

# Freedom Life Centre News



A Ministry Arm of Rangeville Uniting Church  
Toowoomba, Australia

*"...to proclaim freedom for the captives..." (Isaiah 61:1-3)*

## From Dulcie's Desk

Welcome to our first newsletter for the new year.

The year 2002 can be an exciting challenge or an absolute drag. Our outlook on our ministry has such an effect on how we operate in our gifting areas. Do we see our individual ministry as a privilege or as a chore? This year, will we add to our ministry or will we subtract; this year, will we step out or step back; this year, will we build up or tear down?

As we step out into a new year with all its challenges and unknowns may we put our complete trust in our Lord. To know with absolute surety that what the Word tells us is truth and that there is nothing that can take the place of God's Word. Be encouraged to soak in the Word and not only to learn by the Word but to live by the Word.

Please continue to send us your letters. We desire to hear what you have to say and any testimony you may have. These are an encouragement to us and every one in the body of Christ.

We at Freedom Life Centre are very appreciative of

the donations we receive from people. We attempt to acknowledge all donations received, however, some donations that are forwarded to us through the banks aren't acknowledged because on some entries there are no names. So to those people who donate through the banks, on behalf of Freedom Life Centre I would like to sincerely thank you for your donations to the work of our ministry. We are encouraged by your support and pray God's richest blessings upon you.

## Prayer Points

The members of Freedom Life Centre value your prayers and would ask for prayer support in the following areas:

- \* for continued good health for Col and our team members
- \* for guidance as we plan for 2002
- \* that people who attend seminars will have safe travel
- \* that people who have attended our seminars will continue to be encouraged and enthusiastic in their ministries

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## Meet the Team

Mrs Susan Newell is our secretary/receptionist and is likely to be your first point of contact with Freedom Life Centre. Susan keeps the mailing list database up-to-date, attends to personal ministry appointments, prints and sends out the Seminar information packs and, along with Dulcie, helps keep the Freedom Life Centre team operating smoothly.



Miss Dulcie Andrew is the Office Administrator and came to Freedom Life Centre in September 1999 to take over in that role. Apart from oversight of the office, Dulcie is responsible for the office finances, organising the seminar scheduling for the year and most of Dr Warren's associated travel arrangements. Dulcie has now also become involved as a seminar presenter.

## Seminar Reports

### TINGALPA SEMINAR

Tingalpa Uniting Church in Brisbane held a second seminar for the year on the 9th-11th November 2001. The "Making God Relevant Today" seminar was led by Rev. Col Warren. Though small in number people were encouraged to be more courageous in their ministry and to make the most of opportunities that come our way to share the gospel with others.

### WARWICK SEMINAR

On the 16th - 18th November 2001 at the Warwick Uniting Church on the Darling Downs in Queensland a "Prayer" seminar was led by Rev. Col Warren. It reinforced to many people the importance of prayer and the role prayer plays in our lives. It is to be hoped people will feel encouraged to step out even further in their prayer life.

### CAMDEN SEMINAR

A "Prayer/Deliverance" seminar, led by Rev. Col Warren, was conducted at the Camden Uniting Church in New South Wales, the weekend of 1st December to 3rd December 2001. People were enthusiastic to learn and to grow in the prayer and deliverance area, also to catch the vision of where God wants them to be in their church.

### MOOLOOLABA SEMINAR

Rev. Jack and Mrs Leonie Frewen-Lord presented a "Healing and Wholeness" seminar at the Mooloolaba Uniting Church during the weekend of February 1st - 3rd, 2002. People were blessed by this weekend of teaching in many different ways. They have been encouraged to step out of their comfort zone in their ministry to others.

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## From Dr Warren's Pen

### *Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday Today & Forever*

When we look at such things as the world wide persecution of Christians, it is easy to become down hearted. It is good for us to share some of the great things God is doing in our day. I want to share with you (with the writer's permission) a letter telling of God's continuing power to defeat the powers of darkness.

We are frequently asked to spiritually cleanse buildings and properties from the evil effects of curses deliberately placed or that come as the result of sinful acts which give Satan the legal right to cause problems for people and properties.

*Dear Col,*

*Just a note to update you with what has been happening here at Waloon since your seminar in August. Thank God the "Strong Man" over the area was "broken" and a great difference is noted around the Bell Estate. (that was the area that was "so heavy" while we were prayer walking).*

*Ninety five percent of the estate is now free with only one small area (the size of two allotments) that needs more work. Your team prayed over my home on the Saturday night when you shared a meal with me. You broke the spirit of barrenness over the land. I have enclosed a photo of my broccoli from my vegie garden. Before your prayer I couldn't even grow silver beet (I'm sure it usually grows on concrete but I couldn't get it to grow no matter what I did). NOW it is two feet high and so lush I can't believe it would grow in my garden. My fruit trees are laden with flowers and small fruit. (I've never seen anything like it). I have tomato bushes that are 35 cms. high with tomatoes as big as golf balls on them already. Thank you! God certainly has blessed me again!*

*The photo attached shows my broccoli "before" the prayer and on the right is now. I ran out of film so couldn't take my other vegies but believe me they are great.*

The Lord revealed during prayer that there was a curse over



this property which had been deliberately placed there. This was broken with the power that is ours through Jesus' victory on the cross and the above letter reveals the result of this spiritual cleansing. The Bible is clear in its teaching about blessings and curses. Unfortunately many Christians are rationalists who dismiss biblical teaching in this area.

In Deuteronomy 27, it is clearly stated that a curse of God will follow disobedience in the areas stated. In Deuteronomy 28 clear teaching is given concerning the blessings of God that follow obedience to Him.

*Deuteronomy 28:1 ¶ If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands that I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.*

*2 All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:*

*3 You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.*

*4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock--the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.*

*5 Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.*

*6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.*

This passage refers to the nation of Israel but applies equally to all people. The consequences of disobedience to God's laws and commands are also clearly stated in

*Deuteronomy 28:15 ¶ However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:*

*16 You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country.*

*17 Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed.*

*18 The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.*

How many times have God's people suffered because they have not used the power released to them by what Jesus did on the cross? It was there He lead Satan captive in His victory procession. Why should we live as if we are defeated when the victory has been won?

It is time for the Church to move in the authority we have been given by Jesus over all the power of Satan.

Colin Warren.

## A Different Viewpoint

In most church meetings around this nation, perhaps even the world, we hear time and again what sort of people we Christians should be like but few if any ever tell us how this is to be achieved. A recent sermon touching on attitudes aroused my attention because I believe this is the starting point from which we achieve change. It has been said that the best way to change an attitude is to replace it with a higher one. This is so true. All of us have attitudes we would like to see changed. But changed to what is the point. Try as hard as we can to change we mostly fail. Usually we try to do it in our own strength even thinking that calling on God to give us help will make the difference. Changes may occur but they seldom last. We quickly and easily slip back into the old ways. We discover that practising being good doesn't make us good. What we need is indeed a completely changed attitude, one based on a changed perspective. A good example of this, I think, is patience or rather impatience which derives, in my view, from a deep seated conviction that MY time is more important than YOUR time. This deep seated conviction needs to change before any change in my impatience is seen. This, I believe, is why all the trying in the world to be patient, to be good, is to no avail.

The question then is how are my attitudes changed so that they become God's attitudes? The answer to this I am now

absolutely sure lies in "THE LOGOS" of Jesus Christ. I use the transliterated word "LOGOS" here since the English word "WORD" does little justice to the meaning of this wonderful Greek word which incidentally is translated 24 different ways in the King James Version. "LOGOS" and "LOGIKOS" are the Greek words from which we derive our English words "logic" and "logical". The moment I begin a statement with the words "I reckon" I am putting forth reasons based on my logos.

Now, many times we have heard it preached that we can't rationalise God and this is true but only because our logic is corrupt, fallen, and we are not able to begin to conceive a truly logical God. It raises the whole issue as to what do we mean by something being logical or rational. By whose standard do we judge. Obviously, whether something is logical to ME or not depends on my logic, my rationale, my way of reckoning. The God Almighty is indeed logical but His logic is not MY logic nor whatever I, by myself, may deduce as being logical.

All of us operate out of our own logos, our own logic, corrupt as it may be. Jesus wants us to have His Logic, His rationale, His way of thinking, His Logos which of course is His Father's Logos. This "logic" may not be "logical" from my present vantage point. We argue that something is logical or illogical but we argue only ever from our own understanding, our own perspective. I am sure that as we grow in God's logic we will also grow in God's perspective and as we grow in God's perspective we will realise how logical God really is. And so we come to ask what makes a thing logical anyway?

Jesus tells us in John 17:17 (He is speaking to His Father) "... Your word (logos) is truth." AND in John 8:32 "and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." This connection between logos and truth (which is also seen many times elsewhere in the NT e.g. Luke 8:21 and 11:28) is an important one, for we have known that truth changes us but we have not known how to bring about this outworking of truth. We tend to sit around waiting for truth to "zap" us with change. Thus "THE LOGOS" is the important link, in fact the only link, to the changing work of truth. The source of this Logos is the Father and it is this Logos which the Father God by His Spirit begets in Mary as Jesus. Thus Jesus is His offspring, His Son, for He comes forth out of His Father. This Jesus IS "THE LOGOS" made flesh. Scripture goes on many times to tell us that the words of Jesus are his LOGOS and so Jesus' words to us are the Logos of the Father, the rationale of the Father, the way of thinking of the Father, the spiritual "reservoir" out of which the Father reckons.

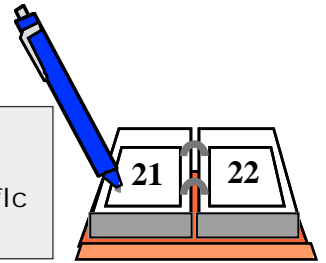
Now the key to the Logos changing our rationale and thus our attitudes, is given to us by Jesus in Luke 6:46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and **do not do** what I say?" AND 49 "But the one who has heard and has **not acted** accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great." Thus Jesus teaches us that mental ascent to His Logos (truth) builds an unfounded house which will not stand against the testing which must surely come. This is the wondrously powerful thing about obedience to the Logos — it changes my thinking, my attitude, my rationale; it renews my mind. I am convinced that the ONLY thing which renews our minds is obedience to Jesus' Logos. Time and again scripture directs us to be doers of His Logos.

The problem of impatience, mentioned earlier, derives



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## Dates for your Diary

If you are interested in hosting a seminar or having Freedom Life Centre visit in your area, please do not hesitate to contact us.

<p>Friday 15th April 2002 {7pm-9:15pm}          Releasing God's Power          Rev. Colin Warren          Rangeville U.C. Specht House          22 Lovett St. Toowoomba          Ph: {07} 46357000</p>	<p>9th April - 10th April 2002          Making God Relevant Today          Rev. Colin Warren          Blackall A.O.G. Q'ld          Contact: Ps Brian Petersen          Ph: {07} 46574922</p>	<p>9th August - 11th August 2002          Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church</p>
<p>5th April - 7th April 2002          Rev. Colin Warren          Winton Q'ld.          Contact: Charles Phillot          Ph/Fax: {07} 46573984</p>	<p>26th July - 28th July 2002          Releasing God's Gifts          Rev. Colin Warren          Crystal Brook U.C. South Aust.          Contact: Rosemary Humpris          Ph: {08} 86362783</p>	<p>16th August - 18th August 2002          Hope Valley U.C.</p>
		<p>23rd August - 25th August 2002          Leeton U.C.</p>

**How are you able to believe,  
*since ye receive glory from  
 one another...*  
 John 5:44**

<p>from the deep seated selfish belief that MY time belongs to ME. When I come to the realisation that time belongs to the Lord and we act accordingly, impatience flies out the window. Occasionally we slip back into impatience but only because we are not submitted to our Head, the Lord Jesus, and we again lay our own hands on the reins of time. Attitudes can't help but change as we walk in obedience to the Logos of our Lord. That we MUST do it, can not be more explicitly stated than in Matt. 28:20 "teaching them to observe ALL things whatsoever I commanded you:" But what actually is the Logos of our Lord. What does scripture actually call "logos". Where do I find it. Jesus has said in John 14:21 "He who <u>HAS</u> My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me..." First we must find out what is Logos and distinguish it from what is not.</p>	<p>There is one further very important consequence of this growth of logos i.e. growth of faith. Scripture only once asks us to have faith IN Jesus but often implores us to have the faith OF Jesus which is of course the faith OF God. As our LOGOS becomes the LOGOS of Jesus so what we believe becomes the faith OF Jesus and we move ever closer to fulfilling Jesus command to Peter in Mark 11:22 ... "Have God's faith". (Your translation probably says "Have faith in God", but any Greek text will show you that the word "in" does not occur in the text and the word for God is in the genitive case and thus should be translated "of God".)          Till another time,          God's grace be with you.....Paul</p>
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  - Regular periodic deposits to the FLC account can be made from your own bank to:— Uniting Church Investment Service, BSB#: 704919, Account#: 100002427, Account Name: Rangeville Uniting Church - Freedom Life Centre

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