's okay not to know your spiritual gifts because you can employ your natural abilities for service. Let your credo be "To serve him is to know him."

3. Do more for God each year.

Measure your value to God by results. keep records of your spiritual production. If you spent one hundred hours in Christian service last year, then make one hundred and twenty hours your goal for this year. Make performance the acid test of your spirituality. Don't listen to idle chatter that faithfulness is more important than production. Let performance be your standard.

4. Look for feedback from friends.

Measure your spiritual value by the feedback you get from other people. Depend on the appreciation and affirmation of the congregation. Savour the comments or your friends; turn them over and over in your mind. Believe what they say. Let their strokes provide energy, strength, and encouragement. Gain your identity in your accomplishments. Derive your self-worth from how others value your achievements in the work of the church.

5. Build a reputation.

Pick service to God that has high visibility. Build a spiritual ministry. Gain a reputation. Don't be satisfied being a servant; become a star. If you can become somebody important, you can make a bigger contribution. Don't think much about doing service for the glory of God. He can manage his own glory. Do your service in such a way that you are noticed. This is an excellent way to advance to bigger and better opportunities to serve God.

6. Concentrate on work that helps people.

People really are very needy, you know, and if you position yourself correctly, you can become like a mini Mother Teresa. Keep telling yourself that working for the betterment of mankind is worth it; it is a worthwhile goal in and of itself. Convince yourself that you will leave the world a better place. Believe that the issue on Christ's mind is making life easy, not seeking and saving lost sinners. Don't focus on the distinction between showing human sympathy and confronting lost sinners with the loving claims of the gospel.

Patrick M. Morley, from "I surrender:
submitting to Christ in the details of life,"
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SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 1994

Stalls	Portrait Sketching
Works Stall	Hoop-La
Pottery	Other Family
Groceries & Jams	Outdoor Activities
Cakes & Sweets	
Books (Secondhand)	
Christian Books (New)	
White Elephant	
Secondhand Clothing	
Toys	
Plants	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Hot Dogs & Drinks	
Refreshment Room	