

## ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

At the time the *Titanic* hit an iceberg in the North Atlantic, a ship by the name of the *Californian* was only ten miles away. Unfortunately, the *Californian* had tuned out and had turned off its ship's radio.

The *Carpathia* was a greater distance away, but its radio was on. This ship heard the distress signal of the *Titanic* and came to the rescue as quickly as possible, but many lives were lost by the time she arrived. Once she arrived she was able to save hundreds of lives. But it was the *Californian* that could have been instrumental in saving many, many more lives had she only been listening.

When it comes to serving God, personal experience has taught me that if I am always "tuned in and on the ready" and available, God always opens doors of opportunity for service.

The key is to keep our "spiritual listening" turned on at all times and be available for God to use us. As another has said, "The greatest ability is availability."

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**Ken Sleeman's Blog address**  
**[www.strokeofagenius.blogspot.com](http://www.strokeofagenius.blogspot.com)**

## EPIC (Women's Group)

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 -11.30 am at Cath's home.**

## IMPACT (Men's Group)

**On Wednesday, 28th February, at 7.30 pm. Venue: TBA**



February 25, 2007

Service Time: 10.00 am

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## Opportunity Lost

When Mahatma Gandhi was attending university in London, he became almost convinced of the validity of Christianity, seeing it as possibly the one true supernatural religion.

After graduation, he continued to seek evidence that would persuade him to become a committed Christian. When he accepted employment in East Africa, and lived with a family who were members of an evangelical Christian church, he believed this would be his greatest source of evidence for the Christian faith.

Gandhi lived with this family for seven months, but after seeing their causal attitude towards God, hearing them complain about making sacrifices for Christ, and becoming acutely aware of their religious apathy, he became disillusioned.

"No," he concluded, "Christianity is not the one true, supernatural

religion I had hoped to find. A good religion, but just one more of the many religions in the world."

While the circumstances were vastly different between King Agrippa who heard Paul's testimony and rejected it, Gandhi, too, was almost persuaded to become a Christian not because of a good testimony, but because of a Christian's poor one.

May God grant that may never be true of you and me. Every day I seek to pray the following prayer: (Can I challenge you to do the same?)

"Dear God, I'm available today. Please make me usable and help me to be 'as Jesus' in some way to every life I touch today. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus' name. Amen."

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## INGLE FARM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

## 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 to the back of the  
church for their activities.

## 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

**CHURCH OFFICE:** 08 8395 4127

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Sue Willavoys: ..... 8284 2175

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Patricia Lian: ..... 8182 1016

### Secretary/Administrator:

Trevor Knott: ..... 8250 8920

### Treasurer:

Ian Amey: ..... 8262 6942

## \$ FINANCE

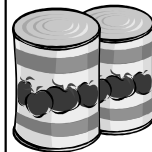
Budget \$1,273

Last Week's Offering \$1,081

Average for this qtr \$1,223

Average year to date \$1,262

## SAMARITAN SHOPPING



Cereal  
Sugar  
Tea/Coffee  
Tinned Veggies, Soup,  
& Tuna.

# COT REQUIRED

Does anyone have a regular (not a travel/fold up) cot that they  
would like to loan to Ken and Pat Sleeman for a period from  
March 11 to April 13, 2007?

Overseas visitors with a baby will be  
staying with them for that time.

If you can help, please contact Ken  
or Pat.



## Next Leaders' Meeting

Monday, March 5, 2007

## FOCUS

*All articles reflect the opinions of the  
author and not necessarily those of the  
editor.*

Please submit all articles for the  
FOCUS to Trevor Knott no later than  
Wednesday 10.00 pm via:

●E-mail: [winnie\\_the\\_pooh@iprimus.com.au](mailto:winnie_the_pooh@iprimus.com.au)



**WHAT:**

Enjoy a weekend of free camping (in a powered or un-powered site) with Family Parks *Go Camp 07* – Australia and New Zealand’s biggest ever FREE camp-out.

Family Parks *Go Camp 07* encourages Aussies to get back to nature, providing a camping experience for people of all ages in a safe and friendly environment.

There will be a variety of activities on offer for kids and adults to get involved within including three-legged races, treasure hunt CFS truck demonstration, eco-talks, bush poets and more, or alternatively, just sit back, relax and enjoy your free camping holiday!

**WHEN:**

Friday 23 & Saturday 24 March 2007.

**WHERE:**

Belair National Park Caravan Park

All Family Parks in Australia and New Zealand are participating in the event.

**HOW TO BOOK:**

Camp sites only (powered or unpowered) – bookings can be made direct with the Belair Caravan Park 8278 3540 by quoting reference number GC07. Reservations must be made by the 21st March 2007 (bookings will not be accepted after this date). Sites are subject to availability and park policies.

# IMPACT

Men’s Group is going to Laura for a weekend (April 20th to 22nd). If you want to join them, please contact Mark Brennan.

You do not have to be a regular participant of Impact.

**This weekend is open to all men of the church.**