



BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH

Family News

26 July 2026

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Dear Bundaberg Baptist Church family,

I greet you all with love and affection in the Lord Jesus. I write with a heavy heart. Simone and I have some important news to share with you.

After months of prayerful discernment, I have made the decision to finish my time as Senior Pastor of Bundaberg Baptist Church. I will be taking up a new role as the Executive Pastor at Riverlife Baptist Church in Brisbane starting 30 November 2026.

Bundy Baps truly is a family. For the last ten years you have provided us, and our children, with a wonderful place of nurturing, encouragement and safety to keep growing in the Lord. We are deeply indebted to you all for your love and constant prayers for us. It has been a wonderful privilege to experience your continuous generosity and support for us in ministry and in everyday life.

I will share more of the story of our transition on Sunday in our worship services, but for now I want to quote the wise words of Mike Wilson: "God has always brought Bundaberg Baptist Church the right pastor for the season!" God is faithful and he will do it again. So I want to encourage you to be hope-filled as I share this news. All the strengths God has built into our church will continue to serve his purposes moving into the next season.

Most of all I want to thank you as a church community for being a shining example of God's lovingkindness in this world. We could not have asked God to give us more as a family than he provided in you. You are our precious brothers and sisters in Christ. With all my heart I sincerely thank you for your friendship and love in the Lord.

God bless you, Richard Cathie

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 is now open for positions on the Governance Group Church Board. Nominations **close on Sunday 02 August 2026**. There will be a flyer available in the Church Foyer or attached to the Family News with more details.

CONGRATULATIONS

Last Sunday evening Alex Manhuwa was baptised in a very special service. As a church we congratulate Alex and pray that she will continue with her step of faith and obedience to Jesus Christ.

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

09 August during the PM Service

EPICS 11 August 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 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 NIGERIA

Praise God that 386 people have been brought to justice for terrorism-related offences. Pray that this will set a precedent for other incidents and deter further violence.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT YEPPON

Please be in prayer for the Young Adults, Shane Elson and Pastor Scott as they travel back from Yeppoon on their final day of their Young Adults Retreat.

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.

COMBINED CHURCHES OF BUNDABERG CHURCH SERVICE

Please note that this event will be on **Saturday 15 August** from **4.00 pm** at Bundaberg Christian College, 234 Ashfield Road. This is a change in the day of this event so please take note if you are planning to attend.

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!

CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt condolences are with the Elson family following the passing of their brother, Ian Ward, on 21 July 2026, surrounded by his loving family. While this is a time of deep sorrow, it will also be a celebration of Ian's life as family and friends gather to remember a much-loved big brother whose life touched many.

We pray that God's peace, comfort and strength will surround the Elson family in the days ahead, and that they will know His loving presence as they grieve and give thanks for Ian's life.

REGULAR GATHERINGS

Tuesday Morning Devotion

Weekly on Wednesday 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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