



BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH

Family News

19 July 2026

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Where to from here?

This question is often asked. It is asked by hikers upon finding an unexpected fork in a bush trail, it is also asked by teens as they approach the end of their high school years. Or maybe you remember pondering the question as you contemplated a change of career or even pondering a proposal of marriage. Where then does one go for guidance? Where better to find wisdom than from the very One who created us?

Yet, having often navigated this question many times throughout their life, some Christians find themselves still asking the same question as they near the end of their earthly days. But there is a story that might help one look in the right direction.

A man faced the end of his life and asked, "Please, doctor, tell me what lies on the other side?"

"I don't know," the doctor replied quietly.

"You don't know! But you're a Christian! How can you not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor's hand rested on the doorknob of the examination room; on the other side of the door the men could hear scratching and whining. When the doctor opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and nearly knocked him over with boundless happiness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "My dog's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside, except for one thing. He knew that his master was there. When I opened the door, he leaped in without fear. The same is true for us. I don't know what is on the other side of death or a decision, but I do know one thing. I know my Master is there, and that is enough."

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 (NIV)

'Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.' Psalm 89:15

God's blessings, Max Gardener

INVESTING IN FAMILIES

At Bundaberg Baptist Church, we believe strong families and healthy relationships matter. That's why we're hosted a complimentary screening of SEEN—a thought-provoking documentary that explores how our own life experiences shape the way we relate to others.

Following screening of the film on 18 July 2026, an experienced panel of Christian leaders and qualified social workers will discuss the themes from both a professional and biblical perspective, helping us consider our relationships in the light of Christ and His hope for healing, restoration, and growth.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this encouraging evening of conversation, reflection, and hope. This will be offered at both services today.

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 1st Monday of each Month from 7.00 pm in the Church Hall.

Apologetics

Tonight during the PM Service

EPICS 11 August 2026

Young Adults Retreat

Yeppoon 26-28 July 2026

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

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 service



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NOMINATIONS FOR THE CHURCH GOVERNANCE GROUP

The nomination period is now open for positions on the Governance Group Church Board. Nominations close on Sunday 02 August 2026.

This year will be the first year of a new Governance structure following approval of the new Constitution. There are ten positions to be filled. The Governance Group requires two types of members:

(1) Board Member/Elder and (2) Board Member

Please be in prayer for suitable people to be nominated to the Governance Group. And please take an active role in seeking out candidates to stand.

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. 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.

SUNSHINE ART AND CRAFT GROUP

In addition to our Friday morning group from 10am to 12pm, we are excited to announce that a new Friday afternoon group will commence on 31 July 2026. It will be here at Bundaberg Baptist Church. From 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm. There are more places available in that group, so if you are interested in joining or would like more information, please text Deb Nelson on 0457 735 439 with your name and any questions.

ALPHA IS COMING

The Mission Task Force 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 Shane Elson 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!

GLOBAL PRAYER FOR CUBA

Cubans are facing a worsening humanitarian crisis because of fuel shortages. Food is scarce, electricity fails, medicine is limited, and water supplies are unreliable. Pray for food and resources, and for the crisis to end.

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Wednesday Morning Devotion

Weekly on Wednesday 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
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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