

# According to You! ...

You are writing a gospel,  
A chapter each day,  
By the deeds that you do,  
By the words that you say;  
Men read what you write,  
Whether faithless or true.  
Say—what is the gospel,  
According to you?

—Paul Gilbert



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

**EPIC** (Women's Group)

Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 -11.30 am at Cath's home.

**IMPACT** (Men's Group)

On Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7.30 pm.

Venue: John's home.



April 29, 2007

Service Time: 10.00 am

[www.inglefarmbaptist.com](http://www.inglefarmbaptist.com)

## Taking the Easy Road

A man was busily shopping for a Valentine's Day present for his wife. He didn't have a lot of money to spend but he still wanted to get her something nice, even if it was only something small. He had tried several jewellery shops to get her some earrings, but everything he looked at was either out of his price range or really junky. The more shops he looked in the more despondent he became.

By chance he bumped into a lady from church. After saying hello she asked him what he was doing. He told her what he was doing but that he wasn't having much luck. He said goodbye and continued on with his search.

About five minutes later his mobile rang. It was the same lady wanting to know where he was. She then met him again, walked up, hugged him and slipped a sum of money into his hand. She said that she wanted him to have it so that he could buy something nice for his wife. She then left.

The lady had obviously sensed the disappointment in the man earlier and

took steps to find out his phone number and probably withdrew the money. Realizing this and so taken aback by this generous act, the man took time out to reflect, then with renewed confidence he bought his wife some earrings.

They say it is better to give than to receive, and I believe that it is certainly easier to give than to receive. Sure the giving usually has a monetary cost, but the receiving of an unmerited gift requires humility and often takes you by surprise. I know this first hand because I was the man in this story.

In Acts 2:34,35 the early church gave to anyone in need, sharing all their possessions. The act of giving is taking the easy road, but it does help prepare you for the time when you have to take the hard road and forego your pride and receive an unmerited gift from someone.

I want to encourage you to take the easy road and be generous.

God bless.

P.S. The identity of the lady in the story shall remain a secret.

—Ardy

**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.

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## \$ FINANCE

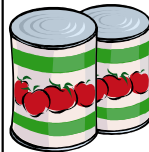
Budget \$1,273

Last Week's Offering \$1,535

Average for this qtr \$1,212

Average year to date \$1,277

## SAMARITAN SHOPPING



Cereal

Sugar

Tea/Coffee

Tinned Veggies, Soup,  
& Tuna.



# Children's Ministry Training Course

run by Children for Christ SA Inc

**Why?** To train and equip you to run children's outreach,  
holiday club programmes, Children's Church.

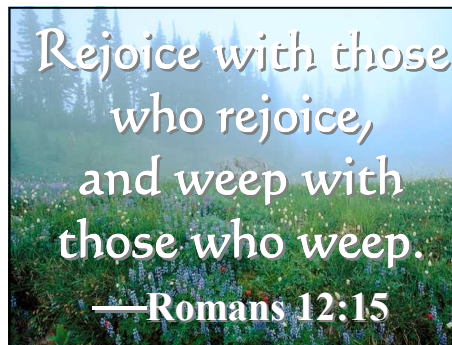
**You will be:** Taught how to do it; Shown how to do it;  
Then have opportunities to go and do it.

**When?** Beginning Wednesday 2nd May 7.30 - 9.30 pm  
This will be a 5 week course every Wednesday  
night until Wednesday 30th May.

**Where?** Children for Christ, Unit 4/644 Port Road, Beverley.

**Cost?** \$40.00 for 5 weeks or \$8.00 per session.  
(This includes some notes and resources)

**REGISTER NOW—places are limited so ring NOW  
and reserve your place: 8244 8746**



## Next Leaders' Meeting

Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## FOCUS

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

Please submit all articles for the  
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