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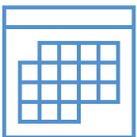
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“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God.

If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.”

Quote from C.S. Lewis

Upcoming events



International Day of Prayer for Police and Military
24 Jun

Online Prayer
4 Aug
10 Nov

Stay tuned: Defence Christian Dinners TBA!

From Vice Chair, CHAP Steve Neuhaus

A follow-on message from May eNews:

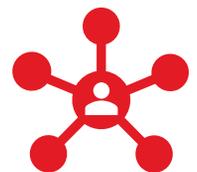
I was recently speaking with someone about End of Year Financial sales and how people try to get a bargain from a dealer or trader in goods and chattels. As humans we seem to be wired to try and get a 'bargain', to try and get more for less. Paul in Colossians 3:23-24 writes – *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a result. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

We are reminded that our reward is not here on earth but in Heaven.

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As followers of the Way of Christ, we are called to sacrificial living, remembering that we are but stewards of what God has provided and that everything is the Lord's. When we give to His work be it in time, or tithes, or skills, or whatever Christ has put on our hearts to gift to His work on Earth we are giving back what He has already blessed us with.

Please consider prayerfully how you can contribute to the ministry performed by the MCF within the ADF/ADO.



Raising Funds - 2021

Supporting our work in the ADO is easy: visit <http://mcf-a.org.au/donate/>

We receive no funding from Defence and trust God with our finances



Featured release: ADF one-year devotional book

On 24 May, a new ADF devotional book was launched (below) - Chaplain Haydn Lea offers some highlights. Find this gem through a Defence chaplain or the MCF office.



"The book is a one-year devotional, with 50 weeks of 5 readings, written by a diverse range of Chaplains from across the ADF.

It is written in such a way that somebody with little-to-no Christian experience could read it, and by doing so, understand the broad Biblical narrative, the Gospel message, and how it applies to them, their life and their service.

However, it is also equally appropriate for fully committed and experienced Christians, and anybody in between.

To do this, the devotional is divided into different sections. The first section provides an overview of **the Old Testament narrative**, and the second section is the **Ministry of Jesus**. The focus of these sections is to show that there is one big picture story throughout the Bible, and this focuses on the coming, life, death, resurrections, ascension, and promised return of Jesus.

Subsequent sections then include the NT letters, *What Christians Believe* (basic theology), Military in the Bible, Military Specific Issues (hope, death, alcohol, etc.), the Psalms, and a Gospel reading plan.

Each individual devotion has a short bible passage at the top, then the devotion for that day—which is either a reflection on the theme of the passage, or an explanation of that part of the Biblical narrative. Then there are some personal application questions, and further reading for people who wish to read more of the Bible."

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