

Plains Church News 16 Feb 2020 Family Day Weekend

The children were asked about their heroes. Who do they look up to and admire? Pastor Margaret Bell received replies ranging from Superman, Batman, my girlfriend, to my Dad. As followers of Jesus we are to treat others in the way that we like to be treated.

Amy Dale and the choir sang, "Lamb of God". The leaders for 2020-2021 who were elected at last week's Annual Meeting were asked to stand and be recognised. Then the members of the congregation were invited to stand in support of them and Pastor Bell offered prayer for the leaders.

Flowers in the sanctuary were in loving memory of Jean Dennis, Wayne Ruddock and Dayna Ruddock given by Donna and Malcolm Rust. Flowers were given by his family in loving memory of Dennis Wilson who went to heaven 3 years ago. Heather Limon, Elizabeth and Eric Tucker took part in the service.

The proceeds from our Pancake Supper on Tuesday 25 February 4.30-6.30pm will be donated to the Union Community Centre (Sports Club). Tickets at the door. The World Day of Prayer for this area will be held at Port Stanley United Church on Friday 6 March at 2pm.

"Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names."
— **John F. Kennedy**

After reading passages from The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapter 5, Pastor Margaret told of giving a Valentines card to a close friend some years ago. The friend was upset because of the monkey on the card. Sometimes we experience a blip in a relationship that matters to us. It can happen when we are insensitive to the other person's feelings. Such are the misunderstandings of childhood days.

We have all experienced times when it's "hard to get over it" and to "move on". We want to follow the example of Jesus but it's easier to harbor resentment and want to give back. So the challenge of Jesus is to look for other ways rather than sounding off with a knee-jerk reaction.

Jesus wants us to internalize his laws. Out of the heart comes love and forgiveness. Relationships do matter to God and other people. Our calling is to be "perfect" in the sense of being mature, of being people of integrity. Put the names of those who have wronged us on our prayer list and maybe one day you will be able to forgive and find healing.