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BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH
Family News

Thought for the Week

How good was it to have such a wonderful men's breakfast last Saturday morning. Thank you to the great team of men under Dave Black and Corey Teunis who provided for us great food (nobody got sick), good company and we got to hear a little of Mel and Corey Teunis' story. For Mel and Corey, it took a lot of courage and vulnerability to share their story for the benefit of other people. Thank you.

Their story has reminded me of the importance of speaking the truth in love. We cannot move through life successfully if we are not honest with those we love and have relationship with. "Instead, speaking the truth in love we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ." Ephesians 4:15 (NIV). This area of being truthful with people is one where I believe we simply struggle ... well I do. Instead of speaking with someone who has offended us, we can at times deploy childish behaviors by not talking to that person, give them the cold shoulder, talk about them behind their back, or behave like an ostrich sticking its head in the sand and hoping the problem will go away: it never does.

Love is comprised of two components, justice and forgiveness. I have been extremely grateful to my wife who has had courage at different times in our marriage to speak the truth to me in love, she has always let me know in a kind and gentle manner how I have offended her or asked how she has offended me. This has allowed us to walk in love where our grievances can be heard and forgiveness can be given. It takes courage to speak the truth, it is easy to give someone a piece of your mind, but it takes courage to speak to someone in kindness and gentleness with the goal of restoring and improving our relationship.

Can I encourage you today to speak to deploy truth in your relationships, done with kindness and gentleness just like how our Lord treats us.

God Bless
Matt Doolan

Men's Ministry Breakfast

A big thank you to the Men's Ministry team who served up a great breakfast last Saturday and for the willingness of Corey and Mel to share some of their life experiences in regard to relationships. Over 75 people attended and were well fed in more than one way.

Cathie Farewell Lunch - 15 November

Everyone, please bring lunch items to share on Sunday 15 November, as we say goodbye to the Cathie family. Ideas: wraps, sandwiches, grazing boards, fruit, vegs, dips, sweets.

EPICS Season's Greetings Morning Tea

Come and Mingle and Jingle at our Season's Greetings Morning Tea at Cafe 1928 in the Botanic Gardens North Bundaberg at 09.30 am on Tuesday 17 November. It's **Buy Your Own Food**. Join with us in a time of fun and fellowship. RSVP on the sheet in the foyer by 15 November for numbers for the Cafe or phone the Church office (4151 8222) or 0414 322 586.

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 December at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall

Apologetics
22 November

EPICS
17 November

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
October	$10,205.42 *(actual per week)*
YTD	$ 9,855.05 *(86.63%)*

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

Bundaberg Baptist Family Services Inc (BBFS Inc)

The Annual General Meeting of BBFS Inc will be held on 6 December after the AM service. It will be a very important meeting as a proposed New Constitution will be voted on. To prepare for this meeting copies of the Proposed New Consitution will be distributed by email to all Church members and also paper copies will be available in the foyer.

Christmas Bags

If you would like to contribute to our Christmas hampers this year we have labeled Christmas bags at the back of the church. Feel free to take whatever you would like to fill. Otherwise, there will be separate bins for individual items: - Toiletries, Treats, Pantry staples or Christmas items if you would like to donate in this way. Please return all bags and items by the end of November.

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.

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 has met with David Elvery from Qld Baptist for an information and advice session.
Please continue to pray for our search for a new Senior Pastor.

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. Contact either bundybethlehem@gmail.com or Lisa Hardie 0414 983 353.
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 12s, 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!



Scroll Rolling Social

Please come and enjoy a coffee, a chat and see how many of the 700 scrolls we can complete for Bethlehem Live. This will be on 10 November from 10.00 am until Midday in our church hall. If you have any questions please speak to Pip.

Global Prayer for Pakistan

Pray for Christians living as a small minority in a nation where following Jesus can bring significant pressure. Ask God to give believers courage, wisdom and grace.

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