



October 23, 2005

Service Time: 10.00 am

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## Virtual Church

**H**ey! I've got a great idea! Instead of rushing around on Sunday mornings to get dressed, eat breakfast, drive all the way here to spend the morning together, how about if we simply stayed at home. If we logged on to the web site, said "G'day" to each other and maybe even said some online prayers together. Heck, we could even have some midi files of our favourite songs on the site ... then it would be just like coming to church ... but in our pyjamas.

While we may never make a conscious decision to adopt *virtual church* it seems to me that if we are not careful it's easy for us to slip into a form of virtual church even when we're together in the same room. Oh sure, we go through the motions ... but it's all done on auto-pilot. Though there is something comforting in the familiar ritual of worship in an era of rapid change. It

can lull us into a kind of soul sleep that is far removed from the dynamic, life giving experience of the New Testament church.

How easy it is to come to church longing to get a word from God, or to get a touch from His Spirit, or to simply get a lift that will see us through to next week. But what if we came in anticipation of what we had to give rather than what we might get? What if we were prayerfully asking God to give us a Word that we might share with others? What if we were willing to touch those around us? What if we dared to believe that He could use us all to *be* the church rather than just going to church?

My guess is that it would be messy, unpredictable, sometimes embarrassing, sometimes painful ... but very much alive. Let's not settle for virtual church.

—Terry

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## INGLE FARM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Worshipping God & Caring for People — A Member of the South Australian Baptist Union Incorporated

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## WELCOME



Thanks for joining us today  
It's our prayer that as we  
worship God together, you  
will meet with Him.

## CARE CARDS:



Please fill these out on arrival  
and place in the offering bag  
later in the service.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:



Children are encouraged to  
start the service with us before  
moving out to their  
programmes.

## SAMARITAN SHOPPING BAG:



Please help us care for those  
in need by bringing groceries  
and placing them in the bag  
by the door.

## CHURCH OFFICE:



Located on the premises next  
to the Centre Manager's  
office. Feel free to call in  
Monday to Friday 9.00 am to  
5.00 pm.

## AFTER THE SERVICE:



We would love you to join us  
for tea and coffee following  
the service so that we can get  
to know each other better.

## PRAYER:



If you would like prayer  
following the service then  
please speak to the pastor or a  
member of the worship team.

**PASTOR:** Terry Williams

Mobile: 0413 253 575

**STUDENT PASTOR:**

**Markus Schmid**

(Monday & Tuesday only)

Mobile: 0410 433 423

**CHURCH OFFICE:** 8395 4127

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## CONTACTS:

### Elders:

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### Fellowship:

Sue Willavoy: ..... 8284 2175

### Children's Ministry:

Patricia Lian: ..... 8182 1016

### Secretary/Administrator:

Trevor Knott: ..... 8250 8920

### Treasurer:

Ian Amey: ..... 8262 6942

## \$ FINANCE

Budget \$1,275

Last Week's Offering \$2,401

Average for this qtr \$1,140

Average year to date \$1,298

## SAMARITAN SHOPPING



*Any non-perishable  
food, e.g. tinned and  
packet food.*



The first step  
towards real  
happiness is a  
step towards  
God.

## Next Leaders' Meeting

Monday, November 7th

Please submit all articles for the  
FOCUS to Trevor Knott no later than  
Thursday 7.30 pm via:

● PO Box 3123

Salisbury East SA 5109

● Phone: 8250 8920

(answering machine available)

● Mobile: 0401 364 962

● Fax: 8250 9056

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## Some Reasons Not to Mess with Children.

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale.

Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

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A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

# BETWEEN SUNDAYS

**MEN, WILD AT HEART** at the Medlock's on WEDNESDAYS at 7.30 pm. For more details please contact Markus Schmid on 0410 433 423 or at [markus@inglefarmbaptist.com](mailto:markus@inglefarmbaptist.com) .

**JESUS. ALL ABOUT LIFE GROUP** at Medlock's on THURSDAYS. Please contact the Medlock's for further details on 8251 6010.

**FRIDAY NIGHT HOUSE CHURCH** held weekly at the Brennan's home. For more information phone 8265 1432.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**BREAST CANCER Coffee Morning** (Thursday, October 27)  
8.00 am to 12 noon at Janette's place, 554 Yatala Vale Road.  
Phone 8251 6010. **Gold Coin Donation.**

**P.S.** This is also a great chance to clear out your food cupboard! Any tins of food lurking in the back, bring them too. I am giving a box of tins of food to the homeless. —Janette.

