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BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH
Family News

Thought for the Week

Proverbs 29:11 (NIV) says, "A fool gives full vent to his anger but a wise man keeps himself under control."
I have often thought of a fool as someone who says there is no God. I have taken comfort in knowing I would never say that, but reading this verse today made me ask a harder question: does my life always reflect the faith I profess?

When I "flip my lid", my reaction can be far bigger than the moment calls for. I am learning that anger is a signal to take healthy steps, rather than permission to go nuclear. My life has been shaped by many examples of how to respond to difficulty. Some were healthy; others were deeply dysfunctional. As I grow older, I still wrestle with putting away childish responses, sometimes convincing myself that I am simply passionate.

I also realise how much of myself I have masked for the past 50 years. I cannot keep doing that and expect to remain unchanged. I have begged God for transformation, and I know that prayer must be accompanied by intentional steps. I am preparing to begin a course that will help me face and work through a life filled with trauma.

I share this because I want to be honest with you, my church family. Please pray for me as I take these steps. Thank you for the many prayers you have already prayed for me and for us. I love you, church. I thank God that He welcomes us as we are and lovingly leads us toward truth, healing, and change.

God Bless
Belinda Dekker

National Church Life Survery (NCLS)

We will be doing this survey at the end of both services today. It is critically important to be part of this process, so please take the time to complete this task for the sake of the ministry and mission of our church going forward.

Search Team Update

The Senior Pastor position continues to be advertised through the Qld Baptist Website. The Search Team have assessed a number of applications and at this stage none have been assessed as suitable. The search team is meeting with David Elvery from Qld Baptist for an information session this week.
Please continue to pray for our search for a new Senior Pastor.

Men's Ministry Breakfast

The Men's Ministry invites everyone to a special breakfast on Saturday 31 October at 7:00am, costing just $10 per person.
Craig Lear will interview Corey and Mel as they share their journey of building an authentic, healthy relationship, including its challenges and triumphs. This is not just for couples — there are valuable insights for enriching every relationship in life! Everyone is welcome. For bookings, contact
Corey on 0473 311 777 or Dave on 0457 572 770.

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 November at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall

Apologetics
1 November

EPICS
17 November

Men's Ministry Breakfast
31 October

Cathie Family Farewell Lunch
15 November

Global Leadership Summit
7 November, 9.00 am - 4.00 pm
The Salvation Army

Member's Meeting
6 December

BBFS Inc AGM
6 December

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

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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 and 1.00 pm 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	$11,376.00	
September	$ 7,781.83	*(actual per week)*
YTD	$ 9,747.24	*(85.68%)*

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

Interested in joining or leading a Life Group?

Scan the QR code to tell us what kind of group, meeting time and study would suit you.
For more information, contact Ps. Scott Daniels at sdaniels@bundabergbaptist.org.au, call 07 4151 8222 (press 2 to leave a message outside office hours), or visit the church office during operating hours.

Red Frogs

We're excited to once again be sending a team down to schoolies on the gold coast to serve as Red Frog chaplains to this year's graduating year 12's, as they celebrate finishing their studies. If you would like to help the team fundraise towards their mission trip, use the QR code or head to fundafrog.com.au/t/bundybapscrew to sponsor the team. Thank you for partnering with our young people!



Bethlehem Live needs you!

This Christmas, help us bring the nativity story to life for Bundaberg. Whether you love creating costumes and sets, sharing stories on social media, helping with catering, or being a runner who keeps things moving, there's a place for you to serve.
Be part of sharing the hope and joy of Christmas with our community. Sign up in the foyer or speak with Sean Harper or Kevin Dekker to find out more.

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.

Family Pool Party

The Bundaberg chappies are running their Annual chappy Family Pool Party on 7 November from 4.00 pm-7.00 pm at Norville Pool.
Volunteers are needed for this afternoon event.
If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Stella Hundert either by her email address: Stella.hundert@suchaplaincy.org.au or phone 0406305567.

Prayer for Year 12 Students

Please pray for our Year 12 students as they undertake their final assessments of their secondary schooling and prepare for their future endeavours.

Global Prayer for Cambodia

Pray for marriages and families being challenged and encouraged through biblical teaching and family ministry. May homes marked by conflict experience restoration through Christ.