



BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH

Family News

2 August 2026

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Entering a new season can be a daunting thing as we don't know exactly what lies ahead, how things will turn out or what the future holds. This can sometimes leave us feeling fearful and anxious as we like to know what to expect and where things are headed.

I had the privilege last weekend to head north with a group of our young adults for the Central Queensland young adults retreat. Ben Dainton from QB spoke on the challenge of choosing to be courageous. Ben reminded us that fear is a response; courage, however, is a choice.

When we encounter something new, difficult, or unknown, fear may naturally arise. The choice before us is whether we will allow fear to dictate our actions or whether we will trust God, place our hope in Him, and move forward with courage, resting on the fact that he is in control no matter what the outcome.

As a church we find ourselves facing a new season, there are plenty of questions and unknowns before us. These could lead us to be fearful of what lies ahead; however, I encourage us all to not allow fear or anxiety to take hold, but instead, to choose to courageously trust in the plans God has for our next season together, even if we don't know what it may look like or how it will turn out.

I leave you with a collection of scriptures that I believe remind us of some important truths that will help us to face the next season not only with courage but also excitement for what God has next:

"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

so "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Above all *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Joshua 1:9 (NLT), 2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV), Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV), Romans 15:13 (NIV).

Blessings, Scotty

QMM AND AGM 16 AUGUST 2026

The final Quarterly Members Meeting (under the old Constitution) will be held along with the Annual General Meeting (under the new Constitution) after the AM service on 16 August 2026. Under the new Constitution there will normally be two member meetings a year going forward.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE CHURCH GOVERNANCE GROUP

The nomination period for positions on the Governance Group Church Board **close TODAY**. There are Nomination Forms available in the foyer along with a flyer explaining the mechanics of the New Church Board nominations.

Please note that Matt Doolan and Mike Wilson haven't be nominated at this stage.

We are a family seeking to connect people with God and with each other.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY 9.00 am and 6.00 pm

Our services can also be viewed online via YouTube.

DATE CLAIMERS

Prayer Meeting is this Monday 3 August 2026 from 7.00 pm in the Church Hall.

Apologetics

09 August during the PM Service

EPICS 11 August 2026

Variety Program from 9.30 am

Combined Church Service

Bundaberg Christian College, Saturday 15 August 2026, from 4.00 pm.

Annual General Meeting

16 August 2026

Youth Camp 21-23 August 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 & Creche

Every Sunday during Church



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GLOBAL PRAYER FOR UGANDA

A bill has been tabled which will subject Christians and non-Muslims, under some circumstances, to Islamic law over matters regarding marriage, divorce, custody and inheritance. If passed, it will particularly affect women, children and converts. Pray against this happening.

EPICS AUGUST EVENT

Come and join the EPICS team for a Variety Program and fellowship on August 11 at 9.30 am. Bring along your wealth of knowledge and some morning tea to share.

MEN'S MINISTRY CLIMBING MT WALSH

The men (16 years and upwards) will be climbing Mount Walsh on Saturday 15 August, 2026. Please have breakfast before meeting at the church at 6.00 am to organize car pooling. Please bring water and snacks for the expedition. Can call into Biggenden Bakery for morning tea after the big climb. We should return to our Church around 12.00 pm.

Please contact Corey Teunis (0473 311 777) or Dave Black (Ph 0457 572 770) to book in for the event. They will be able to answer any questions you may have as well.

COMBINED CHURCHES OF BUNDABERG CHURCH SERVICE

Please note that this event being hosted by the Bundaberg Ministers Association will be on **Saturday 15 August** from **4.00 pm** at Bundaberg Christian College Hall, 234 Ashfield Road. The special guests will be Quiz Worx (Creative live show for kids).

This is a change in the day for this event from the normal Sunday to Saturday and also the format will change having the service at 4.00 pm followed by a fellowship sausage sizzle from 5.00 pm.

ALPHA IS COMING

The Church is excited to share that ALPHA will be starting in mid-August. If you feel God stirring your heart and calling you to serve in this ministry, please speak to Pastor Richard or Gracee Orford.

As we prepare, we encourage everyone to prayerfully consider who God may be placing on your heart to invite. Please join us in praying that He would already be working in the lives of those people, softening hearts and prompting them to come along and experience His love and grace.

We're excited to see what God will do!

SCRIPTURE UNION

Lisa Hardie from Scripture Union phoned this week to express her thanks to the church for their financial support of school chaplains in our area.

STAFF HOLIDAYS

Please be advised that Belinda Dekker is on holidays until Sunday 09 August 2026.

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Tuesday Morning Devotion

Weekly on Tuesday 6.15 am online via Zoom. **CHANGED**
Gayle Gardener 0407 969 377

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
June	\$12,646.75
(Actual per week)	
YTD	\$10,190.14 (91.48%)

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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