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Jesus said: "Ye are the salt of the earth ... Ye are the light of the world ..." (Matthew 5:13-14)

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Happy New Year!!!



The countdown was exiting and thrilling once again, but the celebration is over and out for another year. The fireworks lit up the skies for a little while, but the fun will be remembered for a long time to come. Like clockwork, one year concluded successfully and without missing a beat a new one commenced straight away.

The old passed away into history whilst the new was preparing to write its own. The tired one finally went to bed after a long hard year as the fresh one got up on the dot and went straight to work.

At the stroke of midnight the big hand on the Big Bens of the world reached out and touched the small hand of their small sisters. The long awaited signal went out all over the earth. It's "New Year" message was once again heard loud and clear. People everywhere followed suit and greeted each other with a **"Happy New Year"**.

- “ **Happy New Year**” - For many, it is a time where family feuds and sibling rivalry are momentarily put on hold and artificially laid aside and where even complete strangers can be mistaken for old friends.
- “ **Happy New Year**” - For most, it is nothing more than a “commercial break” in the ongoing drama of their lives; a breather to go and get a bite to eat and something to drink before they return to the fantasy world of their mere existence.
- “**Happy New Year**” - For the majority, it is just wishful thinking; something nice to say, hoping that someone up there somewhere, may look down upon earthlings with favour this year.

So then, is it actually possible to have a “Happy New Year”?

Yes – I sincerely believe so!

We can have a “**Happy New Year**” when we take time to:

1. **Reflect** on the past 12 months of our lives and **review** the highs and the lows.
2. **Rejoice** over saved souls and spiritual growth and **repent** of our sins of omission and commission.
3. **Renew** our dedication to - “Observe the great commission” (Matt 28:18-20) and **refresh** our attitude to - “Obey the great commandments” (Mk 12:30-31).
4. **Refocus** afresh on what really makes a difference on earth and matters dearly in eternity – i.e. a faithful life of purpose, commitment, excellence and service rather than a fragile existence for pleasure, comfort, mediocrity and self-centeredness.
5. **Recharge** the battery of our souls and **resume** our earthly journey towards our eternal rewards.

We will also have a “**Happy New Year**” when:-

1. On our revived action plan, the top priority is to first seek the ONE who “**crowns the year with His goodness**” (Psalm 65:11a); and “**enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name**” (Psalm 100:4); “**for He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand...**” (Psalm 95:7a).
2. On our list of things to do, the first thing on the schedule, like the first hour of the day and the first day of the week, is to enter into *the power of His praise and enjoy the wonder of His worship*. (More on this in my Bible devotion)

With the Love of Christ,
Peter
General Editor

BIBLE DEVOTION

Rev Peter Rahme – CDP Deputy President

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR

In the power of HIS praise & the wonder of HIS worship.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness; (Psalm 65:11a)

Throughout the Bible, commencing with the Old Testament, continuing and concluding with the New, we are confronted with and comforted by the power of God’s praise and the wonder of His worship:

From the triumphant song of Moses to the magnificent solo of Mary;

From the prose of Jeremiah to the praise of Zacharias;

From the psalms of David to the revelation of Jesus Christ, joy-filled souls sing heart-felt songs of

powerful praise and wonderful worship to the God of Abraham, Jacob and Isaac for their redemption, deliverance and salvation.

We, the children of the same faithful Father living in the 21st century and beyond, who are redeemed by the same precious blood, delivered from the same power of darkness and saved by the same personal Saviour, can also enter into the power of His praise and enjoy the wonder of His worship.

(To read the full article, [click here](#))

(<http://www.saltandlight.org.au/articles/Bible%20Devotion%20-%20Salt%20&%20Light%20Jan%2009.pdf>)

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. FRED & ELAINE

You are very much loved!



The following report of Fred & Elaine's 50th Wedding Anniversary Lunch, was prepared by the Australian Christian Nation Association (ACNA) Secretary.

'On Saturday, 6th December, 2008, ACNA held its first Christmas Luncheon which included the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of the Rev Hon Fred Nile MLC and the Hon Elaine Nile. These dual celebrations were held at Sophocles Restaurant, Parramatta. It was a spectacular and memorable day for all who attended.

Elaine looked relaxed and elegant in a long black skirt and a jacket in black and white with large red roses on the hem. Rev Fred had told Elaine that it was the Christmas Luncheon for ACNA with the Anniversary just added on, so she was really taken by surprise to see so many faces from the past and the present. (To read the full account, [click here](#))

(<http://www.saltandlight.org.au/articles/Golden%20Celebration%20Salt%20&%20Light%20Jan%2009.pdf>)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rev Fred Nile MLC - CDP Founder & President

1. Happy New Year!

The new year of 2009 provides us with wonderful, positive opportunities in our service for Christ, our Saviour, as we present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service (Romans 12:1-27).

Christ calls us to take up our cross and follow Him as living sacrifices, not dead sacrifices as occurred at Mumbai. (Matthew 16:24-27). In spite of negative attacks on the Christian Democratic Party, let us re-dedicate ourselves to serve Christ in our Churches and communities, for "we are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9). (To read the full President's Report, [click here](#))

(<http://www.saltandlight.org.au/articles/President's%20Report%20-%20Salt%20&%20Light%20Jan%2009%20.pdf>)

OFFICE UPDATE

Acting State Manager – Rev Peter Rahme

2009 is going to be a BIG YEAR for CDP. Plans are under way for the following exciting initiatives:

- The screening of the great Christian feature film 'FIREPROOF', ([click here](#) for details on how to pre-order your 'FIREPROOF' DVD /book package);
- The 'Fred Nile School of Politics' weekly courses starting in February;
- Our campaign to expose Dan Brown's (the Da Vinci Code) new film 'Angels & Demons' due out in May;
- Our annual conference 070809 in August;
- Our quarterly regional seminars ;
- Fund raising dinners & concerts
- Plus much much more.

We're looking forward to mailing out details to you ASAP. That also means that we're going to need all the VOLUNTEER help that we can get. A number of you have already responded. Thank you!!

I'm still looking for more volunteers including office administration, computer IT, etc.

For more details and/or If you like to be part of the CDP office team of 2009 email me on editor@saltandlight.org.au or call me on (02) 9144 4568 or (02) 9746 5817

BRANCH NEWS

CENTRAL COAST – A Report on Bishop Bakare's Civic Reception - By Ian Crook

The Bishop was welcomed to the CIVIC RECEPTION by Gosford City Mayor Chris Holstein The sitting member for Terrigal Chris Hartcher was also present. Retired Catholic Bishop Bede Heather, one time Bishop of Parramatta, who had ministered in Africa was seated with Bishop Bakare. Mrs. Angela Bailey representing TEAR Australia also met with the Bishop, promoted TEAR to the Civic Reception and a new exciting link seems to have been formed between the Anglican Diocese of Harare and TEAR Australia.

Over \$1100 were raised at the Gosford Shoreline Restaurant (Gosford Sailing Club) and handed to Bishop Bakare .Another \$1500 was donated to TEAR Australia for work in Zimbabwe.

The occasion was one that glorified God and brought commendation to CDP. The CDP Central Coast Regional Council is strong, united and motivated to do the will of the Lord Jesus!

HUNTER BRANCH

Newcastle, Wallsend & Charlestown Branch meets on the 3 Sunday of the month. All are welcomed. For more information contact Milton Caine on 0410 027 593

KIAMA BRANCH – Lesley Kadwell (President)

The Kiama Branch meets bi-monthly on the last Monday of February, April, June, August, October starting 7:30pm at John & Lesley Kadwell's, 8 Moona Ave, Kiama Downs.

Dates for 2009 are 23 Feb; 27 Apr; 29 Jun; 31 Aug & 26 Oct. The 23rd Feb will be the AGM with Chairman and Speaker, Max Cracknell – CDP NSW Branch Development Officer. Phone 4237 7186 for more details.

INTER STATE

CDP (WA) - By State Director Gerard Goiran

We had a very busy year in 2008 with a State election announced ahead of time, 10 months only after our well contested Federal election. We missed out a seat in the Upper House by a mere 490 votes (out of 73,000 voters) and are determined to keep trying as we believe God wants CDP in the WA Parliament.

More recently, we also had the visit of Bishop Sebastian Bakare, Anglican Bishop for Harare. We had the Bishop only for one day in Perth just before his return to Zimbabwe. The Bishop made a moving address at a public meeting we held for him; net donations of \$5000 were raised on the night and will be forwarded to him via CDP NSW.

We also have some exciting plans for 2009.

Candidate training programmes will be launched in February for potential and endorsed candidates. Training will be by way of workshops, retreats and seminars with recourse to external expertise where required. Upon completion of the training, each course participant will have developed a strong personal profile, acquired a comprehensive knowledge of all CDP policies, be fully informed about current matters of debate, developed strong public speaking skills and capable of recruiting and inspiring a dedicated working team. The February session will deal with our system of government, our Constitution and the dangers of a Bill of Rights. Dr Augusto Zimmerman, an international scholar specializing in constitutional law and lecturing at Murdoch University will be our keynote speaker in February.

We have also appointed a strategy focus team to review our position. It will develop in the first half of next year a report outlining our perceived strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats as well as a comprehensive plan of action to cover the issues of candidates, membership, media, policies and promotion.

The Young Christian Democratic Party WA branch will also be launched under the brand name of **YCDP**. We had already decided to proceed with this project last year but had to defer its implementation due to the priority given to the State election campaign. We are arranging for Jeanette Nolan to fly to WA to help us with the launch which we are hoping to hold in March.

CDP WA continues to grow by the gracious provision of our Lord Jesus: we have now 1000 households who are official members of CDP WA and a further 7000 names on our data base. Praise God for CDP WA!

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CDP (VIC) - by State Chairman Spero Katos

We have now approved a new Constitution which sets us up on a stable legal basis for the future. The VEC has just approved our re-registration as a political party with over 500 members responding to its recent inquiry of all Victorian political parties.

"Gov Watch" is the new name of our regular newsletter which monitors good governance in Australia. The November edition contained articles about the Political Landscape, President-elect Obama, ABC Learning Centers, Bali Bombers' execution, among others. (complimentary copies are available upon request – see contact details below)

We have been encouraged by our supporters' response to our Fighting Fund appeal which is seeking to support a part-time State Director.

(For more details about CDP (VIC), email skatos@genesis.net.au or write to Reply Paid 99, Sandown Village, Vic 3171 -No postage required, Tel. (03) 9887 9350; www.cdp.org.au/vic/)

DEAR GORDON

NSW CDP Secretary – Elwyn Sheppard

(Many of you who are our CDP family & friends, have been grieved by Rev Hon Dr Gordon Moyes' public attacks on CDP during the last year. For your information, here is a letter from CDP's Management Committee which was recently sent to Dr Moyes in response to his continued false and sometimes mischievous allegations and claims. We have sought to resolve the situation privately in a gracious & mature Christian manner.)

Dear Gordon,

On behalf of the NSW CDP Management Committee, I write to thank you for expressing your concerns about the responsibilities of the Management Committee Members as officers in the CDP Organisation. We advise that the Management Committee is taking steps to ensure that CDP continues to be financially viable in the future as a registered political party. CDP is not incorporated and, as with other political parties, does have debts as a result of Election Campaigns.

The Management Committee would also point out that one of the factors that have impacted CDP finances has been your constant public attacks on CDP, Fred Nile, the Management Committee and CDP Members and supporters which has confused and disillusioned some of our CDP Members. We remind you that you are a CDP Parliamentarian under the leadership of the Rev. Fred Nile and that, as a Christian you must take notice of Hebrews 13:17 which says: *"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority;"* and Romans 13:2: *"He who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted and those who do so will bring judgment upon themselves."*

Turn around, Gordon! We would hate to see the Lord lower the boom on you, which He will do unless you repent. The dissension you have caused is one of the acts of the sinful nature, *"The acts of the sinful nature . . . idolatry and witchcraft . . . discord . . . dissensions . . . factions . . ."* Galatians 5:19ff, and is like the sin of divination. *"For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry"* 1 Samuel 15:23

We would like to comment on the following statement from your email: *"I did warn about this on several occasions, and predict(ed) what (would) happen to membership and finances unless a fresh agenda was adopted. You voted against that."* We have reviewed the Management Committee and State Council Minutes since September 2007. There is no record that you moved a single Motion at the Management Committee or State Council meetings when you gave your monthly reports and therefore there was nothing upon which to vote. You put your proposals and comments in *"Christian Voice in Politics"*, which meant that you did not have to justify your proposals in a properly convened CDP meeting. Thus, the above statement is, as are many other of your statements, quite incorrect.

Your latest unchristian attack on the CDP in your CVIP (27/11/08) is very disgusting as you continue your campaign to undermine the CDP and reduce its financial support. Again, you twist the facts. You wanted to be on the Management Committee but you were not supported. When you were nominated at the Annual Council you withdrew your name as you realised you were going to be defeated because of your disloyalty.

KAREN'S KORNER

by Karen Goderie (Pender)

Hi all; just a quick reminder, we need to get the prayer network into a committed force. Any enquiries to join us on email or for a copy of the prayer calendar, can email me at Karenpender@optusnet.com.au

Pray that the CDP Prayer network will grow, that would begin again in this New Year in Prayer with the resumption of Parliament in February. *"Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
(1 Corinthians 1:6-8)

HOT TOPICS

FRANKLIN GRAHAM on Obama-Warren inauguration controversy.

interview by Sarah Pulliam (Christianity Today)

President-elect Barack Obama chose California megachurch pastor Rick Warren to give the invocation at the January 20 inauguration, igniting fury from same-sex marriage advocates and progressives. [Obama](#) and [Warren](#) both defended their decisions to reach across the aisle, even though the future president and megachurch pastor. Evangelist Franklin Graham was in the hot seat once after he prayed in Jesus' name at President Bush's inauguration in 2001. He spoke with [Christianity Today](#) about his reaction to Obama's decision and his advice for Warren.

(To read the full article from **Christianity Today**, [click here](#))
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2008/decemberweb-only/152-23.0.html>

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HOMOSEXUALITY and THE BIBLE: *Telling the Truth*

Dr Albert Mohler – President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Homosexuality is now the most controversial issue of debate in American culture — and it is likely to stay that way for a long time. Once famously described as “the love that dares not speak its name,” homosexuality is now openly discussed and debated throughout American society.

(To read the full PDF Booklet from Dr Mohler's website, [click here](#))
<http://www.albertmohler.com/documents/HomosexualityBible.pdf>

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NOTHING RIGHT ABOUT A BILL OF WRONGS

Bill Muehlenberg – Culture Watch

The Rudd Government has established a panel to conduct an inquiry into whether Australia should have a Bill of Rights. The panel will be chaired by Fr. Frank Brennan. The recently passed Victorian Bill of Rights seems to serve as a model of the proposed Federal version. The question is, do we need such a Charter or Bill of Rights? I believe the answer is no ... (To read this excellent article by Bill Muehlenberg [click here](#))

<http://www.billmuehlenberg.com/2008/12/23/nothing-right-about-a-bill-of-wrongs/>

WORLDVIEW CONFERENCE

Summit Ministries Conference Adelaide & Perth with David Noebel

The Summit Worldview conference will be held in Adelaide Jan 11-12 and in Perth Jan 15-17. The Adelaide conference will be held at University of South Australia, Centennial Building, Lecture Theatre C3-16. It starts Sunday at 2:30pm. Contact Andrew Kulikovsky for more details: (08) 7221 1904 or 0415 242199. Email: Andrew@kulikovskyonline.net. For info about the Perth conference, see <http://www.worldviewsummit.org.au/>

HEALTH & HUMOUR

The Green That KOs Blood Sugar Damage

from RealAge.com

Like going a couple of rounds with Tyson, high blood sugar can do a number on your vital organs. But eating *this* may give it a one-two punch right back: **broccoli**.

The tasty green florets are ripped with sulforaphane, a compound that seems to help keep high blood sugar goons on their best behavior, so they do less damage.

(To read more, [click here](#))
<http://www.realage.com/ct/tips/6903>

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What's the boy's name?

A pregnant woman from Melbourne gets caught in a car accident and falls into a deep coma. Asleep for nearly 6 months, when she wakes up she sees that she is no longer pregnant and frantically asks the doctor about her baby.

The doctor replies, 'Ma'am you had twins! a boy and a girl. Your brother from Portsea came in and named them.'

The woman thinks to herself, 'No, not my brother. he can be silly !' She asks the doctor, 'Well, what's the girl's name?'

'Denise.'

'Wow, that's not a bad name. I like it! What's the boy's name?'

'Denephew'.

VIEWS & REVIEWS

'Go See Fireproof!'

by Dr Ted Baehr Special to ASSIST News Service

HOLLYWOOD, CA (ANS) -- Dr. Ted Baehr, Christian film critic and founder of the Christian Film & Christian Television Commission and Movieguide®: A Family Guide to Movies, is encouraging everyone to see the movie "Fireproof".

"Fireproof" has won praise from Dr. Baehr, who called it, "An incredibly gripping, compelling, heartrending, transformation story." Dr Baehr has given it 4 out of 4 stars for quality and a +4 for acceptability, the highest Movieguide® ratings possible.

(To read the full article from Assist News Service, [click here](#))

<http://www.assistnews.net/stories/2008/s08100154.htm>

PLEASE NOTE

We're looking to premiere the FIREPROOF film in Sydney.

[click here](#) for details on how to pre-order your 'FIREPROOF' DVD /Book package.

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Clairvoyants Lack Vision

by Wolfgang Polzer – Special to ASSIST News Service

ROSSDORF (ANS) – Clairvoyants and astrologers have again missed the mark in their predictions for the current year. An analysis conducted by the German Society for Scientific Research into Para-Sciences yielded "catastrophic" results. According to a press release published December 16 in Rossdorf hardly any prediction came true.

(To read the full article from Assist News Service, [click here](#))

<http://www.assistnews.net/stories/2008/s08120095.htm>

FWN EDITION

JANUARY ISSUE

The 'Family World News' is a monthly Christian newspaper edited by Rev Fred Nile. Now in its 15th year of publishing, FWN's mission is to keep you informed of how Government and politics affect you and your family. In the January issue just out , you'll read some excellent articles e.g ...

- A Vision for the Future - By WB Digger James AC MBE MC –Major Retired
- 2009,Change begins within us - By Col Stringer
- Good News for New Year –By Bill Muehlenberg
- The Leadership & Success of Nehemiah (Series) By Peter Rahme
- Focus on Parliament includes :Hope for Children Suffering Significant Learning Difficulties; Ind. Commission against Corruption; Retirement Village Amendment Bill; plus much more
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YOUR SAY

Dear Rev. Peter,

Greetings in our Lord. ...Many thanks for this first edition of Salt & Light; very much appreciated....

Richard L Price

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Congratulations on the new CDP emagazine, "Salt and Light". I appreciated it and found the articles in it very helpful.

I was a little disappointed however to find an article giving support to McCain and deriding Obama. I am surprised because 1) last I knew CDP is not in America and has nothing to do with American politics that are very different to our own, and 2) the article seemed to make out that McCain is a practicing Christian who is morally above reproach, and that Obama is anti Christian. I believe however that in actual fact McCain is not a practicing Christian and has certainly not always lived a very moral life in his past. I also believe that Obama is a practicing Christian. I would certainly disagree with some of Obama's policies, but I don't think it is helpful for an Australian Christian political party to show support to one American political candidate and deride another - especially when the one they are deriding has already won the election by a landslide.

Apart from that one article however, thank you for your email.

David

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Dear Fred and Peter,

I've just received the Salt and Light email and want to express my thanks for such a quality journal. It's great to be updated on the happenings of the CDP and also Rev. Fred. It is such a delight to read an interesting, informative article that is God focused and gives Him all honour and glory. I thank God for the CDP and the freedom and privileges we have in Australia. Congratulations and I look forward to the next edition.

In Christ,

Tammy Davis

Good morning Peter (editor) and Fred (President),

Thank you for sending me the first issue of Salt and Light. Fred, you may recall I emailed you recently to express my concern at the recent material I had received from Gordon Moyes, so this material is a positive refreshing change.

With reference to "Financial Collapse - An Economic Crisis" can you please expand on your definition of "Gospel of Prosperity"?

Many thanks

Carl Olsen

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Greetings All,

May I commend you for this initiative "Salt & Light"...Format and content are just right!....Thank you.

Sincerely,

Grahame Lindgren

PRAYER & BLESSING

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Dear Lord God,

I thank you for what You've done **for** me on the cross of Calvary;

I thank you for You're doing **in** me , step by step and day by day..

I thank you for what you'll do **through** me to glorify and magnify your great name;
to you be all the glory!!!

In Jesus precious name, I thank you,

Amen.

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JUDE 24, 25

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling,
and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

To the only wise God our Saviour,

be glory and majesty,

dominion and power,

both now and ever,

Amen.



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