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BUNDABERG BAPTIST CHURCH

Family News

Thought for the Week

Serving Because We Are Saved

With most of my waking hours currently consumed by all things Bethlehem Live, I thought it appropriate to pause from the endless details and reflect on something that recently caught my attention.
Every year, I hear myself say, "This is the year I'm cutting back on volunteering. I wear too many hats!" or "I'll step down from that committee and reduce my commitments." Yet, when the opportunity comes around again, somehow it makes perfect sense to roll up my sleeves and jump in for another year! It got me thinking. Am I too quick to say "yes"? Do I struggle to say "no"? Am I placing too much emphasis on works?

I've come to believe that when the Holy Spirit lives within us, there's a natural desire to use our God-given gifts and talents to serve others and reach more people for Jesus Christ. We don't serve to earn our salvation. We serve because we are saved!

Ephesians 2:8–10 reminds us that we are saved by grace through faith, not by works, but created in Christ Jesus to do good works.
Volunteering doesn't guarantee excitement, appreciation or fulfilment. Jesus is our source of joy and purpose!
You'll encounter people who aren't always easy to work alongside. That's okay — Jesus loves them just as much as He loves the rest of us! We may find ourselves uncomfortable, stretched or wondering why we said "yes"!

Perhaps these are the moments God teaches us patience, humility and dependence on Him. But serving faithfully doesn't mean saying "yes" to everything. Sometimes it means recognising our limits and allowing others to serve.

As Christmas approaches, may we remember it's not about how many hats we wear or how much we accomplish, but the One we serve. May our hands be willing, our hearts joyful and our motives always point towards Jesus.
Because He first loved us.

God Bless
Kevin Dekker

Farewell Cathie Family

We would like to say goodbye and a big thank you to the Cathie family for being part of our Church Family for the past ten years. We pray that God will bless you as you begin a new season in your lives.

We have the opportunity today to share a final lunch with Richard and Simone and the family after the service this morning.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday 9am and 6pm
Our services can also be viewed online via YouTube.

DATE CLAIMERS

Prayer Meeting
First Monday of December at 7.00pm in the Church Hall

Apologetics
22 November - during the PM Service

EPICS
17 November at Cafe 1928 at the Botanic Gardens - RSVP by **TODAY**

Member's Meeting and BBFS Inc AGM
06 December after the AM Service

KIDS' MINISTRIES

Playtime
Every Friday, 9.00am - 10.30am

JUMP
Every Friday, 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Youth Group
Every Friday, 7.00am - 9.00pm

Sunday School
Every Sunday, 9.00am - 10.30am

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REGULAR GATHERINGS

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

Young Adults Bible Study
Weekly on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 7pm, contact for location details.
Contact: Shane Elson 0490 829 849 or Scott Daniels 0414 630 825

Wednesday Prayer Meeting
Weekly on Wednesdays,
10am at the church
Contact:

Ladies & Gents Coffee Morning
Weekly on Thursdays,
10.00 am at Café 1928, Botanic Gardens.
Contact: Rose Anderson

Al-Anon Family Groups for Family and Friends of Problem Drinkers
Weekly on Fridays,
10am 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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday	8.30am - 1.00pm
Tuesday	8.30am - 1.00pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 1.00pm
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	8.30am - 1.00pm

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 24 November 10.00 am until Midday in our chuch hall. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer on the scribe team, see Pip.

Christmas Bags

If you would like to contribute to our Christmas hampers this year we have labelled 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.

Help Bethlehem Live shine this Christmas

This December, Bethlehem Live will welcome our community to experience the hope and wonder of Christmas story. As a free event, it offers families an opportunity to celebrate together, whatever their circumstances. The committee is aiming to raise $20,000.00 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.

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.

Bundaberg Baptist Family Services Inc (BBFS Inc) AGM

The Annual general Meeting of BBFS Inc will be held on 06 December after the AM service. It will be an important meeting as a proposed new constitution will be presented and voted on. To prepare for this meeting , copies of the proposed new constitution will be distributed by email to all church members and also limited paper copies will be available in the foyer. If you are hoping to have a copy of this information, please let the office know via office@bundabergbaptist.org.au or call 07 4151 8222 press 1 to leave a message.

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!



Global Prayer for China

Pray for families being reached through Chritian counselling programs. May parents and children experience restored relationships and Christ's transforming grace.

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