



# BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH

## Family News

26 April 2026

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: SACRIFICE

What does the word 'sacrifice' mean to you? Do you see the word as a verb, or as a noun?

The Israelites were very familiar with the whole concept of offering animal sacrifices. It was happening daily at the Temple and as we read in Scripture: there were times when hundreds, even thousands, of animals were offered.

We don't grow up experiencing scenes like this, and our use of the word 'sacrifice' has lost a lot of its significance. We might say, "I will sacrifice watching the Broncos to attend church tonight." Often, for the Israelites, bringing a sacrifice was an offering to God as a propitiation. It was an act of trying to appease or regain the favour of God.

Yesterday, ANZAC Day, many were remembering the sacrifice made by relatives or friends who fought in wars, and some of whom never returned home.

But for Christians, a few weeks ago, we remembered that amongst the Easter eggs, there was something far more important. We were remembering the sacrifice Jesus made when he willingly and obediently gave his life for you and for me.

He alone, who knew no sin, made the perfect sacrifice for us. He became our sin and was nailed to the cross of Calvary. **For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.**

2 Cor. 5:21 (NLT)

May we NEVER forget the price paid for us. The sacrifices paid by members of our Armed Forces and what it has achieved for us needs to be remembered. But how much more is the sacrifice of God's only Son for each one of us never to be taken lightly. It is only through that momentous event that we have a right relationship with God and the assurance of an eternity with Him.

God bless, Max Gardener

### INFORMATION SESSION: CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Thanks to those who attended our recent Constitution Q&A and Feedback Session. The next Information Session will be this morning after the AM service. Please come along and be willing to ask any questions you may have about prospective changes to the Constitution and also discussion on how to implement any amendments.

### SPECIAL SPEAKERS

Tim and Mel Downes will be guest speakers on 3 May 2026 for both services. Tim and Mel have been passionately serving among the Yawo of Malawi since 2008. They share God's Word, equip local faith leaders, facilitate adult education program and journey alongside Yawo friends and neighbours. Melanie also serves as Baptist Mission Australia's Church Relationships Manager in Queensland.

### GLOBAL PRAYER FOR LAOS

Many Christians are driven from their villages. "We could do nothing to defend our right to follow Christ," said a believer whose home was destroyed. Pray for comfort and provision for the displaced.

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### REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

**SUNDAY 9.00 am and 6.00 pm**

Our services can also be viewed online via YouTube

### DATE CLAIMERS

**Prayer Meeting** 1st Monday of each Month from 7.00 pm in the Church Hall

**Apologetics** During PM Service on 10 May 2026

**EPICS** 12 May 2026 Morning Tea and Hymn Sing-along

**Pastoral Care Meeting** 12 April 2026 after AM Service

**Free Family Fun Day** 16 May 2026

### KIDS' MINISTRIES

#### Playtime

Every Friday 9.00 am - 10.30 am

#### JUMP

Every Friday 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm

#### Youth Group

Every Friday 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

#### Sunday School

Every Sunday 9.00 am - 10.30 am



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## PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHURCH CONSTITUTION

Printed copies of the proposed changes, along with an explanatory legend, are available in the church foyer for anyone to collect and review. We encourage you to take a copy and read through the document carefully. If you would prefer an electronic version, please contact the church office by email: [office@bundabergbaptist.org.au](mailto:office@bundabergbaptist.org.au) or (ph) 4151 8222.

## FAITH TARGET

We have a **Faith Target of \$50,000**. This comprises \$20,000 for Free Family Fun Day plus \$30,000 for the Restoration of the Car Park. If you would like to contribute to this target you can earmark your funds as:

**FTH TARGET26** either in a cash envelope or as a direct deposit electronically.

Thank God for his faithfulness and for everyone's commitment to the Faith Target.

The present total of \$31,455.00 has been donated.

## FREE FAMILY FUN DAY 2026

It is less than 4 weeks to our Free Family Fun Day on 16 May 2026. If you are considering volunteering in any capacity please put your name down today on the Volunteer Sign Up sheets in the foyer.

Also if you would like to contribute **non-perishable items**, we have a shopping list available in the foyer for your reference when you're out and about.

Your generosity makes a real difference—especially as the cost of living continues to rise. These contributions will be a timely blessing to many in our community.

Thank you for being part of it. ❤️

GodHeReigns #FFFD2026

## INVITATION TO BECOME MENTOR WITH SCRIPTURE UNION

Scripture Union is offering an opportunity to be involved with a school-based mentoring program this year. If you are caring, committed adults who feel called to walk alongside a young person, offering encouragement, consistency, and a listening ear.

Mentors would spend one 45-minute session each week with a student. Time together can be guided by shared interests and might include activities such as board games, sewing, crochet, music, gardening, sport reading or simply taking time to chat and connect.

All volunteers are required to hold a current Working with Children Blue Card, complete Child Safe training and agree to the school's policies and procedures.

For further information please contact Ashlee Daley (Kalkie School Chaplin) on Phone: 0431 138 011 Email: [ashlee.daley@suchaplaincy.org.au](mailto:ashlee.daley@suchaplaincy.org.au) | [su.org.au](http://su.org.au)

## POSITION VACANCY BURNETT LEARNING CENTRE

Burnett Youth Learning Centre is a school for disengaged young people and operates as a ministry of Bundaberg Bible Church. They are a Christian school with Christian staff, serving disadvantaged young people and their families within our local community.

They are currently seeking Christian split-shift bus drivers. The typical shifts are from 7:00 to 9:30 in the morning and 1:00 to 3:30 in the afternoon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

If you are interested in applying please email: [jamesm@bylc.qld.edu.au](mailto:jamesm@bylc.qld.edu.au)

## FUNERAL NOTICES

Please be advised that there will be a funeral service at our Church for Don Newport Tuesday 28 April at 2.00 pm. Don has been a long standing member of our Church and we extend our condolences and prayers to his extended family.

On Friday 1 May at 2.00 pm there will be a funeral service for Leigh Evans at our Church. Leigh has also been a long term attendee of Bundaberg Baptist Church. We are thinking and praying for his family at this time.

## REGULAR GATHERINGS

### Tuesday Morning Devotion

Weekly on Tuesday 6.30 am online via Zoom.

Contact: Gayle Gardener

### Young Adults Bible Study

Weekly on Tuesday at 7.00 pm or Thursday at 7.00 pm.

For location details contact Shane Elson 0490 829 849 or Emmie Raffaut 0403 552 299

### Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Weekly on Wednesday 10.00 am at the Church.

Contact: Richard Cathie

### Ladies & Gents Coffee Morning

Weekly on Thursday 10.00 am at Café 1928 at the Botanical Gardens.

Contact: Rose Anderson

### Al-Anon Family Groups for Family and Friends of Problem Drinkers

Weekly on Friday from 10.00 am in the Church Hall.

Ph 1300 252 666 for any enquiries.

## OFFERING UPDATE

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Budgeted          | \$11,139.37          |
| March             | \$ 8,433.57          |
| (Actual per week) |                      |
| YTD               | \$ 9,868.25 (88.59%) |

## ONLINE GIVING DETAILS

BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH  
BSB: 704-913  
ACCOUNT NO: 400039426

## PASTORS' DAY OFF

Scott Daniels – every Thursday  
Richard Cathie – every Thursday

## OFFICE HOURS

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Monday    | 8.30 am - 1.00 pm |
| Tuesday   | 8.30 am - 1.00 pm |
| Wednesday | 8.30 am - 1.00 pm |
| Thursday  | CLOSED            |
| Friday    | 8.30 am - 1.00 pm |

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