

Programmes

YOUTH / STUDENTS

High School (GRIP)

Events, activities and life groups for high-school youth, meeting on Friday nites. Talk to Melvin for more info. www.bebo.com/gripyo

What's next

7 May—GRIP LIVE

Contact Melvin Tang 0403 865 013

Tertiary (FRESH)

Events, activities and life groups for tertiary aged young adults, meeting on Sunday nites for church. Talk to Ps Steve for more info (0424 181 007).

What's Next

FRESH LIVE WORSHIP at 7.30pm tonight.

INTERNATIONAL (ISM) STUDENTS

Making lasting friendships in Australia and feel at home with us. More info on activities talk to Tuck Yean or visit ism.aacc.net.au

What's Next

BUBS/TODDLERS/PRE-SCHOOL/PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Sundays)

Church designed just for Kids (Toddlers to R to Y8)...GAMES, CRAFT, SONGS, STORIES, DRAMA...Please go to the Chapel for assistance on room allocation.

Today—9.15am to 10.30am

Contact Mei Ling Soo (0416 188 884)

MUMS AND BUBS (Wednesdays)

Mums and Bubs Group—This is a playgroup for kids and for mums to have fellowship, prayer and afternoon tea together every fortnight Monday at 2pm.

For more information, contact : Mei-Ching Cheng (8331 8118)

LADIES' LIFE

Gathering for all ladies for a time of social and recreational activity, support, prayer, dining together...

Next Meeting:

Thursday 20 May at 12.30pm

For more information, contact Linda (8379 0001)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Audio version of **past sermons** can be accessed from our website www.aacc.net.au, click on "Sermon Series" OR go direct to sermons.aacc.com.au

PRAYER AT THE END OF THE SERVICE

Come to the Prayer Room located at the front left of auditorium if you would like someone to talk to or pray with. Life Group leaders or prayer ministry members will be there to support you.

Enquiries Henry Lim 0423366153 & Toh Sang (0407393484)

DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

Austral-Asian Community Church

BSB : 085-458, Acc No : 52733 2634

Should the funds being transferred be intended for a specific ministry like missions then please note this in the remarks / description field of the transfer.

More info: Rick Tan (0424 953 469)

We wish to extend our condolences to Andrew & Kristeen Lee and their children Jodie and Rachel, on the passing away of Andrew's mother, Judy. We pray in this time of grieving, they will be comforted by the Holy Spirit.

Ps Steve Hwang



I'm sitting in the Perth Airport at 5:48 AM ready to fly back to Adelaide. Due to my family issues, I have flown to Perth for a quick 24 hour trip. And thinking back on the last 24 hours, I have again realised and am fully convicted of the need to break down paradigms in our lives when God desires to work.

God has really 'cornered' our family: one of my brothers with his huge financial debt, the other brother with a relational issue and financial burden, and mother who cannot let go of the traditional Korean custom, 'saving face'. So all of them have their own paradigms and mindsets and even 'philosophies' of life, and yet, they have no answers to their problems and can see no real hope!

As a Christian and a follower of Christ, what should I do in this situation?

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

³For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

The first thing we need to do is to identify what we are against: That is, the 'strongholds', 'arguments' and 'every pretension'. Another Bible version (NLT) says that these are 'proud argument that keeps people from knowing God'.

Even when we are in desperate need (of God) we are blinded by these 'strongholds' that set up against God. These can be customs of our culture, our past habits & experiences, worldly knowledge that we have gained/adopted, man-made religion, family tradition, individual or collective philosophies, etc. Even within Christianity, we have set up these 'strongholds' through unbiblical traditions, dogmatic theologies, human-based ministries, worldly understanding of success, ungodly models, etc. Did God not say, 'It is for freedom that Christ set us free'? (Galatians 5:1) They are basically everything that 'sets itself up against the knowledge of (acknowledging) God'.

If this is happening to others (as in my case) then we need to pray against them with the Truth, the 'sword of Spirit, which is the [proclaimed] Word of God' and cut them off from the people. And if it is happening to ourselves, then we must 'repent' of these 'strongholds'.

Now, 'repenting' does not just mean 'saying sorry for our sins'. It means that we change our mindset **to** the way of the 'Kingdom of God' **from** any other ways that are against the Kingdom way! So, when Jesus first spoke the words: 'Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand', it means to 'turn **away** from your way of thinking and lifestyle **to** God's way of thinking and lifestyle'!

The same words are spoken in Romans 12:2a.

Romans 12:2

²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Therefore, the *first thing* that we must do is to break down the strongholds in our lives and lives of others through prayer, proclaiming the Word of Truth and repenting.

To be continued...