

Six Focuses for 2017

- **To have a greater emphasis on prayer in our church's life.**
- **To organise a church-wide study on being a good neighbour.**
- **To encourage our members to really love one another.**
- **To complete 2 or 3 community service projects in 2017 in which our whole church can participate.**
- **To ensure that the Ministry Leaders' Team meets at least once a term.**
- **To seek your feedback on how we might address the \$30,000 deficit of our church.**

How can we give greater emphasis to prayer?

- Have a prayer focus this second term and make the month of June a special month of prayer.
- Encourage more prayer in our existing groups, meetings and Sunday services.
- Gather passionate pray-ers to help provide resources on different kinds of prayer to deepen our prayer lives.
- Re-establish the Prayer Ministry Team (pray-ers needed)
- Promote the Prayer Room and encourage its use.
- All three services on one Sunday are Prayer Services.
- Arrange specific prayer times before community projects.
- Pray about the church deficit and for cheerful givers.

Our Deficit

The elders believe that we have made the need known, that we are living within our means as the weekly & monthly updates show, that we are very thankful for those who have already given towards the deficit, and that we call us all to pray about it – for thankful hearts, generous spirits, for God's provision and for God's alert to any matters that we need to address.

What community projects could we engage in as a church?

- **Make a date for a 'Service/Kindness Saturday' and prior to that ask our members to list the skills they could offer on that day AND the help they, or someone they know, would appreciate.**
- **Free 'Car Wash, Coffee & Cake' on a Saturday with a roster of helpers of all ages, with the hall set up as a café or helpers taking orders to cars.**
- **Following a church-wide study in term 3 on 'The Art of Neighbouring', each house group would be encouraged to plan a service project/act of kindness for the next month.**
- **That we arrange two Saturday afternoons in December to offer a free child-minding service while parents do Christmas shopping.**

People have given up on the truth because they don't believe anyone can be trusted. The world is full of people who have been hurt by those who were supposed to love them – people they should have been able to trust. Before churches will be heard, they must re-establish trust. To establish trust, they must first show their ability to love.”

“One of the most effective ways to reach people with the message of Jesus Christ today is through real and relevant acts of service. Honest compassionate service can restore credibility to the crucial message we have to share. To *tell* the truth we must *show* the truth. It's the model Jesus used. Jesus served. He met needs. People listened.”

The Externally Focussed Church – R Rusaw & E Swanson (2004)

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Paula or Prue.***



This Term

- ❖ **A focus on prayer**
- ❖ **A month of prayer in June**
- ❖ **A Free Car Wash & Cafe**

(We would appreciate those with a passion for prayer, for prayer ministry, and organisers for the car wash to offer themselves.)

Next Term

- ❖ **A six-week church-wide study on 'The Art of Neighbouring'**
- ❖ **A Serving Saturday or Operation Service**
(We would value offers to organise this.)

Plus offers to help organise the new Mardi Gras event

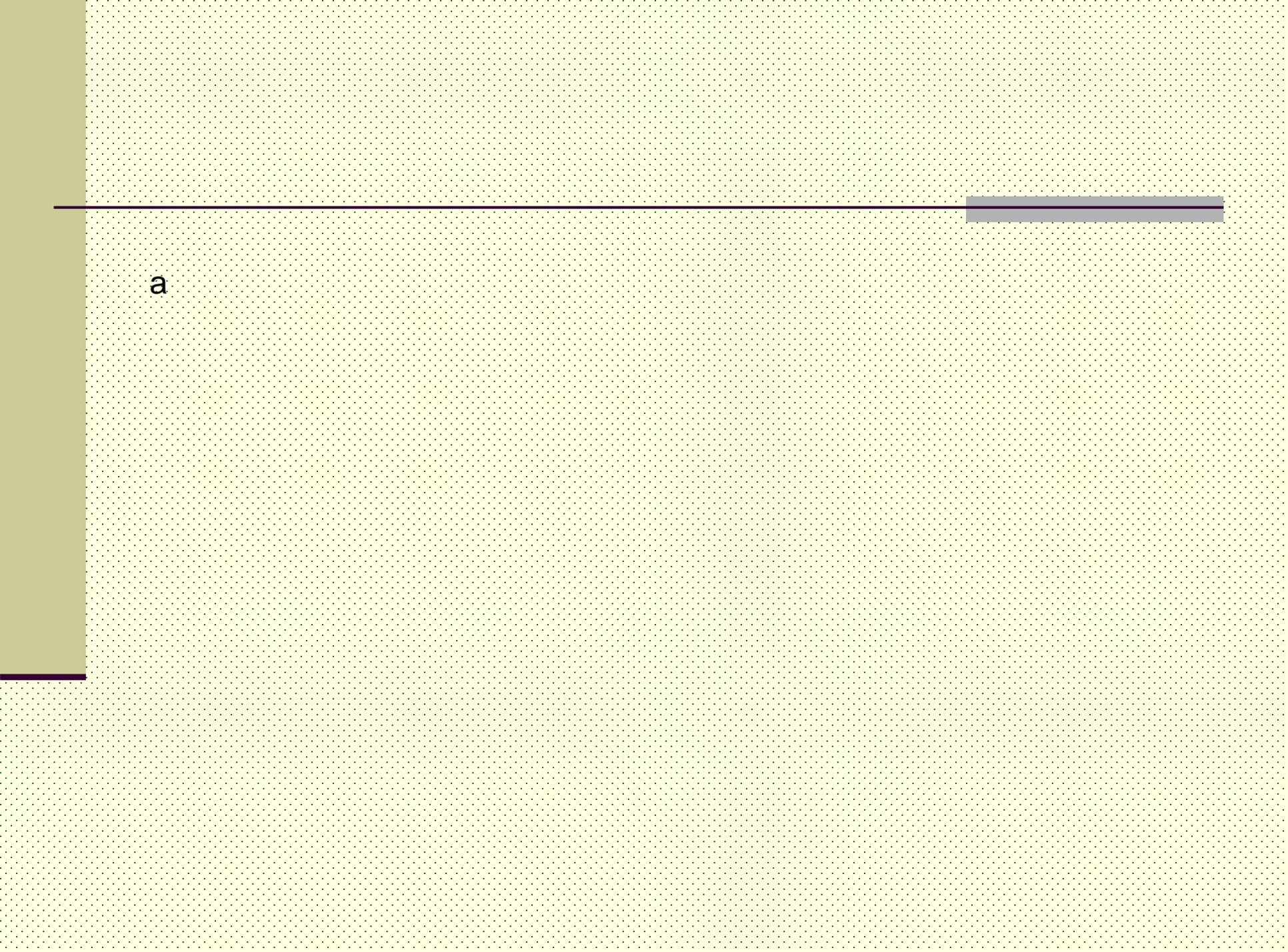
How then shall we live?

...whoever shows kindness to others should do it **cheerfully**. *Roms 12 v8*

...for God loves a **cheerful** giver. *2 Cor 9 v7*

Do your work...**cheerfully**, as though you served the Lord, and not merely human beings. *Eph 6 v7*

Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. *1 Peter 4 v9*



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