



Hawkesbury Church of Christ

Meeting at 23 Bosworth Street Richmond

Worship 10.00am. Bible Study 11.15am

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July 2022 Bulletin

Proud as a Peacock

As Christians we must be careful of too much self-imposed pride. Answer the following questions, “Did you chose the country of your birth?” and “Did you chose the race to which you were born?” Of course, the answer is “No.” to both questions. So, we must be very careful not to become arrogant and take credit for our nationality but rather be thankful for it. The Christians at Corinth had this problem. They had become arrogant because of the spiritual gifts they had received and developed a sinful dose of pride.

(1 Corinthians 4:6-7). Starting from verse 5: Therefore, judge nothing before the time until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God; v6 -7 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.

For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

Pride and arrogance are not only an unattractive characteristics but are emotions which God hates.

(Proverbs 6:17). A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood.

Religious arrogance is especially condemned in the New Testament narrative, so much so that God will resist (oppose) the proud while embracing the humble spirit. *(James 4:6). But He gives more grace. Therefore, He says “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”*

There’s nothing wrong with having pride in ourselves, our families, our country and our Lord. But when we become haughty, thinking ourselves better than others because we’ve received God’s grace, we commit the greatest of hypocrisy. *(Matthew 23:28) Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.*

Prayers

Bev and Brian, Sylvia, Genevieve and Geoff. Sephron and Albina in the Kapini Church, PNG. Richard & Pricilla Lee for their travels over the next three months. The saints throughout the world, the people of Ukraine and all who are in crisis.

July 2022 Preaching Roster

DATE	PREACHER	ASSISTED BY
3 rd	Richard Lee	Dennis Rayner
10 th	Dennis Rayner	Geoff Hatch
17 th	Alan Bottle	Dennis Rayner
24 th	Charles Hatfield	Dennis Rayner
31 st	Dennis Rayner	Geoff Hatch

Ladies Roster July and August

Month	Lord's Supper	Morning Tea
July	Kathy Reynolds	Angela Beetge
August	Wendy Laing	Bev Robinson

Upcoming

Hawkesbury Congregation AGM Meeting 31st July following the worship service. Notice of any agenda item needs to be given to the secretary prior to the meeting.

Macquarie Lectureship.

Empowered Christian Living.

July 13 – 17 2022.

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