

SWOT REPORT

Message from Geoff Pittuck

Greetings Praying Friends,

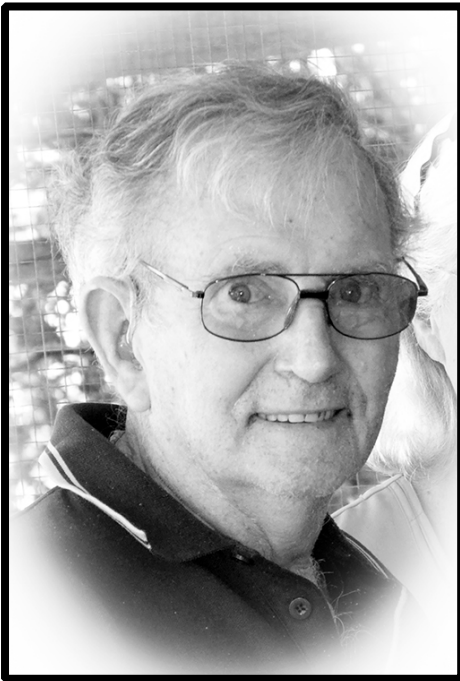
Greetings to all of you that the Lord calls "Loved Ones." I have been struck recently by the simplicity of Christ's story yet we make it so very complicated. Pastor Joe O'Donovan had a recent personal encounter with the Lord who was adamant that when reaching out to the lost we should Keep It Simple (KIS). Additionally, it is time to throw off our fears of speaking about Jesus to those who are lost and show Christ's love to all, for John reminds us that God loves us with the love he has for Jesus! With such love on our minds, we have confidence to fulfil Christ's commission to proclaim/teach/expound/explain/exhort/preach the gospel of good news. Psalm 91:1-2 can be our prayer, each and every night.

*When you sit enthroned under the shadow of Shaddai,
You are hidden in the strength of God Most High.
He's the hope that holds me, and the Stronghold to shelter me,
The only God for me, and my great Confidence.*

What is SWOT?

The South West Outreach Team (SWOT) is a team of Christians who travel by car to our south-west agricultural towns once or twice a week to encourage and pray with local believers. SWOT began some six years ago when Pastor Brian Whitehurst retired from pastoring churches and was "nudged" by God to ministry in the Great Southern. SWOT's vision is to light a small fire in each of the south west towns and then to call upon the Holy Spirit to fan these flames into one large flame, engulfing the south west in the fire of revival. The vision is reflected in the Team's logo.

Ps Brian Whitehurst
SWOT Founder



VALE

Terrence Raymond Robinson

April 1942 - February, 2018

After braving a long fight with cancer, Terrance (Terry) Raymond Robinson passed away at Kalamunda Hospital on 14 February, 2018. We mourn his passing and send our deepest condolences to his wife Glenda, and family.

Terry was a man of great integrity who lived the gospel he ministered. Despite the ravages of physical pain endured during his long illness, and particularly at the end, his love and passion for Jesus never wavered. Terry was an inspiration to all who met him, or knew him. As a deep mark of respect, the flag at the Beverley

Council building was flown at half-mast in recognition of his passing.

Terry loved Jesus. The message he preached. John 3:16-17.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

He will be sadly missed. Rest in peace "good and faithful servant".

Trust your Perfect Guide

Max Lucado - Travelling Light

The story is told of a man on an African safari deep in the jungle. The guide had a machete and was whacking away at the tall weeds and thick underbush. The traveller, wearied and hot, asked in frustration, "Where are we? Do you know where you're taking me? Where is the path?" The seasoned guide stopped and looked back at the man and replied, "I am the path."

We ask the same questions, don't we? We ask God, "Where are you taking me? Where's the path?" Oh, He may give us a hint or two, but that's all. If he did give us more would we understand? No, like the traveller, we are unacquainted with this jungle. So rather than give us an answer, He gives us a far greater gift...Jesus gives us Himself.

He says in Matthew 28:20, "I am with you always to the very end of the age." We need that reminder!

BEVERLEY, Wednesday, 7 February, 2018

Due to a family commitment neither Geoff and I could attend the monthly meeting in Beverley. Brian Lownes from the Mustard Seed Community Church kindly agreed to attend and lead the meeting, for which we were very grateful and thankful.

Written by Brian Lownes

Left home at 8.00am and had a great trip. Arrived in Beverley around 9.30am. It was cold for a February morning. About ten people turned up for the meeting. After a time of prayer and worship, I shared what was on my heart.

Kingdom of God in us

Using the Lord's Prayer "*Thy Kingdom Come*", Matthew 7:9-13. A big discussion was had which led me into Luke 10:1-23 Jesus sending the 72 disciples out into towns.

- V1. Appoints 72 to go and preach the gospel
- V2. Telling them the "*harvest is plentiful, workers are few*".
- V3. Lamb among wolves.
- V4. Do not take purse or bag and don't be side-tracked.
- V5. Proclaim peace to the homes.
- V6. Men of peace will be receptive to them.
- V7. Live as they live.
- V8. Do the work set before you.
- V9. Heal the sick - Kingdom of God is near you.



V10-16 A big warning for those who reject Kingdom of God. V2-V16 Words of Jesus.

V17. The 72 returned full of joy.

V18-20. Authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy, nothing will harm you. Power of the spirit within us.

V20. Rejoice because our names are written in heaven.

v21-23. Jesus speaks to group, e.g. 72 disciples and others. V18-23 Words of Jesus.

I had a great trip. After a cuppa and bite to eat I headed for home about 12.30pm

Let us hold fast our confession

*Seeing then that we have a High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,
Let us hold fast our confession. Hebrews 4:14*

When the Bible says to hold fast your confession (see Hebrews 4:14), it is really issuing a warning that we will be subjected to pressures that might cause us to back off what we have said. But we should not back off. We should hold fast our confession, what we profess.

First, we make the right confession, making the words of our mouths agree with the words of Scripture. We articulate what Jesus has done for us, exactly as the Word of God says. For instance, "**By His stripes we are healed**" (Isaiah 53:5). "**He became poor, that [we]...might become rich**" (2 Corinthians 8:9). "**He tasted death that we might have life.**" (See Hebrews 2:9.) "**He took the curse that we might receive the blessing.**" (See Galatians 3:13-14.) Those are the right confessions. We make them, and then, no matter what pressures come against us, no matter how much things may seem to go the wrong way, we **hold fast** our confession. That is what makes our faith effective, and that is what releases the high priestly ministry of Jesus in heaven on our behalf.

Faith relates us to that which our senses cannot perceive. As long as we are slaves of our senses, we really cannot move in faith. Paul said this clearly in 2 Corinthians 5:7: "**For we walk by faith, not by sight.**" In other words, what we do, and the way in which we live as Christians, is based on faith—on what we believe, not on what we see or know from our senses. Our senses may tell us one thing, and our faith another—that is when conflict comes. That is why the writer of Hebrews says to make your confession and then to hold it fast. Even if our senses tell us it is not so, if God's Word says it is so, it is so.

This teaching was taken from: Identification, Part 4 by Derek Prince

https://www.derekprince.org/Articles/1000129268/DPM_USA/Resources/Daily_Devotional/Daily_postings/Daily_Devotional_Declaring.aspx

WILLIAMS, Thursday, 1 March, 2018

Our first SWOT journey into the country since December, 2017 - how good it was to be finally once again ministering under the SWOT banner. On this occasion, Pastor Joe O'Donovan from Eternal Life Ministries drove us. It was a comfortable ride and we made excellent time, arriving in Williams at 9:45am. Canon Rev. Linley Matthews-Want and her husband Ken greeted us we fronted up to the Anglican Church annexe. Vern Sattler arrived shortly after. Unfortunately, Canon Linley had a prior engagement so could not attend our meeting. Fortunately, her husband Ken remained with us.

After a time of prayer Pastor Joe encouraged us by sharing what was on his heart, commencing with Luke 10.1-4

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.'

Joe asked us why are the workers few when every believer is a worker in the harvest field. From this point Joe gave his testimony that began with a holiday to Ireland in July. Joe said to the Lord prior to leaving Perth (referring also to his wife Glennis) *"We are available"*. Now the Lord took Joe at his word. During the six week holiday in Ireland Joe and Glennis were used daily to witness, reach out, bless and encourage everybody they came into contact with. As a direct result of *"being available"* the Holy Spirit used them both so powerfully, family members came into the redeeming, healing knowledge of Jesus.

In late December the night following surgery, the Lord vividly spoke to Joe throughout the entire night, impressing upon him that when reaching out to non-believers whether they be academics, professionals or ordinary folk, the message must be kept simple. KIS **Keep It Simple**.

Examples being:

What is sin?

Simply put - sin is disobeying God. It began in the Garden of Eden by Adam and Eve eating of the Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. A big mistake.

What is a Christian?

John 1.12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

Simply put - A Christian has invited Christ into their life. Christ is not His name, it is who He is. A Christian is a child of God.

Further, Joe went on to tell us about his experience with his surgeon. Some years prior, he had undergone a knee replacement with this particular

surgeon. Before the surgery the Lord had told Joe to pray aloud with the medical team. In obedience, just before going under, Joe asked if he could be permitted to pray. Somewhat stunned at the request, for this had never happened before, the surgeon agreed. Joe prayed the Lord bless the whole surgical team. This must have left an indelible impression upon the surgeon.

When Joe recently had his pre-op meeting with the same surgeon regarding the opposite knee, the surgeon made mention that he knew without doubt the previous knee surgery would have been a success because of his *"belief"*.

Now Joe, being a jovial person, on the morning of his recent operation, enquired of the surgeon, *"Had he slept well and not been 'out on the turps'"*. The surgeon replied that not only had he slept well but had not touched a drop of alcohol as a direct result of their first meeting. Later the Lord impressed upon Joe that at the post-operative appointment to tell the surgeon - *"Jesus is real"*. Now this seemed a silly thing to say unrelated to anything discussed but as Joe was leaving the consultancy room he turned around towards the surgeon and said exactly that: *"Jesus is real"*.

If you say to the Lord, ***"I am available"***, he will use you. Keep it simple.



LtR: Vern Sattler, Ken Matthews-Want, Margaret Pittuck, Joe O'Donovan

NARROGIN, Thursday, 1 March, 2018

It took about twenty minutes to drive the 31kms from Williams to Narrogin. Gary Johnson was waiting for us with piping hot scones. Two of Gary's friends, Ken and Phil, were visiting.

It was apparent that our first action at this meeting would be prayer. We learnt that Ken's wife had been gravely ill for sometime and was about to undergo a new drug trial. Ken also was fighting cancer.

In proxy, Ken stood for his wife. We all gathered around Ken, laid hands upon him and prayed that the Lord in his mercy would deliver and heal both him and his wife. Sensing a prayer anointing we continued on to pray for Phil, and for Gary for his daughter Margaret.

Later, we devoured scones and jam.

With only one scone remaining, Gary's son arrived just before we were about to head over to Popanyinning.



POPANYINNING, Thursday, 1 March, 2018

We had not forewarned Sam and Jenny Maughan that we would be visiting. Surprisingly, the shop was unmanned but after a short time a young girl, later we learnt her name was Stacey, came running into the shop to serve us. We discovered that due to a family tragedy, Jenny was away in Bunbury. However, Sam was about and when we found him he told us their news.

Jenny's daughter-in-law had recently been found dead, leaving behind a husband and two sons. Jenny was with the family in Bunbury waiting for Sam to join them for the funeral the following day. Other prayer needs were discussed including the need to sell the business. During lunch Jenny phoned Sam. Pastor Joe was able to pray and encourage Jenny over the phone and encourage Sam by reading **2 Kings 6.1-7**:

And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go." Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

God can do the impossible. Uninterrupted by customers we prayed.

All too soon we were back on the road via the Wandering route heading towards home. Reflecting on the day, I was contemplating how great the needs of God's people. What an awesome privilege to be able to come alongside our dear brothers and sisters

to encourage and pray with them. I was feeling inadequate for the job but was reminded that it is God who equips and undertakes, to those who would say: "Here I am, use me".



Joe O'Donovan, Sam Maughan, Geoff Pittuck

2 Corinthians 9:12

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

Prayer Points

Please continue to pray for :

A great move of the Holy Spirit across the country.

Unity amongst the brethren, especially for the church in Popanyinning.

The wardens of the Anglican Church, Williams.

The Lord's favour for a connection with the Christians in Wickepin.

Please remember to pray for Glenda Ferris, (wife of Terry Robinson) and family, as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

Jenny Maughan's family are suffering the sudden loss of a loved one. Your special prayers in this situation would be much appreciated.

Please pray for Jenny and Sam Maghan that their business is sold, for good health and the Lord's anointing and favour as they minister to their community in Popanyinning.

Please pray for healing for Margaret Johnson who is battling mental issues.

Please also pray for Ken who is about to undergo radiation therapy for cancer and for his wife, also battling cancer.

Special prayers are sought for Phil who is yet to make a decision for the Lord.

IN MEMORY OF
BILLY GRAHAM
1918 – 2018



"I consider my life worth nothing to me; if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me - the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." Acts 20:24