



WEEKLY NEWS

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TRUMP, TAXES, AND CHARACTER

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Donald Trump's reported tax evasion is a wonderful example of different approaches to ethics.

How do we reflect upon his paying tax? Many will approach this topic as a search for the truth. Did Trump actually pay 'millions' of taxes, as he claims? Is the story as told by the New York Times 'fake news'? Or is the story true? Did Trump, despite making millions, only pay \$750 in tax in 2016? Did he claim \$70 000 for hairstyling as a tax deduction?

This approach to ethics focuses on the facts; on the particular action. Has Trump told a lie? That is to say – when Trump says he paid millions in taxes, is he making a statement that does not align with the facts?

In order to answer this question, we need to see Trump's tax returns. The President (like his predecessors) will not publically release them. Some ethicists then focus on actions. Was this action (or decision) wrong?

Other ethicists focus on consequences. If Trump is avoiding taxes, are the American public missing out on revenue? If the super-rich can avoid paying their fair share, how does this impact the poor?

Still, other ethicists take a third approach. They do not focus on whether this particular action was immoral, or on the consequences of this particular action. Instead, they focus on character. What type of person is Trump?

Trump has had his successes as a President. Pre-COVID the economy grew, and unemployment in the US was at a 50 year low. But for me, his failings are clear when viewed through the lens of character (or virtue) ethics. Trump is neither honest nor generous. You cannot trust him.

What type of character traits are you known for? How do you embody or reflect godly virtues?

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KINDNESS FROM YOUR KITCHEN

The freezer bank is critically low at the moment, and we need your help in filling it up. Our freezer bank supports families in the community. Often its families who have fallen on hard times, affected by job losses or tragedy. Asking for help is not always easy, but it's such a blessing to be able to help.

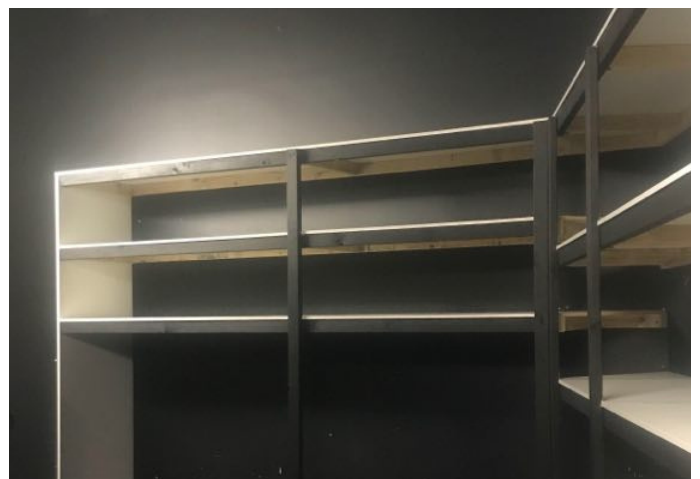
Could you help? Cook a batch of pasta bake? Add an extra serve or two to your dinner this week? Perhaps your Growth Group want to get together and cook together? Every little bit helps.

Bring your labelled meals into the DAC Office, Tuesday to Thursday, 9am till 4pm, with a list of ingredients included.

SPRING CLEAN

We are one month into Spring and one week into the School Holidays. Around the church, we're been doing a bit of 'spring cleaning'. This week storage was built behind the stage. Michael Fletcher, Ben David and Liam Smid worked together to build the shelves behind the stage.

Over the coming week, we'll be sorting through resources and other storage zones to also streamline those places and make them easy to keep clean and organised. It's great to be working together to keep our building a space everyone can use. Keep an eye out for further developments.



PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God, creator of all things and giver of every good and perfect gift, hear with favour the prayers of your people, that we who are justly punished for our offences may mercifully be delivered by your goodness, for the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy M (10am), Loren A (7pm), April A (7pm), Katie C (7pm) and Kasey D (10am).

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Helen S, Bruce M, Diana M, Kath H, Ella H, Jean D, Lorna B-W, Glenys N, Barbara B, Barbara L.

8AM/2PM

Pat W son Anthony and Anthony's fiancée, Sue K - all struggling with health. Molly B - recovering after a fall.

9:30AM

Anne S and Robin B - both recovering after surgery. Pat M recovering after surgery.

10AM

Joan C - recovering after fall. Elizabeth L, Ronnie V.K, Michael E, Janelle S, Michelle S - all ongoing conditions and treatment.

7PM

Shaina J son, Roman, waiting for appointment. Pray for good health while waiting. Billy H - chemo treatment. Gary M - ongoing health problems.

SAFE MINISTRY



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