

WELCOME to Happy Valley Church of Christ. Please join us after the service for fellowship as we share a warm or cold drink. We extend a special welcome to **Julie Simpson** who as the **Executive Officer of Careworks** is sharing with us today.

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Readings and Theme 22nd Nov

Call to Worship:

Psalm: 93

Reading: Mark 12:38-44

Theme: "The measure of true love."

Guest Speaker: Keith Ridge will be sharing with us next week. Keith is one of 'our' Spiritual Directors.

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CONGRATULATIONS to James

Bowden on achieving your Bachelor of Ministry through Tabor College on Friday. We know a lot of hard work was put in and we wish you every success.

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"My whole life I have been complaining that my work was constantly being interrupted, until I discovered that my interruptions were my work" (Henry Nouwen, pastor-theologian)

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School Chaplaincy in SA schools (CPS Workers)

School's Ministry Group seeks your support and involvement in writing to the Federal Government regarding ongoing funding for the chaplaincy program in public schools in South Australia. (In SA Government schools, Chaplains are known as Christian Pastoral Support Workers.)

A recent research study on school chaplaincy found that **98% of school principals across Australia who currently have chaplains in their school want this funding to continue.**

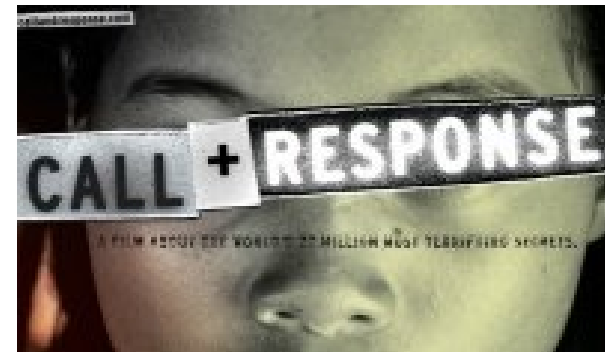
They are now entering the final year of this 3 year program. The Federal Government is currently reviewing whether this funding will continue. At this stage, **there has been no guarantee of continued funding.**

If this funding is discontinued, many chaplaincy services will have to cease operating. This will have an incredibly negative impact on thousands of children and young people (and their families and school communities) in schools who are currently being pastorally supported by chaplains.

Your local member needs to know how valued these services are to our school communities, how successful chaplaincy has been to this point, and of the tremendous ongoing need in the community.

Simply go to www.smg.asn.au, click on the "**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**" link and follow the instructions. **Spending a few minutes doing this may play a significant role in keeping your local school chaplain.**

You may also wish to write to the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, to urge them to ensure that NSCP funding be extended for a further 3 years.



November 22nd is Abolitionist Sunday

What: Screening of Call & Response
When: 7:30pm
Where: Blackwood Church of Christ
Cost: \$10 - proceeds will go to the World Vision 'Don't Trade Lives' campaign

Come and be educated about the fastest growing crime in the world and help abolish slavery once and for all

Following the screening we will hear from **Matt Anderson** who works for World Vision in SA

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GMP NEWS

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Showers of Blessing Trust

The recent COCOA funds have meant that Boniface Mpfu, Showers of Blessing Project Director, has been able to go into the bush to prepare the groundwork for the drilling company to begin work. The target is to drill and equip ten holes before the end of November. There is a dire need for water holes in the dry arid regions. In October BJ Mpfu visited the Fort Rixon area, which is one of the driest areas, and found that a hole that had been drilled and initially thought not to have a good yield was in fact being used twenty-four hours a day with lots of carts lining for their turn to fill drums with water for domestic use. This borehole is servicing people from as far as ten kilometres away.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Gandep Bible College final year students are currently sitting their exams which are being held during the second and third weeks of November.

Currently a Scripture-in-use course is being developed in six different language groups at Gandep in conjunction with Pioneer Bible Translators.