



Geebung Wavell Uniting Church

A member of the Assembly
of Confessing Congregations
Of the Uniting Church
in Australia



4th November 2018 Our Mission Statement

“Sharing the love of Jesus together
in welcoming all people into the
fellowship of the church as well as
ministering to the community”

A CHRISTIAN LIFE IS INFUSED WITH JOY—Rejoice Always

Trial and Discouragement

Christian joy shows up not only in the happy times but also in times of trial and discouragement. Jesus' joy survived troubles and even flourished in the midst of them. He told His followers: *Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy!* — Lk 6:22-23

The writers of the epistles followed Jesus' lead: ***You received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. — 1 Thessalonians 1:6 NLT***
My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials. — James 1:2

One of my favourite Bible stories is the story of Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail. They were beaten; they were imprisoned; and who knew what would happen to them the next day?

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. — Acts 16:25

The kind of joy that gets you singing in jail at midnight with your back bleeding and your life hanging by a thread — that's joy worth cultivating! In our culture of instant gratification and constant amusement, it's hard to understand the suffering the apostles endured for the sake of the gospel. We'll do anything to avoid trials and tribulations. But often, in an attempt to keep anything uncomfortable from touching us, we miss the very thing God wants to use to lead us to the joy in Him. We can't avoid difficulties, but in the midst of all our troubles — there is God and His effervescent love. This doesn't mean we deny or disguise our feelings. It doesn't mean we can or should shrug off pain or disappointment, or try not to feel sorrow when we have good cause. It means we place our trust in God, and He opens the door to a joy beyond anything we can know on our own: the joy of knowing we are in His hands forever.

Commenting on the New Testament's command that we're to rejoice and be glad when undergoing trials, Philip Yancey said: *By using words like "Rejoice!" the apostles were not advocating a spirit of grin-and-bear-it or act-tough-like-nothing-happened. No trace of those attitudes can be found in Christ's response to suffering, or in Paul's...*

Nor is there any masochistic hint of enjoying pain. "Rejoicing in suffering" does not mean that Christians should act happy about tragedy and pain when they feel like crying. Rather, the Bible aims the spotlight on the end result, the productive use God can make of suffering in our lives. To achieve that result, however, He first needs our commitment of trust, and the process of giving Him that commitment can be described as rejoicing.

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities

Tuesday Indoor Bowls 1:30 @ Wavell
Wednesday Bible Study 9:30am @ Geebung
Thursday Choir Practice 2pm @ Wavell
Sunday Sunday School 8am @ Wavell

Fortnightly Activity

Tuesday Bible Study Nov 6 & 20 7pm @ Wavell

Special Events - November

Wednesday Nov 7th Adult Fellowship 1:30pm
@ Geebung

Tuesday Nov 13th Morning Fellowship 11am
@ Wavell End of Year Lunch

Thursday Nov 15th Council Meeting 6:30pm
@ Wavell

Saturday Nov 17th Evening Fellowship presents
Maureen's Melodies 7pm @ Geebung

Special Events - December

Sunday Dec 2nd Brisbane Citizen Concert
Band 4pm @ Geebung

Advance Notice

**All 4 Advent Sunday Services will be
Combined 9am at Wavell Heights**

See the back for more details

Verse of the

Week: There is no
fear in love. But
perfect love drives
out fear, because
fear has to do with
punishment. The one who fears
is not made perfect in love.

1 John 4: 18



For your attention



If we want to know
the God we love and
serve better, we can
read and study
His word.

What a blessing

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study Dates
For November are 6th and 20th
from 7pm at Wavell**

Maureen's Melodies 7pm November 17th Geebung Church



Music and fellowship fundraiser
For local funds and Frontier Services.

Cost is \$15 which includes
Entertainment and Supper
Tickets available from Merv Halliday
Phone 3265 6689, the church office
Or Margaret Downes on
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Any further enquiries can be directed
to Rev Peter Clark
3267 5236 or mobile 042 110 2847

The People Who Need Our Prayers

Nelle Atfield

Joan Morris

Marcia Halliday

Janice & Alan Bird

Norma Jenkins

Ross Hargreaves

Beris Urquhart

Shirley Gardiner

Malcolm & Judy McMillan

Graham & Joan Power

Ada Harvey

Audrey Grimmett

Maree Massey

Mary Bill

Harry Gaskell

Dot Gaskell



Adult Fellowship

*This Wednesday
November 7th 1:30pm
Geebung Church Hall
We look forward to the pleasure of
your company*

Please contact Nina Moore if you need more information



We trust November 13th is in your Diary

END OF YEAR LUNCH

FOOD + FRIENDS

NOVEMBER 13TH—11AM AT WAVELL

See Margaret Herriman if you have any questions.

Hearty Congratulations To Len Ferris and Margaret Downes

On the announcement
of their engagement.
It's nice to hear good news.
May God truly bless you
both as you plan your lives
together.







Christmas Service
 Times
December 2018



Sunday Dec 2nd Advent 1 9am Combined Service Wavell
 4pm Brisbane Citizens Concert Band @ Geebung

Sunday Dec 9th Advent 2 9:00am Combined Service Wavell
 Sunday Dec 16th Advent 3 9:00am Combined Service Wavell
 Sunday Dec 23rd Advent 4 9:00am Combined Service Wavell

Christmas Day Services

Tuesday December 25th 7:30am Geebung
 8:30am Wavell Heights

Sunday December 30th 8:00am Wavell Heights
 10:00am Geebung

New Year Service

Sunday Jan 6th 2019 9:00am Combined Service Wavell



Monday Midday Prayer:

We thank you Lord, for the people who revealed the living presence of your Son to us; may your Spirit enable us to bear witness to him also. Amen From November Uniting News

LECTIONARY READINGS

**Nov 4
Pentecost 24**

Ruth 1: 1-18
 Ps 146
 Heb 9: 11-14
 Mk 12: 28-34

**Nov 11
Pentecost 25**

Ruth 3: 1-5, 4:13-17
 Ps 127
 Heb 9: 24-28
 Mk 12: 38-44

**Nov 18
Pentecost 26**

1 Sm 1: 4-20
 1 Sm 2: 1-10
 Heb 10: 11-14, (15-18)
 19-25
 Mk 13: 1-8

**Nov 25
Christ the King**

2 Sm 23: 1-7
 Ps 132: 1-12 (13-18)
 Rv 1: 4b-8
 Jn 18: 33-37

GEEBUNG

59 Simla Ave
Sunday Worship 10.00am
 Holy Communion 1st Sun.

 Visit us at:
Geebung
 Uniting Church

WAVELL HEIGHTS

147 Rode Road
Sunday Worship 8.00am
 Holy Communion 1st Sun.

 Visit us at:
Wavell Heights
 Uniting Church

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