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BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH
Family News

Thought for the Week

Where do you call home?
For some of us, home is Bundaberg. "I'm a Queenslander!" we proudly say. For others, home may be the place where you were born or a place you once lived. Some would say their home is wherever their family and friends are.

In the book of Daniel, we read about a group of young men living in exile within the Babylonian Empire. As the story unfolds, we see the challenges they face as they seek to maintain their identity as God's people while living in a foreign culture and a distant land.

Our society often promotes the idea that people should assimilate into the culture around them, and as Christians it can be easy to adopt that mindset. However, we need to continually remind ourselves that our true citizenship is not in Bundaberg, the place where we were born, or wherever we happen to live. Our citizenship is in heaven.

It is a wonderful thing to live amongst a community. The places we live and the people around us will always shape us in some way. Yet we must remember that it should be God who shapes us first and foremost. Our identity as God's people should be what defines us most, over our desire to fit in with the culture around us. Ultimately requiring us to be set apart and different from everyone else.

As Daniel and his friends discovered, that is not always easy. Yet we can take comfort in knowing that our citizenship in this world is only temporary, while our citizenship in heaven is eternal.

Heaven is our true home.

God Bless
Scott Daniels

Welcoming into Membership

During our service this morning we will be welcoming two families into Membership. They are Jason and Amy-lee Dunne and Rudy and Junete Bader.

Apologetics PM Service

All Year 8 to Year 12 students are welcome to attend the Apologetics session in the Church Hall during our PM service tonight.

Search Team Update

The Senior Pastor position continues to be advertised through the Qld Baptist Website and also through Baptist Church Associations in NSW, VIC, SA, NT and WA. The Search Team has 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.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm
Our services can also be viewed online via YouTube

DATE CLAIMERS

Prayer Meeting
2 November from 7.00 pm in the Church Hall

Apologetics
Tonight during the PM Service

EPICS
17 November

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

Cathie Family Farewell Lunch
15 November

Member's Meeting and 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

National Church Life Survery (NCLS)

If you missed the opportunity to complete the National Church Life Survey 2026, simply scan the QR code below to complete the survey online by 15 November.
Our Church Code: **BA301900**
Your feedback is incredibly valuable. It helps us at Bundaberg Baptist Church, along with churches across Australia, better understand how we are caring for, connecting with and supporting the precious people who make up our church communities.

Christmas Craft Party

Sunshine Art and Craft group is inviting you to a Christmas Craft Party on 7 November from 09.30 am to 11.00 am at Bundaberg Baptist Church. There will be craft activities for all ages, morning tea and craft stalls and ideas.
Cost $10 per person or $20 for families of 3 or more. Please pay on arrival.
Please RSVP by 4 November to Deb Nelson 0457 735 439 with **Name** and **Number** of people doing craft.

Sunday 8 November

There will be a Thanksgiving Service next Sunday, where we will be giving thanks for all our volunteers. There will also be two baptisms.

Cathie Farewell Lunch - 15 November

Everyone, please bring lunch items to share. Ideas: wraps, sandwiches, grazing boards, fruit, vegs, dips, sweets.
RSVP by 6 November 2026: office@bundabergbaptist.org.au.
Please use **CATHIE26** for any contributions to the farewell gift.

Help Bethlehem Live shine this Christmas

This December, Bethlehem Live will welcome our community to experience the hope and wonder of the Christmas story. As a free event, it offers families an opportunity to celebrate together, whatever their circumstances.

The committee is aiming to raise $20,000 to make this year's event possible. Would you prayerfully consider contributing to our Faith Target? Every gift, large or small, helps bring this special community celebration to life.
Thank you for supporting Bethlehem Live and sharing the message of Christmas with Bundaberg.

Red Frogs

We're excited once again to 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!

SCAN ME
SCAN HERE

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 South Asia

Pray for small listener hubs gathering in homes and beneath trees to listen, pray and discuss what they hear. May these gatherings grow into communities of faithful disciples.

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