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WELCOME!



Please be aware this newsletter may contain images of Indigenous people who have passed on to be with the Lord.

Hi, my name is Max Conlon, I was born in Cherbourg, Wakka Wakka country and my mother is a descendant of the Gubbi Gubbi nation, my father Kullali descendant who also born in Cherbourg. I am married to Tracey Naden/Conlon from Wiradjuri nation and we have four daughters and a son, who was promoted to glory at the tender years of twenty four just four years ago, we also have seven grandsons.

I became a Christian at sixteen years old in Cherbourg AIM church and served Christ soon after in Sunday school and youth group and became actively involved in church activities, I just wanted to serve Him with all of my life for what He has done for me. I worked in a number of public service positions but nothing was more satisfying

and rewarding than attending Pines Baptist College on Sunny coast, Queensland with my wife and other family members. I am currently pastoring the Cherbourg AIM church and employed by Churches of Christ in Queensland as a Mission Action Partner (Pastor), and part of an Indigenous state advisory team within the organisation.

“Praise His name”

I feel humbled and honoured to serve Christ in my roles and especially as a servant leading the AEF ministries of Australia, a verse of scripture that captures me that Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 1.21 “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain” this has been my desire since Christ saved me, and I will continue to serve in what capacity that God chooses until he decides to reposition me, or decides to takes me home,

- AEF Chairman Max Conlon



Left to right: Ray Minniecon, Max Conlon, Daniel Riches, Dennis Atkinson, Neville Naden and Tony Riches.

“And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.”

1 SAMUEL 25:1

PORT 2018 AUGUSTA

AEF National Convention
Port Augusta | 30 Dec 2017 to 6th Jan 2018

Marking the 49th iteration of our national gathering, the AEF Port Augusta Convention 2018 exceeded all expectations. As our brothers and sisters from Churches Australia-wide came together for a week of fellowship, held at Central Oval stadium, Port Augusta, SA, the Lord blessed us in so many ways.

The week was filled with morning and evening services where we heard great messages from our many Pastors across our Churches throughout the country. The Port Augusta convention has been a central event to our activities as a community of Christ, and makes for a memorable week that blesses our brethren.

There were youth activities, council meetings, social events, guided tours of Umeewarra Aboriginal Community, and other events for all to participate in. The team of organisers created a wonderful week of fellowship and a key feature of this year's convention was the team of Native American Pastors and their wives from the US. Our keynote speaker was Rev. Mike Cummings of Burnt Swamp Baptist Association in Pembroke, North Carolina. Rev. Cummings has worked tirelessly supported Pastors in ministry and was

integral in building a commitment to mission work amongst Indian reservation communities in the mid-west and western United States. During the convention he was able to share with us the similarities his people have faced in the US and how it is very much like to struggle of Aboriginal people in Australia. Joining Rev. Cummings on his trip to Australia was his lovely wife, Quae Cummings, who was making waves on Facebook with her message to our ladies.

We also hosted Pastor Gary Hawkins, who is the Director of the Fellowship of Native American Christians (FONAC) and his lovely wife Paula, and Pastor Tim Chavis from Maxton, North Carolina. This amazing group of people blessed us with sermons, stories about their people, and their beautiful singing. Please continue to pray for our friends and may God bless them!



Above: Rev. Mike Cummings and wife Quae Cummings from Pembroke, North Carolina



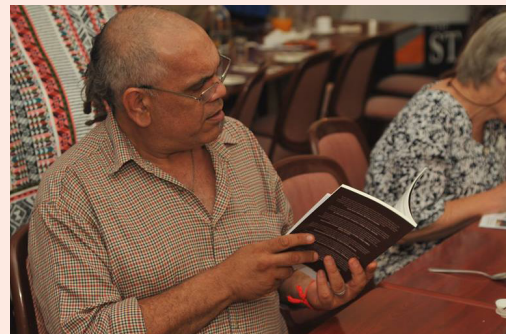
Above: Pastor Gary Hawkins and wife Paula from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

***He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."
Mark 16:15***



Right: Dr. Tim Chavis from Maxton, North Carolina.

Port Augusta Convention 2018....



AEF LADIES

Eastern Area Ladies Convention 2018

AEF Eastern Area Ladies Convention was again held at Bimbadeen, Cootamundra. The Lord abundantly blessed us with beautiful weather and wonderful warm fellowship. 40 ladies turned up it was encouraging to see the younger women taking on some responsibility. It was good to meet up with old friends and make new ones. The theme for the weekend was "A beautiful Mess". Our speaker Janelle Walker spoke to us from the book of Ephesians, we were reminded often over the weekend that we are blessed with every spiritual blessing which we have in Christ and through Christ.

When we find ourselves in a mess and know and can be sure we are not alone, because of the wonderful promise "He will never leave us nor forsake us". We were reminded also that we are God's

child because we are sealed with the Holy Spirit. We can be beautiful women by putting off the old life and putting on the new, and we can do that by striving to be more of the woman that God wants us to be, by being truthful, a peace maker, honest and generous, seeking God's help in all things, and being God's Word. We were also reminded that we face a daily spiritual battle and we need to stand strong in the Lord, this battle can only be fought in the strength that the Lord gives us. It's not good enough to look like a soldier, we need to act like one and be ready by putting on the whole armour of God.

***"Strength and honour
are her clothing; She
shall rejoice in time to
come."***

Proverbs 31:25



AEF LADIES

2018 AEF NATIONAL LADIES CONFERENCE

Pinjarra, WA - Oct 2018

It is with a very thankful heart, I am able to say thank you to the AEF Federal Council for the support of the AEF National Ladies Council regarding the AEF National Ladies Conference in September, October 2018. Our theme was a follow on of the NAIDOC theme "Because of Her we Can", it was honouring the dear Christian women who have went before us, in the journey of those who took on Ministry leaders before us.

We are so grateful, because we are able to look back and be thankful but be excited for the future for the younger ladies who in the future will have something precious ahead of them. We know that God in our lives is the foundation that our women of the past were able to draw guidance and strength from, so today we have much to praise God for. Working from WA with no support team to work with me, I was very thankful for Pastor Gerald Eades, Pastor Leon Hayward along with Pastor Denis Taylor and a small group coming together praying with myself and sister Raylene Hayward. I was able to give updates and briefing of progress on the upcoming conference. My respect for input from

Raylene's ladies prayer meeting runs each Tuesday with Denise Birch to allow me to share everything to their group for prayer points and it was very special in which I was able to speak about the program and also encourage women to come along and have fellowship. The venue was outside of the city in Fairbridge near Pinjarra, I felt many of our conferences are in the city and sometimes we can be side tracked by shops and other attractions.

All our program was biblical base and it was a great joy to Karen Masters, Francine Riches, Roselyn Coleman, sis Liz Hayden and also Shamone Eades which was a filler in a special "Stolen Generation Link Up" services provider for our people in WA. We were delighted for aunty Margaret Jacobs who was a part of our program on the testimonial side. Welcome to country was done by sister Liz Hayden and Prayer convener sister Kathy Bird. Women were blessed, and it was great to see women still traveling long distances, coming by road, flying and driving. Kimberley mob, South Australia, NSW, Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie sisters which was a great blessing and of course WA and local ladies. Hearing, singing, shar-

ing testimonies also hearing songs in the languages brought tears to our eyes. Those who put their hands up for music and just being there for each other. Only God can do that.

As a committee we have worked hard to do the very best to bring a program that will give the ladies a desire to seek, to help ladies in our churches, also our family that need help, so we actually become Christian service providers for the Lord's people. Special thanks to our ladies from Gilgandra who drove all the way and to sister Kathy Bird for being prayer leader. Some ladies weren't happy with the meals, accommodation and got a little discouraged at first but as the programmes got on the way, concerns faded in the background.

My encouragement to our women, sometimes situations don't always please us and we can forget about why we are here, I would say to us all the program that we all had, its concepts and what we are doing in our churches today should be more important and Gods word. I have been involved with ladies' ministries for many years, I feel before the Lord Jesus, God has brought us along way, we have so much to praise God for to everyone who came, praise God for you and to the financial support thank you all, to a wonderful National AEF Ladies team thank you. To Mrs Valda Taylor from S.A.F.E Church, AEF members thank you for the conference flowers. I personally look forward to the new year and what it will bring.

God willing see you all in Port Augusta convention 2019-20. To our AEF ladies allows God to take your life and use it for his glory and you will have the

desire to encourage other dear sisters and be a servant to our lord and saviour.
*Your sister in Christ Jesus,
Mrs Jacqueline Eades
AEF National Ladies Chairperson &
National Committee*



***"Be strong and courageous!
Do not be afraid or discouraged.
For the Lord your God
is with you wherever you go"***
Joshua 1:9

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Bimbadeen Christian Training and Conference Centre

For information on the training programs and bookings for the Conference Centre contact:

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AEF Bimbadeen College

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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?

Your gift would be most appreciated. PO Box 118, Tanilba Bay NSW 2319

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Bequests

CONSIDER A LASTING GIFT...

Have you considered making a lasting impact by leaving a LEGACY with the AEF of Australia Inc. This kind of giving has made a significant difference to the AEF over the years.

It's not for the rich only. Every little and every large gift all make a difference. If you are looking for a well run, Christ centred, community based ministry that reaches Aboriginal People across Australia with a message of Hope, well, that is what we are. If you would like to know more please contact us or talk to your own people about continuing to support and impact people long after you have gone. If it's not in writing it won't happen. May God

PROGRAMS

If you would like to support any AEF Programs or any people involved then please feel free to contact us to ask any questions. There is a great need in many areas but we would be happy to give you more information.

SUPPORT THE AEF

1. Direct transfer Bank to Bank.
2. A Bank deposit of cash/cheque into the main AEF.
3. Posting a cheque or money order to head office.

SEND it to us: *see below*

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

1. AEF Family and Youth Services (deductible gift recipient)
2. David Kirk Scholarship Fund
3. Community Chaplaincy Program
4. SCIYP Youth Program
5. Jigamy Farm Youth Camp, Eden
6. Other (Please specify)

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PRAYER POINTS

MONDAY

- **Pray for the Pastor's and their wives in AEF Ministries** they face trials in the Church and Community, they need your encouragement.
- **Pray for labourer's to go out into the harvest** we need people to step up and step out in service to the Lord.
- **Pray for the families of our Pastor's** who have gone to be with the Lord.

TUESDAY

- **Pray for Rose Johnson and family of Pastor Frank** who has been called up to glory.
- **Pray for the ministries in Cherbourg, QLD**, for Pastor Max Conlon and wife, Tracy, as they minister to the many needs.
- **Pray for the AEF Federal Council** as they are planning for the future and adapting to the many needs of our people.

WEDNESDAY

- **Pray for wisdom and resources** for the planning of the Bible Ministry training program with a College in Melbourne.
- **Pray for the widows and families** of Pastors who have recently been called to glory.
- **Pray for Bimbadeen Cootamundra** as they run Christian camps and plan for the future.

THURSDAY

- **Pray for the African America Pastors from Lott Carey USA** who have assisted in the AEF ministry.
- **Pray for finances** so that AEF may continue its ministry, this is an ongoing concern (but not a worry) as the Lord will lead. Pray for generosity among the givers.
- **Pray for volunteer workers** who are needed in the head office in Melbourne.

FRIDAY

- **Pray for our Community Chaplains** who are helping people in all situations, may the Lord bless them.
- **Pray for the AEF Ladies** who have done an amazing job with the Grief and Loss program delivered in several communities, helping those who are hurting.
- **Pray for Solid Chaplaincy Indigenous Youth Program** and that their Youth Suicide training will have impact.

SATURDAY

- **Pray for the many young people across Australia**, as they have little contact with the Church, pray for help to reach them.
- **Pray and give thanks**, that the Wantirna manse Melbourne has been returned to the hands of the local church.
- **Pray against the works of the devil**, he has come to steal, kill and destroy. The AEF and its leaders are a target.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:15-20
REJOICE EVERMORE. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING. IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD CONCERNING YOU.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FEATURE ARTICLE

On the night Jesus was born, the angels could hardly contain their excitement. They proclaimed, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14). They were echoing a Truth about Jesus that God had told His people 700 years before.

Jesus would be the Prince of Peace. In Hebrew, the word king and the word prince are used interchangeably. That means that the prince embodies the power of the king. He has all of the authority, the ruling delegation, and the royal standing of the king. So Jesus is not just the Prince of Peace; He is the King of Peace. He alone is the Author and Giver of peace.

Before the arrival of the Prince of Peace, the broken world had long been pining for peace. Sin is a heavy burden, and separation from God is the deepest ache of the soul. We had no ability to cast off our burden or restore our peace with Him. We were stuck and hopelessly broken, in need of peace until, finally, the Prince of Peace came.

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Devotional: The Names of Jesus

Christmas Devotion about the names of Jesus.

"...For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father [of Eternity], Prince of Peace..." - Isaiah 9:6 (AMP)

As we are heading towards Christmas, let us focus on the reason for the season, which is Jesus. Jesus is our Wonderful Counsellor. He is our Mighty God - the Everlasting Father. He is the Prince of Peace. His coming was prophesied, long before He came. His names were given to Him long before His lowly birth. May we focus on and celebrate who Jesus is and all that His names represent.

His miraculous birth was the start of something that history will never repeat. Christ's birth, His life, death and resurrection, and our relationship with Him because of this, is the reason we celebrate. No one else can bear these names For no one could ever be the same.



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UPDATES

Ministry Workshops

The AEF of Australia will again be hosting some exciting workshops for Council members, Pastors and their wives, and Chaplains. They will be run by Lott Carey Baptist Foundation from the USA. There will be 2 days of fun and helpful ministry support and encouragement sessions in Sydney 7-8 February 2019.

The Lott Carey team of African American pastors will then be travelling to Cherbourg for ministry and workshops on 9-12th February 2019. Then Cairns will have the opportunity to share this ministry from 13-14th Feb 2019.

For more information and booking details:

Sydney Workshop - **Tony Riches** 0438 428 957

Cherbourg Workshop - **Max Conlon** 0438 769 005

Cairns Workshop - **Ray Minniecon** 0407 929 701

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JESUS CHRIST TO THE GLORY OF GOD.**



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