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**PROGRAMS** -This is a hard time for some and we still need your support as MOST OF OUR WORK CONTINUES ON from afar. There is a great need in many areas and we would be happy to give you more information on anything we do.

**SUPPORT** - There are a few ways to get involved.

- 1 - Direct transfer Bank to Bank.
  - 2 - A Bank deposit of Cash/cheque into the main AEF account below. OR
  - 3 - Posting a cheque or money order to head office. see the address below.
- Would you please txt the details of the deposit to 0438428957 or email a message to us: [aef@aef.org.au](mailto:aef@aef.org.au)

**SEND** it to us: see below

*Please keep up your kind support*

## MEMBERSHIPS ONLINE

Please indicate where you want your gift to go as we have several accounts.

- 1: For **General Support** AEF Inc. National Acc. BSB 082-810 Acc. 18449-5529
- 2: AEF Family and Youth. **Services Inc.** (deductible gift recipient)
- 3 - David Kirk **Scholarship** fund
- 4 - Community **Chaplaincy** program
- 5 - SCIYP **Youth Chaplaincy** Program
- 6 - Jigamy farm **Youth Camp** Eden.
- 7 - **Other** please specify.....

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# Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship of Australia Inc.



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WHAT'S INSIDE ?  
50th CONVENTION  
Covid 19 ministry shift  
Bimbadeen Moving on  
and more...

## AEF MAGAZINE Easter 2020



*Above: Happy times with Max (Chairman) and Tracey Conlon cutting the 50th Anniversary cake with our surviving founding fathers of the AEF of Australia, Ps. Ossie Cruse AO and Ps. Sonny Graham AO.*

Matt. 6:6 " go into your room,...shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret place



## EDITORS NOTES

Cover pic: Thanks to Tace Stephens for photography at the Convention.

We are always on the lookout for good Artwork and AEF stories to share with our readers. If you or your Church has something that might be a blessing then please feel free to email it to [aef@aef.org.au](mailto:aef@aef.org.au). We need high quality pics. Please make sure permissions are obtained first. NOTE: The AEF wants everyone to know that anyone attending the events we run might have photographs taken which may be used on the fb page or in the mag. etc. If you don't want us to use them please let us know.

Tony Riches



### Please be aware:

This magazine may contain images of Indigenous people who have passed on to be with the Lord.



See, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Ps. 133:1

Left: Baptism Ps. Os and Matt Paterson at P.A.. It was a powerful testimony to grace!

## PORT AUGUSTA CONVENTION 2020

Rev. Phil Wheeler from Sydney brought some very inspiring messages as the devotion speaker for our 50th year celebrations. He spoke from Colossians and covered a lot of interesting thoughts on the relevance of the Word of God to our lives today. His sermons are available on the AEF Webpage Audio/Video page.

For his Sunday AM sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQExpoEYFC4>



Here is the link to the other Sermons—Enjoy!!

[youtube.com/channel/UCbONIIIhWL3LHlqg-XXctEw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbONIIIhWL3LHlqg-XXctEw/videos) hope you like typing...

## BIMBADEEN *Moving on!*

All Camps and Conventions have been postponed under the Covid19 rules. At the recent AEF AGM, a big decision was made following ongoing discussions about the property at Cootamundra NSW. It will be handed back with an aim to help the Coota girls (previous child residents) to take it over. IMPORTANTLY- Bimbadeen Inc. will continue to provide Christian training in new locations. Pray for this new phase of growth. For more info. Rick Manton (Chairman)

### LIKE NO OTHER TIME BEFORE!!

*This is what is said of the time we are in.  
We would never have imagined not being able to fellowship in our own Churches!*

*It is a time that is causing fear and stress so we need to pray SO—Start a phone prayer time with your friends or Pastor; **Do as we are advised**— Stay home; Wipe down benches and surfaces; Above all, we must wash our hands and this will help to save lives. Protect our elders by helping to see that they have what they need without having to go out into the community. This crisis will pass but we can use this time to study, pray and seek God. Jesus said—“Let not your heart be troubled.... believe also in Me.” Jn14:1*

## RESPONDING TO COVID-19

## SCIYP Solid Chaplaincy Indig. Youth Program OUTREACH POSTPONED

It is hoped that another trip will be taking place this year to work with Churches and Communities in the Kimberley. Northern Western Australia still remains an area with high suicide rates. PLEASE PRAY. WA has stopped movement of it's residents and no-one can enter there. The borders are closed as well. We hope this will pass and we might be able to go there in September. For now—pray for the young ones who are stressing out and that the training which has been provided so far will really help to keep people to talk things out. \*\*\*If you need someone to talk to we encourage you to reach out to us, your church, family, or people you trust.

### David F Kirk Memorial Scholarship Fund

*Aboriginal people in training need your support.  
Would you be willing to help a student through this training period?*

*Most study online now.  
Your gift would be most appreciated and it can be sent to the*

**D. Kirk Memorial  
Scholarship Fund**  
PO Box 118

Tanilba Bay NSW 2319  
Telephone: 0419500092

## Pastors Minute

The verse on the cover is taken from Jesus 'sermon on the mount'. The crowds had gathered to hear this new prophet and preacher and see what all the fuss was about. (Social distancing hadn't been invented yet!..) An amazing prayer was about to be taught to the followers wanting to know how to pray which is still used around the world today. There was a time when most people in this country could say it by heart. I don't think we are in that time now but it's worth remembering at this challenging season. From Matthew 6:9-13

**Our Father who art (is) in heaven,**

**Hallowed be Your name.**

**Your kingdom come.**

**Your will be done**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,**

**As we forgive our debtors.**

**And do not lead us into temptation,**

**But deliver us from the evil one.**

**For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

While the sound of the prayer might give some people a sense of security, it's the meaning in the words and the relationship with the Father that should really move us. Here is a thought—Are we praying for, and thankful for, HIS WILL being done on earth? *We should be! Jesus said so!*

While some people are prophesying, posting Scriptures that are rebuking the virus or commanding it in the name of the Blood of Jesus..., I believe that fearful prayer might be a better way to face the Covid 19 pandemic.

"FATHER....YOUR WILL BE DONE"! I accept it and even look forward to it. WHY? Because I have learned for myself that GOD is GOOD ALL THE TIME. Yes, ALL THE TIME- GOD IS GOOD. As we minister with what's in front of us, we can look to the One who has gone through much worse than this. *My wife has low immunity, my son's wife is about to have a child, others have lost all their work but I can have a confidence in prayer that reaches into the future, into my eternal destination and it even enters Gods' heart through Jesus Christ our Saviour.* Whatever HIS will holds, He will uphold us with His strength!. Pray it with me. *Tony Riches*

*...knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. Rom 13:11*



JOIN US IN PRAYER  
EVERY WEDS. 7PM AEST  
wherever you are lift up your  
prayers to Jesus with us  
see our Fb page for details.

## from the Chair...

### 2 Timothy 4:1-5

*I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. <sup>5</sup> But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. NKJV*



To the AEF family, thank you very much for your prayers for they are so valuable in upholding our ministries throughout the nation in this changing and challenging time we live in.

It seems that through the virus the church is being affected yet again where our mob are unable to congregate for much needed fellowship.

However let us not forget that we serve a mighty and powerful God who is our Saviour, protector, provider and keeper, and He is in control of all that's going on in the world and in the country we live in. Nothing happens unless He allows it!

Therefore, I encourage you to be faithful to your calling, stand firm, let us strengthen one another, by praying and calling each other by phone; for hearing ones voice is so uplifting and refreshing. We can also be exchanging stories to share with them and with other people in your congregations or across the country.

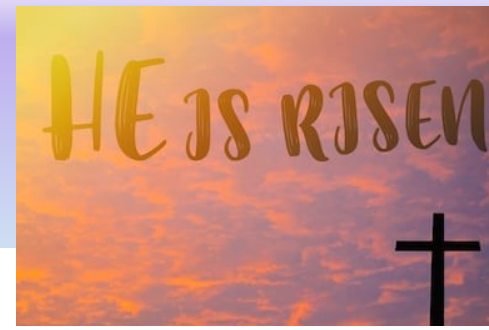


"KEEP THE FAITH AND FOCUS"

Thank you all for prayers and calls for me and my wife through these difficult times, may God bless and keep you in His service.

Max and Tracy Conlon





## EASTER 2020

EASTER is the time we especially focus on the World changing events of

Jesus death as He took the greatest virus–SIN– and the death that follows it!! That's not the end of the story. The stone was rolled away!! The burial TOMB IS EMPTY! An early church saying was "Christ is RISEN—He is RISEN indeed!!" It's true! It's life changing if you believe HIM! Read it to your family–**Luke 22-24**

As a church today, we still have a great opportunity to spread the GOOD NEWS so share over the phone, text, facebook, insta-thingy, tiktok, snap-chat..even by snail mail! **Jesus is ALIVE** and **His return is near!** You might even reach more people with Gods' love this way. This may be a small one, but we pray it's a very HAPPY EASTER!

*Below: Top: Marilyn Kropinyeri, Frances Graham, Shirley Humphries, Lorraine Lilley, Jacqueline Eades, Raelene Hayward. Front: Sarah Mueller, Margaret Jacobs, Ruth Pindan.*







A celebration of the 50 YEARS IN PHOTO's was a great event organised at the local P.A. Art Gallery by Maria Anderson-Tanner and Lavene Ngatokorua.

# Prayer liftout



*A beautiful time of fellowship, worship and prayer!*

# Prayer liftout



*Young people enjoying the Convention workshops.*





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**\* Remember us O Lord!**

\* Pray for Jacqueline and Gerald Eades as they work in a Chaplaincy role in Perth. He is recovering well from the drive-by. Jackie is chairing the National ladies.

\* Pray for the Chairman of AEF as he volunteers for the growth and stability of the National bodies—AEF and AEF Family and youth services Incorporations.

\* Ps. Ossie Cruse ministers as a Chaplain in Eden and surrounding areas as he Pastors the church as well. For good health for him and Robbie.

\* The grieving and the lost. The hurting and the hopeless. Send them the hope of the Gospel. Send your people into their way.

\* AEF State Councils in this quiet time. That there will be some creative planning for future ministries throughout each area in Jesus Name.

**\* Revive us O Lord!**

\*The National Ladies Convention planning has been postponed. Pray for wisdom moving forward.

\* Pray for Pastor Max Conlon and his wife Tracy as they minister in Cherbourg Qld. which is in lockdown. Pray for wisdom as they seek to grow AEF in Qld.

\* Pray for revival in the Aboriginal and Islander communities, so many heartaches as people are dying at a rapid rate.

\* The 20+ registered AEF Ministers who serve across the country. Pray for resources for them to fulfil their ministry.

\* Pray for a movement with a new generation of committed leaders.

\* For Christian people who serve God in the workplace. Though many cannot go to work now, pray they will still reach out and have a big impact through the seeds they planted.

**\* Lead us O Lord!**

\* Pray for Neville & Kathy Naden in their role with BCA and in their leadership with the committees of the AEF.

\* Pray for Nathaniel and Philippa Naden in ministry at South Tamworth NSW.

\* NSW – Chaplains, Neville Lilley (returning to the AEF Council) and his wife Lorraine. Also John and Dot Caton as they do serve in the Port Stephens area. Much of their work is by phone and email right now. Pray for good health as well for them all.

\* WA Chaplains- Ps. Dennis and his wife Wilma Jetta, Ps. Albert and Maxine Knapp . Ps. Gerald and Jackie Eades in the Perth area in their phone and Fb music ministry.

\* Pray for our widows. Several of the wives of our founders have lost their husbands in the past few years. Lord, comfort them.

**\* Sustain us O Lord!**

\* Pray for Ps. Denis and Maureen Atkinson at the Cummeragunja community. Pray for their ongoing health concerns as they support people there.

\* Praise for our kind supporters and prayer warriors that uphold us and the work across Australia.

\* Pray for Ps. Dennis Taylor and wife Valda for their work and ministry and dealing with a loss in the family, Also with the new role of AEF Treasurer.

\* For Ps. Tony and Francine Riches at the National Head Office in Melbourne as the workload has grown through many seeking advice and support by phone and email.

\* Pray for financial support and other resources needed to run the various programs. While our events are on hold the operating costs are almost the same.

**\* Teach us O Lord!**

\* Pray for the Easter ministries. For the first time most people will not be having services and many will be looking for online services for strength in this most significant time on our calendars.

\* Pray for Ps. Chris and Karen Webb in Broome as they minister there and have been called on for leadership and support throughout the top end.

\* For Local Churches everywhere. That the Name of Jesus Christ be honoured faithfully in a way that local Indigenous people can see even when doors are closed.

\* Pray for the health of our leaders and their families. That the Holy Spirit work in hearts and lives bringing transformation.

\* Other Christian ministries among Indigenous people. That the Word will reap fruit in every corner.

**\* Guide us O Lord!**

\* Bimbadeen Inc. has decided to move from the property at Cootamundra and explore new ministry opportunities. Pray for the wisdom as we work together through these issues.

\* New Bible College plans. Ask God for wisdom and grace as we look to establish a new Bible and ministry training program in Melbourne to help people in their walk with the Lord and for service in the church.

\* Women's ministries across the country will grow and thrive even through this time of isolation.

\* For the SCIYP Indigenous Youth Chaplaincy to get much needed support to train up and send out workers into the harvest.

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