



September 17

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What's in a name? | Genesis 32:1-32 with Luke 1:46-55

The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel,[f] for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

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uneChurch family prayer
plan to be there

11.30am-12.30pm Sunday Oct 15 @ SMMC

Our 'Membership' Vision > To passionately and intentionally gather in all people who come to uneChurch so that • they have a sense of belonging • they value their membership in God's family • they are captured by the gospel and are an active part of uneChurch

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12:4 & 5

Pastor's Blog | Truth & Tolerance

This week on Facebook I was told that I am selfish and naive because I raise my children as Christians. Amongst other little gems, this person, who actually is a friend of mine of over thirty years, wrote, "How about you raise your children to think independently rather than conditioning them to believe what you do?"

I responded by saying that every parent on the planet conditions their kids. I asked him why raising his kids as atheists is different? Surely we are conditioning our kids if we raise them as atheists? Is he raising his kids to think independently and with an ability to choose, or is he conditioning his kids as as he belittles any faith other than atheism?

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This highlights a fascinating development in our culture. What is the nature of tolerance? Over the last 50 years there has been a massive change in the nature of tolerance because the view of truth has changed. Let me explain what I mean. In our culture, we are free to choose our own truth. A celebrated phrase in our culture is therefore, "Be true to yourself", or "Do what is true for you".

So if everyone is choosing their own truth and doing what is right for them, then we are not allowed to critique anyone. We must be tolerant of everyone's right to choose for themselves. Ironically the only person we are intolerant of is anyone who is intolerant of other views! My friend was angry with me because he thinks Christianity is intolerant. The irony was that he was displaying a massive intolerance of Christianity!

How do we deal with this as Christians? As Christians we are committed to free speech and therefore we cannot force our Christian world view on other people. So, we need to be people who love our neighbour well. We need to be people who love other people, respect their views all the while proclaiming Christ who said that he is the objective truth we need to measure ourselves by. He said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life..." He is the truth and so as we proclaim him in our culture, we are pointing people to true life. **With love, Gus.**



Gus Robinson

Family Prayer

We do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of Your great mercy. Daniel 9:18

- **Baking** > Izzy & Aidan Willams (due March).
- **Betrothed** > Ben Lukins & Laura Millican (Dec 9); Mitch Buster & Emma Austrin-Miner (Apr 21).
- **'Tent' Wear & Repair (2 Cor. 5)** > Bill Bruce; David Meares; Owen Chapman.
- **SunAM Prayer Ministry** > See Robert Baker.

TOLERANCE

I DO NOT THINK THAT WORD MEANS WHAT YOU THINK IT MEANS

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Family Finances

Giving 1/9-7/9	\$9496
Average amount needed to meet Budget per week	\$8,484
Overall Giving 1/7-7/9	\$91,586
Average amount needed to meet Budget for this period	\$82,010

Upcoming & Notes

- **Shed Men 7.30am NEXT Saturday**

Sept 23 > Christian men and their mates getting together for fellowship, encouragement and interesting projects. @ Robin Dobos' brand spanking new state-of-the art shed - 122 Kelly's Plains Rd. Rob will give us the drill on pocket-hole carpentry using the world famous

Kreg Jig. Invite your mates! Flyers out now. Gold coin donation to cover light refreshments. RSVP Facebook: [Shed Men Armidale](#). As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Prov. 27:17



• **'Coalition for Marriage' letterbox drop helpers** > From Brian Sindel (SunAM) ... Pauline and I started letterbox delivering of fliers this morning from the Coalition for Marriage promoting the 'no' case. If you're able and willing to help disseminate to other parts of Armidale, please contact me on 0423 267 376.

• **Prayer for Armidale 7.30pm THIS Monday Sept 18** > St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Faulkner St. Come along and pray for our city. The meeting runs for about an hour with supper after.



• **Get baking for Young Life Study Camp Mon-Sun Sept 25 - 31** > Alison Spencer and the cooking team would really value cakes and slices to keep sugary energy fixes up to HSC students attending. Please label offerings 'YL Study Camp' and also if 'nuts' are involved. Need to be in church kitchen by end of Sunday 24th.

• **Lost Property amnesty** > the big lost property tub in the Parents Room (Crying Room) off the main church area is full and overflowing (jumpers, umbrellas, hats, etc). Please check ASAP in case there's something there that belongs to you or your family before it's all Op Shopped.

• **Renee Thomas (SunAM) on Thailand mission trip 9.30am Thurs Oct 12** > Renee will be speaking about her family's several months volunteering in Thailand @ St Peter's Cathedral Mothers Union meeting. Contact Ruth Thomas on 6772 5001 for catering purposes if you'd like to attend.

• **St Marks uneChurch Family Prayer meeting 11.30am-12.30pm Sunday Oct 15** > @ SMMC. Plan to be there!

• **Confirmation with Bishop Rick Lewers Oct 22** > Contact Matt in the Office 6787 4015.

• **'Parenting in a Connected Age' workshop 9.30am-3.15pm Saturday Oct 28** > @ Sandon Primary School with James and Simone Boswell (authors of 'Cyber Parenting: Raising Your Kids in an Online World'). For parents of toddlers up to teens. RSVP to Ruth France bandrfrance@gmail.com or 0490 669 157.



