



BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH

Family News

Thought for the Week

As I have been pondering what to write in this week's Thought for the Week, the same message has been popping up in many of my devotional readings about Praying Boldly. The Lord has been taking me on a journey and teaching me many things about praying with confidence and with boldness.

When Martin Luther's co-worker became ill, the reformer prayed boldly for healing. "I besought the Almighty with great vigour," he wrote. As John Wesley was crossing the Atlantic Ocean, contrary winds came up. When he learned the winds were knocking the ship off course, he responded in prayer. "Almighty and everlasting God ... command these winds and waves that they obey thee and take us speedily and safely to the haven whither we would go." God heard their prayers and answered them accordingly.

Max Lucado says, "Boldness in prayer ... it's an uncomfortable thought for many. God invites us to pray as such. Scripture says, 'so let us come boldly to the very throne of God and stay there to receive His mercy and to find grace to help us in our times of need'."

Prayer is not about persuading God to let go of something He's reluctant to give. He's more willing to give than we are to receive. We often think of speaking softly to God of humbling ourselves before God, but not of praying boldly. Hebrews 10 v 22 "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith... v 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering for He who promised is faithful. v 35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward." (NKJV)

My encouragement to you is to ... Dare to pray boldly And see what God will do.

Blessings,
Janelle

Guest speaker tonight

This morning Richard is closing out our series on 1 Thessalonians. In the PM service we will be joined by guest speaker Greg Guerrero, from Voice of the Martyrs.

Baptism tonight!

We had the privilege to witness some of our young people get baptised last week, and tonight we once again join with one of our Youth as they get baptised in our PM service.

Get involved in Bethlehem Live

There are many ways to get involved in Bethlehem Live this year. Volunteers are needed across several areas: coordination of marketplace stalls & booths, Bethlehem City actors, Nativity play cast and crew, and help with support behind-the-scenes.

For more information or to sign up, speak to Sean Harper or contact Emma Cross at emma.cross@suchaplaincy.org.au

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm

Our services can also be viewed online via YouTube.

DATE CLAIMERS

Prayer Meeting

First Monday of October at 7 pm in the Church Hall

Apologetics

11 October during the PM Service

EPICS

13 October

KIDS' MINISTRIES

Playtime

Every Friday 9.00 am – 10.30 am

JUMP

Every Friday 6.00 am – 7.30 pm

Youth Group

Every Friday 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Sunday School

Every Sunday 9.00 am – 10.30 am



REGULAR GATHERINGS

Tuesday Morning Devotion

Weekly on Tuesdays
6.30 am online via Zoom
Contact: Gayle Gardener

Young Adults Bible Study

Weekly on Tuesdays or Thursdays at
7.00 pm, contact for location details.
Contact: Shane Elson 0490 829 849
or Emmie Raffaut 0403 552 299

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Weekly on Wednesdays
10.00 am at the church
Contact: Richard Cathie

Ladies & Gents Coffee Morning

Weekly on Thursdays
10.00 am at Café 1928, Botanic
Gardens
Contact: Rose Anderson

Sunshine Art & Craft Group

Weekly on Fridays
10.00 am at the Church
in the TIGA's room
Contact: Deborah Nelson

Al-Anon Family Groups for Family and Friends of Problem Drinkers

Weekly on Fridays
10.00 am in the Church Hall
Contact: 1300 252 666

OFFERING UPDATE

Budgeted	<i>To be confirmed</i>
August	\$11,196.00 (<i>actual per week</i>)
YTD	\$10,975.62 (96.48%)

ONLINE GIVING

Bundaberg Baptist Church

BSB: 704-913
Account No: 400039426

PASTOR'S DAY OFF

Scott Daniels – Every Thursday

Richard Cathie – Every Friday

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

Circuit Breaker Program Term 4

We are collaborating with a partner church to bring Circuit Breaker to our Bundaberg community in Term 4. Circuit Breaker is a 10-Week Program beginning Tuesday evenings 6 October 6.45 pm – 9.00 pm. Applications are now open to register. Flyers for the Circuit Breaker Program are available in the foyer and on the community notice board, with the QR Code to register.

This program will cost \$50 to attend.

Please contact Nicole Mendel on phone 0494 651 587 or email info@bbfs.org.au for more information.

Interested in facilitating Circuit Breaker or BUGK?

Come along to a casual BBQ in the park Sunday 11th of October 12:30 at Alexandra Park and meet some of our recent program participants. Share a meal, hear their stories and see firsthand the positive difference these programs are making.

Be encouraged by God's love at work in our community and discover how you might be part of what He is doing. No commitment – just come, connect and be inspired!

Please see Nicole Mendel on 0494 651 587 for more details or RSVP by 8th October.

Celebrating the Cathie Family

As we prepare to farewell Richard, Simone, Rachel and Laura Cathie, we have an opportunity as the Bundaberg Baptist Church community to say a heartfelt thank you for the many ways their family has loved, served and contributed to the life of our church over the past decade.

We are inviting our church community to contribute towards a farewell gift for the Cathie family. You are welcome to give whatever amount you feel comfortable with. If giving online, please use CATHIE26 as the reference.

Let's send them into this next season knowing just how much they are appreciated, valued and loved.

Senior Pastor recruitment

The recruitment process to find a new Senior Pastor has commenced. The role has been advertised through Christian Jobs Australia and the Queensland Baptist website. The church will be kept up to date with recruitment updates as milestones are met or new developments occur. If you have any questions, please raise them with a member of the Board or HR Subcommittee.

Please continue praying for our church, and for the heart and mind of our future Senior Pastor and their family.

Property Supervisor at Carinity Kepnock

Carinity at Kepnock is advertising for a Property Supervisor position. For the job description and further information, please contact Tracey Valentine: tracy.valentine@carinity.org.au

Global Prayer for Iran

Admidst ongoing conflict, people are suffering physically, mentally and financially, with many forced from the country. Pray for peace and stability, and for people to encounter Jesus.

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