



BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH

Family News

9 August 2026

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: When the Mountain Comes Down

I've been sitting with the news out of Pakistan this week about the avalanche, and I'll be honest, I was shocked when the details started coming to light. Ten climbers, including the amazing Nirmal Purja, were swept away by an avalanche on Broad Peak, the world's twelfth-highest mountain. These weren't reckless mountaineers. They were among the most skilled, most prepared, most experienced people on the planet at what they did. And still, the mountain came down.

As I have watched the news unfold, I have been reflecting. What is it from this tragedy that has stirred me?

First — these were people who *ran toward* the hard places, not away from them. That's a picture of the boldness Jesus calls us into. "Go into all the world," He said. Not "stay where it's comfy." Fear shrinks us; the gospel thrusts us out. If climbers will risk everything for a summit, how much more should we be willing to step into the world for something eternal?

Second — boldness isn't the same as recklessness. Those climbers studied the weather, knew the terrain, prepared as best they could. We're called to be alert too: clear-eyed about the world we're walking into, wise as serpents.

But here's the bit that brings perspective. You can be the most prepared person alive and still not be in control. Our lives were never in our own hands; they're in God's. When we really believe this, it is no longer a terrifying reality to not be in control. It's a freeing one. If my days are held by Him, I can go boldly, knowing even the mountain answers to the One who made it.

Be bold and trust God, Shane

1 THESSALONIANS SERIES STARTS TODAY

This morning we will be commencing a new series on 1 Thessalonians. For the next six weeks both the Pastors and some of our developing preachers will be sharing from God's Word.

APOLOGETICS TONIGHT

The topic to be discussed at Apologetics this evening is, What is and isn't a sin? If you are a student between Year 8 and Year 12 please feel free to join this group in the church hall during the PM service. Please also note that the next Apologetics class will be during the PM service on 23 August 2026.

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. Please be in prayer as we vote for the first Board. The four nominations for Board/Elders include Matt Doolan, Shane Elson, Adrian Landbeck and Michael Wilson. While the four nominations for Board Member include Reg Baldwin, Lee Bertolla, Kevin Dekker and Scott Macpherson.

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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

09 August and 23 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 CENTRAL ASIA

Pray for believers whose gatherings face being shut down by authorities. Many Christians meet quietly in small groups and converts from Islam must be especially careful. Pray that God would protect believers from unwanted attention and encourage their hearts.

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 the last week of 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!

YOUTH CAMP REGISTRATION

The Youth Camp is on 21-23 August 2026. Please note that registrations close on Monday 17 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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