



BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH

Family News

3 May 2026

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

"And after this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb." (Rev 7:9 NLT) This well-known verse from Revelation stirs our imagination. It helps us envisage what heaven will one day be like: people from every walk of life, every corner of the earth, and every generation of human history gathered before Jesus. It is magnificent, and I cannot wait to experience it!

But in the meantime, while we are part of the Church here on earth, what does that vision mean for us today? Is it reasonable to think the Church today should reflect some of the amazing diversity John saw? Why not?

When Paul writes to the church in Ephesus, he says, "Now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ" (Eph 2:13 NLT). If we are not careful, unity can become a comfortable church bubble filled only with people who look, talk, think, and smell like us.

Earlier in Ephesians 2, Paul critically reminds us, "Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil." In other words, we were all lost and needed saving ... and were not part of the Church.

The diversity God desires in His Church should not be limited to people like us. God wants all who are lost, just as we once were, to find Him.

If our churches across Bundy do not reflect the diverse community we live in, maybe we need to ask whether we are truly reaching our community for Christ — or whether we have become a little too comfortable.

Let's get uncomfortable friends, Shane

SPECIAL SPEAKERS

Tim and Mel Downes will be guest speakers today 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.

There will also be a relaxed Sunday lunch at 12.00 pm hosted by Mitch and Elise Faint for anyone who'd like to spend some extra time with them. It will be a potluck-style meal, so please bring something to share. The gathering will wrap up around 02.00 pm to allow for rest between services. Everyone is welcome, so feel free to pass this on to others who may like to come along.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE WELCOMED

Today is a special day as we welcome into membership nine young people: Tim and Nicole Joliffe, Rob and Gracee Orford, Ace Teunis, Ben Cathie, Noah Elson, Jemima Taggart and Reuben Macpherson. Thanks be to God!

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

Free Family Fun Day

16 May 2026
10.00 am to 02.00 pm

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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GLOBAL PRAYER FOR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Believers in eastern Congo face brutal violence and displacement for their faith in Jesus. Pray for God's healing and hope, and that the hearts of militants would be turned to Christ.

EPICS

Come and enjoy fellowship over morning tea Tuesday 12 May 9.30 am in the Church Hall. Our Special Guest speakers are Ann and Joseph da Rocha. Unfortunately, in March when they were meant to be speaking, they were unable to due to the flooding of the Burnett River at the time. So now you have an opportunity again to come and hear their story of their mission work in Brazil. Please join us for this special occasion.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH CONSTITUTION

If you are wanting to submit a proposed amendment to the Church Constitution you will need to resource a copy of the proposed constitution from the Church foyer. These amendments are to be submitted before the Quarterly Members Meeting on 24 May 2026 which is three weeks away.

FAITH TARGET

Thanks God for his faithfulness and for everyone's commitment to the Faith Target. The great news is the present total of \$56960.00 has been donated.

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY 2026

It is less than 2 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 or access the FFFD Volunteer Sign-Up QR code in the bottom right hand column of this page.

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. ❤️
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FREE FAMILY FUN DAY WOMEN'S OP SHOP

There is an opportunity to donate your washed, unstained, pre-loved clothing to the Women's Ministry Op Shop that is operating on the Free Family Fun Day. Donations can be dropped into the Church office.

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

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

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

FFFD VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP



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