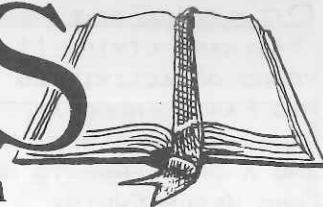


GOOD NEWS

from St. John's Anglican Parish, Launceston



NOVEMBER 1990

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PARISH GROUPS

WEEKLY MEETINGS

SUNDAY SCHOOL:
 10am, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sunday 39 1771
 FAMILY SERVICE:
 10am, 2nd Sunday
 SENIOR YOUTH GROUP:
 Sunday 5.00pm 272374
 SAM SINGLES & MARRIEDS
 Tuesday 7.30pm 44 8596
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR
 Thursday 4.30 - 5.30pm 31 1676
 GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY:
 Wednesday 6.00pm 27 3883
 PLAY CENTRE:
 Thursday 10.30am - 12 noon 31 6173
 CEBS BOYS' SOCIETY
 Thursday 6.00pm 31 8996
 ADULT CHOIR
 Thursday 7.30pm 31 1676
 JYFS YOUTH GROUP
 Friday 7.30pm 31 2048
 PARISH PRAYER GROUP:
 Saturday 8.00am 31 1520
 FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: 31 4896
 Several groups meet weekly at different times and places, so check your weekly Pew Bulletin.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

MEALS ON WHEELS
 2nd Sunday 11 am 31 4896
 WELFARE AUXILIARY
 2nd Monday 2.30pm 44 2827
 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA:
 2nd Tuesday 6.00pm 31 4566
 MOTHERS' UNION
 2nd Wednesday 1.00pm 44 7163
 WOMEN'S GUILD
 3rd Thursday 2.00pm 27 2484
 GFS TOWNSEND
 4th Tuesday 9.45am 31 5279

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Join us in worship any Sunday
8am — 10am — 7pm
Wednesday 10.30am

DEAR FRIENDS,

BACKWARD LIVING !! SOUNDS LIKE A JUNGLE HIDEAWAY WITHOUT MOD-CONS AND A FEVERISH ROUND OF ACTIVITIES ? IF YOU ENJOY TO WORSHIP THE LORD AND SERVE WITH OTHERS IN HIS FAMILY HERE AT ST JOHN'S, YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY STARTED LIVING YOUR LIFE BACKWARDS FOR GOD. WANT TO KNOW MORE ? THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE COULD PROVIDE INSIGHT AND A CHALLENGE TO US ALL AS WE GROW TOGETHER IN FAITH AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

GEORGINA STOTT

Going Forward in a Backward World

I prefer to sit near the front of an airplane. It's not that I want to reach my destination before the other passengers; it just makes disembarking a little quicker.

On one recent flight, I was delighted to note that my seat assignment was in the first row. When I boarded, however, to my chagrin the first row had its back toward the cockpit. I was facing the other passengers.

I accepted my predicament and strapped on the seat belt. But as the plane headed down the runway, I found it awkward and unsettling to be lifting off facing backward.

Doing anything backward is uncomfortable, unpredictable, and sometimes disastrous. Walking backward, driving backward, and even looking in the mirror to put on a tie can be challenging. But consider how much of life is backward:

- When you have money to buy a house large enough for your family, your children have moved out.
- When you are wise enough to rear children, yours are grown and you're too old to have more.
- When you have experienced enough of life to know you need an education, your formal training is done.

Maybe it's a result of the Fall, but whatever the reason, it seems that much of life is backward — mostly in areas we can't help or change.

At least we can take comfort that everyone else lives in the same backward world. We all have to adjust and do our best to beat the odds.

More troublesome to me is that we as God's people often

live backward spiritual lives. Here is an area that we can — and must — change.

Scripture says this world is under Satan's control (John 14:30), its ethical structure opposed to the principles and practices of God. From God's point of view, the standards of the world are backward.

When we are seduced into living by the adversary's principles instead of God's, we leave our lives and our churches in a backward, defeated state.

Why is it when we think of:

- *success*, we think of cars, houses, social circles, vacations, and material treasures?
- *power*, we think of climbing, outsmarting, manipulating, outmaneuvering, and conquering?
- *prestige*, we think of position, trophies, titles, and even places in church bureaucracies?
- *pleasure*, we think of being free to do all we want to do?
- *trouble*, we resist at all costs, consider it an enemy, and permit it to embitter us?

I am struck by the words of God spoken through Isaiah: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" (Isa. 55:8).

Backward living comes naturally. It is the product of our fallen nature. Without the teaching of God's Word and the discipline to screen our thoughts and actions through the grid of God's truth, we fall into it automatically.

Our challenge is to think and live biblically — to go forward in a backward world.

What is success? Servanthood (Matt. 20; Phil. 2). Whatever our place, influence, or position, we are to serve God and men with true motives and a loyal spirit. Success with God will be evident

when we hear that divine compliment: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

What is power? Yieldedness (Acts 1:8; Eph. 5:18-21). True power comes from yielding to the will of God. It is when we are in His place, fulfilling His purposes, that His power fills us, allowing us to accomplish great things for Him. It is only when I displace myself from His will that I need to resort to the power games that ultimately sap me of my strength.

What is prosperity? Investing in eternity (Luke 12:13-34). Jesus consistently calls us to invest in treasures that do not grow old. Paul told Timothy that true prosperity is being godly and content with what we have (1 Tim. 6:6-19). Prosperity is measured in our generosity, our kindness, our willingness to assist those in need. When we invest in eternity, we are free to enjoy the good things God has given us on earth (Phil. 4:12).

What is pleasure? Righteousness (Psalm 1; John 15). The fleeting enjoyment of doing whatever we wish cannot compare to the pleasure of doing what is right. Righteousness brings peace and joy to replace the guilt, fear, and anxiety unrighteousness brings.

What is trouble? The fire that forges character (James 1:1-8). God uses trials to shape us into the image of His Son.

Sound backward? Perhaps this is something of what it means to be a fool for Christ's sake. Actually, it is the fool who has said in his heart, "There is no God."

So who is the fool? Not the one who is willing to live his life backward for God. ■

JAMES CH. 1 VV. 1-8

1 TIMOTHY CH. 6 VV. 6-19

EPHESIANS CH. 5C VV. 18-21

LUKE CH. 12 VV. 13-24

"BOOTS 'N' ALL"

A SCRIPTURE UNION OFFERING YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IN A RANGE OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES LED BY EXPERIENCED 'BUSHIES CHRISTIANS'. PLEASE CONTACT THE GROUP LEADER WELL IN ADVANCE AS TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES.

3RD - 5TH NOVEMBER 1990 WATERFALL VALLEY
THIS TRIP IS ORGANISED BY THE NORTH WEST TREKKERS.

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*****"ADVANCE NOTICE;*****

1ST-2ND DECEMBER-FREYCINET NAT. PARK.
8TH DECEMBER-MOUNT MAURICE

PASTORAL COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN BUSY STUDYING THREE OF THE 'VISSIONS AND STRATEGIES' WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING THE PRESENT EFFORTS OF OUR MINISTRY TO (9) AGED AND ISOLATED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH; (5) THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE IMAGE WE PRESENT OF ST JOHN'S; (2) YOUNG FAMILIES. SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 1990 HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR ANOTHER OPERATION DOORKNOCK. YOUR PRAYERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. ON SUNDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 1991 THERE IS TO BE A PARISH PICNIC AND OUTDOOR SERVICE AT 'CARNACOO'. PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY. CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE ORGANISERS OF THE NEXT BILL NEWMAN CRUSADE.

"! PARISH TEA !"

"AN INTERNATIONAL NIGHT"

11TH NOVEMBER 1990 ARMISTICE DAY
AT 5P.M. IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

COME AND JOIN US FOR THE FINAL PARISH TEA FOR THIS YEAR. WEAR A NATIONAL COSTUME IF YOU DARE - BRING A NATIONAL DISH TO SHARE; BE IT CURRY, PASTA, HIGH TEA (CUCUMBER) SANDWICH, GATEAU, WALDORF SALAD, PUMPKIN PIE OR FRUIT.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS FROM OVERSEAS AND JOIN IN THE FUN AND FRIVOLITY. A GREAT EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP THAT CONCLUDES WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 7P.M.

WOMEN'S GUILD

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE A LUNCHEON HELD AT 'RAFFERTY'S' ON THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 1990. WE WILL GATHER AT ST JOHN'S AT 12.45P.M. FOR 1P.M. FOLLOWING LUNCH THERE WILL BE TIME FOR A SHORT DISCUSSION (NOT A FORMAL MEETING).

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND PLEASE ADVISE BY SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 1990.

**NORTHERN
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CRUSADE**

**LAUNCHING
RALLY**

**Memorial Baptist
Church Wellington
St. Launceston**

**Thursday 29th
November**

7.30 pm.

with
**BILL
NEWMAN**

as guest speaker

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OUR GARAGE SALE WAS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS MAKING A HANDSOME PROFIT OF \$650 PLUS.

THE GUILD LADIES ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND TO ALL WHO GAVE SO GENEROUSLY.

THE LADIES OF THE GUILD DO THE LORD'S WORK USUALLY VERY QUIETLY AND OFTEN BEHIND THE SCENES. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, YOUNG LADIES AS WELL. MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE PARISH CENTRE EACH MONTH ON THE 3RD THURSDAY AT 2P.M. 'PHONE THE SECRETARY ON 27 2484.

MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER

H. BURKE L. PHILPS M. PERKINS
W. COWELL J. GREEN/H. PITT J. PREECE
J. ROBERTS J. SMITH A. NEALE
J. STEVENSON

PLEASE NOTE: ALL MEALS ARE COLLECTED FROM THE LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.
ALSO NOTE: IF YOU ARE ROSTERED ON A DAY THAT DOES NOT SUIT, PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR OWN SUBSTITUTE. THIS IS IMPORTANT

OUR POET WRITES

'THE HOLY TRINITY AND OTHER BIBLICAL FACTS IN VERSE.' BY JUDITH A. HUGHES
ONE, TWO, THREE, THE HOLY TRINITY,
FOUR, FIVE, SIX, OUR TROUBLES DOES GOD
SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE, GOD'S LOVE MAKES
TEN, ELEVEN AND TWELVE, INTO GOD'S
US
FIX.
FEEL FINE,
WORD WE DELVE.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

TEA "LADIES' NIGHT"

TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 1990 AT 6 P.M.
THIS WILL BE A SPECIAL LADIES' NIGHT AND THE GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE
MR KEVIN HOOPER

GENERAL MANAGER OF WAY-FM.

GENTLEMEN WISHING TO ATTEND SHOULD ADVISE THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BOOK A PLACE AT TABLE FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR LADY.

NEW PRAYER BOOKS

THE VESTRY HAS DECIDED TO ORDER 25 MORE COPIES OF "AN AUSTRALIAN PRAYER BOOK" FOR ST JOHN'S AS THE FIRST 100 HAVE BEEN FULLY SUBSCRIBED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SCHEME WE INVITE YOU TO DONATE \$12, THE PRICE OF A NEW BOOK WITH A PLASTIC JACKET. THIS IS A SPECIAL BULK PRICE OFFERED TO ST JOHN'S THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF THE CMS BOOKSTORE.

YOUR DONATION MAY BE LEFT AT THE PARISH OFFICE. BOOKS MAY BE GIVEN AS AMEMORIAL OR YOUR OWN NAME MAY BE INSERTED INSIDE. PLEASE INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR DONATION.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE AUXILIARY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE PARISH CENTRE MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 1990 AT 2.30 PM.

ALSO

THERE WILL BE A MORNING TEA ON WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 1990 AT 10 AM. THERE WILL BE A STALL OF HOME-MADE CAKES, BISCUITS, JAMS ETC.
ALL WELCOME, PLEASE BRING A FRIEND.

ANGLICAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

NORTHERN NEWS.

THE REVD CHRIS ARCHER WILL LEAD TWO SESSIONS AT OUR QUIET DAY TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 15th NOVEMBER 1990 COMMENCING AT 10.00A.M. AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, WESTBURY AND THE REVD ROBERT MAXWELL WILL CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION AT 10.30. THE REVD ARCHER'S THEME WILL BE "THE RIVER OF THE WATER OF LIFE" AND THERE WILL BE AMPLE TIME FOR REFLECTION. LUNCH (B.Y.O.) WILL BE BETWEEN SESSIONS AND THE DAY WILL CONCLUDE WITH AFTERNOON TEA.

A BUS WILL BE HIRED IF WARRANTED SO PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING.
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