

Giving

The Colgate-Palmolive Company is one of the oldest in America, going back nearly two hundred years. It was started by a young man named William Colgate. He left home at sixteen years of age to seek his fortune, and everything he owned in the world was tied in a bundle that he carried over his shoulder. But as he walked on his way to the city, he met an old neighbour and the words the old man spoke stayed with him for his entire life.

'Well, William, where are you going?' asked the old man. 'I don't know. Father is too poor to keep me at home and says I must make a living for myself. I don't know how to do anything except make soap and candles.' 'Well, let me pray for you and give you a little advice,' said the old man and he prayed for William. He then said this, 'Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; make a good soap and give to the Lord a portion of every dollar you make. I am certain you will be a prosperous man.'

When William arrived in New York, he found a job and joined a church. He gave ten percent of the first dollar he earned to God. As he entered the soap business and became more and more successful, he gave twenty percent of his income, and then thirty percent, then fifty percent, until late in his life he became so successful that he was giving one hundred percent!

Today, two hundred years later, many of us brush our teeth or wash our faces each day with products from that young man's factory.

Tithing is an interesting issue and people do have a variety of views on the matter. Suffice to say, giving to charity (which includes our church!) should be an important part of our commitment as Christians, not to mention, our church community. True giving must involve some sacrifice, otherwise is it really giving?'

'You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly; for God loves the person who is a cheerful giver.' 2 Corinthians 9:7.

Preaching

Rev Bruce Richardson will be preaching on Sunday 29 June and Dale Bradley on Sunday 6 July.

Jammies in June

A total of 73 pyjamas were donated by our church community. Well done! And thank you, Rhys, for coordinating this. Tremendous effort by all.



Time for a Smile

A man goes into the doctor's and says, 'Doctor, I keep feeling that everyone thinks I am a liar.' 'I find that hard to believe,' replies the doctor.

A man is having his eyes tested. The optician tells him, 'I've got news for you. It turns out you are colour blind.' 'Oh, my goodness,' says the man, 'Well, that is certainly a bolt out of the green!'

Build

Progress continues, and we will be in there soon! Once we have a firm date for completion, I will let you know.

Opportunities remain for making a contribution to our project:

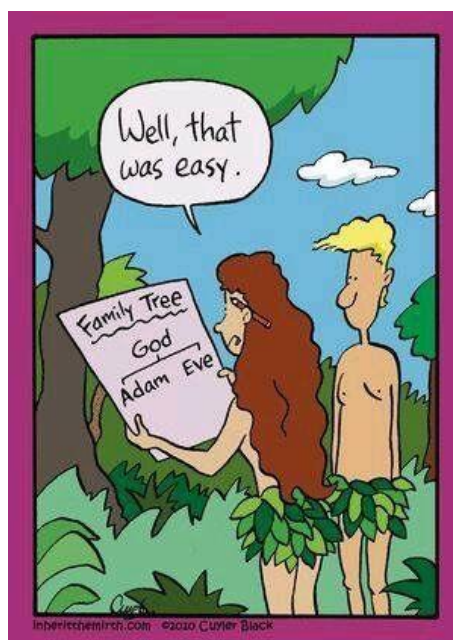
Boardroom table - \$2,000; chairs for the main auditorium - \$180 each. (Mission Dst of St Pauls in the Pk F).

Mainly Music

It is our intention to start up a Mainly Music programme in our new community centre. This is a gathering of mums/carers and toddlers, who through music and games, become familiarised with the Christian faith. Initially, they will be meeting one morning a week, though that could extend to two mornings, if the interest justifies. We are looking for volunteers to help with the running of this programme. If you are at all interested, please let me know. It will be a few months before we get under way.

YouTube

I want to acknowledge the wonderful Nigel does very Sunday in editing and uploading our services on to YouTube. Thank you, Nigel!



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