

For a country known in some quarters as the "Land of the long weekend", Australia has a lot of catching up to do. Cambodia, with a number of religious holidays, comes in top with some 28 public holidays per year, followed closely by Sri Lanka with 25.

I wonder if the love of the long weekend reflects both our enjoyment of and our continued search for **rest**. Ironically this labour day long weekend, is a day to reflect and remember those who, in the mid 1800's, championed the 8-hour work day. This stirring was expressed in England with one of the reformers, Robert Owens, who coined the slogan, Eight hours' work, Eight hours' rest, Eight hours' recreation. Of these three, the **rest** part seems the hardest to hold.

For those who have taken the opportunity to head away for the weekend, we pray that you would return refreshed after some rich time with family and friends. For the ten young people, and four leaders who are heading to SAYCO, we are praying for the freedom and courage to embrace all that God has for you over the weekend.

For those who will be gathering at the Space this upcoming Sunday, we are in for a bit of a treat as we explore both the thrill and the everydayness (a new word for the dictionary) that a life of trusting in God can be as we hear something of Nick Dodd's story and as we share in a bit of long weekend hospitality ourselves. So wherever you are this weekend rest well. Grace & Peace, Pete.

And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest" Exodus 20:18

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH - heading to SAYCO, that they would experience God and come to know Him in deeper ways. Pray for safety and for a great time to be had by all youth and leaders who attend.

COMING UP

POT LUCK MORNING TEA - This Sunday 30th September. Bring a plate of morning tea to share!

UPSIDE DOWN CIRCUS - 11th - 12th October. For more info or to register as a volunteer chat to **Rob Young** on 0424 282 286 or go to http://www.northernadelaideoutreach.org/index.php?p=1_22

Sunday 30th, September 2018

CREATE

After School Activity Club

3.30-6.00pm @ Playford Uniting Church Call Nick: 0402 808 744

WonderFULL Festival

Christmas is only 3 months away! Find out how you can be involved in the WonderFULL Christmas Festival as we invite the Playford community to join us and experience the wonder of Christmas. Volunteer Sign-up forms are available in the foyer.

PASTORAL LEAVE

Pete Riggs & family will be away for 3 weeks from this **Monday Oct 1st until Sunday 21st**.

Henry Rouse & family will be away for 1 week from Monday Oct 8th until Sunday Oct 14th.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 30th Sept : Rev. Pete Riggs "Who is Nick Dodd? Aka SCOMO.2"

Sunday 7th Oct : Leanne Davis

Sunday 14th Oct : Gillian Powis

To Hear Last Sunday's Message

By Stephen Early Click here "<u>Blessed are the Kingdom Seekers</u>" or go to http://playford.ucasa.org.au/ podcasts/

We would like to acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people.

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