

AM Sermon Notes
Series in Acts - The Great Commission in Action
#5 The Gospel shared beyond the neighbourhood
Acts 8:4 - 25

1. Acts – The Spread of the Gospel

“... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

As the believers proclaim the good news of the risen Lord Jesus, God grows the Church in Jerusalem (Acts 2 – 5)

As the believers meet, pray, worship and witness, opposition grows and the believers start to scatter, and the good news is shared beyond the neighbourhood (Acts 7 & 8)

2. The Gospel in Samaria

Acts 8

- i) The great rivalry: Jerusalem & Samaria
- ii) Philip in Samaria: proclaiming Christ, signs and wonders – great joy!
- iii) Simon the magician: signs and wonders – great confusion!
- iv) Peter & John in Samaria – The “Apostolic Blessing”

(Prescriptive vs Descriptive – the unusual situation in Samaria should not be seen as the norm – there are no 2nd class Christians!)

3. The Gospel shared beyond the neighbourhood

Because the Risen Lord Jesus has all authority, there are:

- * no “no-go” areas
- * no barriers
- * no “power sharing” arrangements

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for the work of the Gospel.**

Weekly Giving Up-date
2020/21 Budget: \$2,115 p/w

To 31/3/21	\$1,743 p/w
To 30/4/21	\$1,729 p/w
To 31/5/21	\$1,695 p/w



Belrose Uniting Church
GOOD NEWS WEEKLY

**in the Assembly of Confessing Congregations
of the Uniting Church in Australia**

Corner Forest Way and Morgan Road, Belrose

We aim TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world since 1916.

Who are we? We are all about following Jesus.

We are part of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations of the UCA, joining with other UCA Congregations in contending for the Biblical faith: *Confessing the Lord Jesus Christ, Proclaiming the Truth and Renewing the Church*

We are “evangelical” Christians, which means that Jesus shapes the heart of our worship, the Bible shapes the heart of our life, and the Gospel (the Good News about Jesus) shapes our heart for a broken world.

We aim to be a covid-safe community.

Please make sure you check in with the BUC QR Code as you enter, or manually check in with the Covid Concierge.

Sunday 6th June 2021

9.30 am Morning Church Acts – *The Great Commission in Action*
#6 *The Gospel shared beyond the neighbourhood* **Acts 8:4 - 25**

Service Leader: Ian Weeks **Preacher:** Ian Weeks
Music: Allan Leslie **Reader:** Jen Dinning
Welcoming: Ken Attwooll & Cathie Browning
Morning Tea: David & Nicola Pengilly
Flowers: Tova Swadling

**Please stay after the Morning Service to
enjoy Morning Tea in a covid safe way!**

5.30 pm One Life – what is it for? Christianity Explored – a 7-week presentation exploring the Christian faith: who Jesus is and what He means for your life – will be shown every Sunday night throughout May. All welcome. **Tonight: #6 Grace**

Want to know more about BUC? Contact:

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Next Sunday 13th June 2021

9.30 am Morning Church Acts – *The Great Commission in Action*
#7 The Gospel taken to the “ends of the earth” Acts 13:1 - 12

The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated

Service Leader: Ian Weeks **Preacher:** Ian Weeks
Music: Allan Leslie **Reader:** Mel Mottau
Welcoming: Sepesi & Seni Piukala
Morning Tea: Denis & Lisle Wall
Flowers: Lisle Wall

5.30 pm One Life – what is it for? Christianity Explored – a 7-week presentation exploring the Christian faith: who Jesus is and what He means for your life – will be shown every Sunday night **throughout May** in the evening service timeslot: 5.30 pm. All welcome. Invite your non-church friends, family, acquaintances. **Check out <https://www.ceministries.org>**

If you require transport to attend the *Christianity Explored* sessions, please talk to Allan Leslie.

June Mission of the Month: *Bush Church Aid Society*

Since 1919, BCA has been reaching outback Australians with the good news of Jesus.



The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia has a heart for people living in remote and regional Australia. We are committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ.

Under God, the BCA does this by

- * proclaiming Christ so that people may respond to Him;
- * nurturing Christians in their faith and ministry;
- * strengthening local Christian communities in their mission.

Jack & Lill Harradine - Serving with BCA since November 2017

We join with Pastors Jack & Lill Harradine in ministry at Broken Hill in a BCA/UAICC ministry partnership. Jack’s Prayer requests:

Please pray for our ministry to prisoners and our outreach to the people in Broken Hill and Wilcannia. Pray for the two planned outreach events that will be happening at Broken Hill in June and July. Please continue to pray for our church and our family.

BCA News (from the BCA web-site): *Each Easter our Field Staff have the wonderful opportunity to proclaim Jesus Christ crucified and raised to many who don’t yet know Him. There were sunrise services in Newman, Karratha & Mallacoota and two Field Staff had the opportunity to proclaim the gospel message on ABC Radio!*

Contributions to Newsweek are very welcome.
Email to Rev Ian by noon Thursday

The Weekly Thursday Prayer Meetings are open to anyone who wants to come. We share prayer points, read and reflect upon a Psalm, moving us to praise God & to pray. All welcome, even to sit and just listen.

Next Prayer Meeting: Thurs 10th June at the Church at 11 am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

* Gordon Allan; * Jen Dinning * Gordon Richardson
* John Bishop * David Keiller * Allison Pitt
* Marcia Schnabel * Gwen Gatford

* World: India’s covid crisis; Israel/Palestine conflict

* Those grieving the loss of loved ones; affected by disasters and covid-19.

* Schools – for Scripture Classes at Mimosa (Mel Mottau) & Belrose (Ian Weeks) PS; and for Henri Simpson & his team at Davidson & The Forest High Schools.

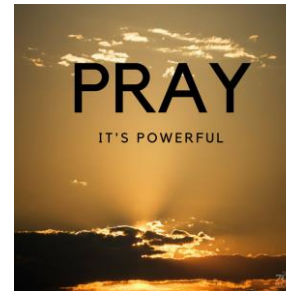
* Forest Kirk Congregation seeking a new Minister

* Evangelistic opportunities to share the Gospel & vision for our future direction; pray for revival in our nation!

Have a prayer request?

* Email: prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au

* Give to Rev. Ian or place a note in the prayer box near Church front door



Please pray for Rev Ian this week:
Today: Forestville UC Induction Service
Wed: SRE at Belrose Public School
Thurs: Presbytery PRC Meeting

WHAT’S ON @ BUC – Update your 2021 diaries
Property/room bookings to Denis Wall: deniswall30@gmail.com
Using the Church premises: Please turn off lights & air con, & lock up.

Events in June 2021 – Mark your diary!

Sun 6th June	Induction of Rev Nam @ Forestville UC	2 pm
Tues 8th June	Men’s Fishers Lunch Belrose Hotel	12 noon
Thurs 10th June	Congregation Prayer Gathering	11 am
Sat 12th June	ACC NSW Worship on Zoom	10 am
Tues 15th June	Ladies Fellowship @ BUC	12.30 pm
Thurs 17th June	Congregation Prayer Gathering	7.30 pm
Thurs 24th June	Congregation Prayer Gathering	11 am
Thurs 24th June	Church Council meeting	7.30 pm
Sat 26th June	Forest Churches Prayer meeting OLGC F/ville	7.45 am