



Geebung Wavell Uniting Church

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



9th December 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”

Rejoicing in God’s Promises—Cissie Graham Lynch—Advent Devotion Week 2

Too often Christmas becomes a time when we overcommit ourselves to a never-ending “to-do list.” We make promises to our families, friends, and co-workers—promises that often become burdens. From decorating, shopping, wrapping gifts, attending parties, making cookies, planning activities for the kids, and cooking, we run ourselves down physically, mentally, and emotionally. We wonder, will it ever end?

We make so many promises during the holidays that we forget the promises God gave in Scripture and His fulfilled promise that we celebrate during this season.

In Genesis 12:2–3, God makes His first promise to Abraham, known as the Abrahamic Covenant: ***And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.***

The word *covenant* simply means an agreement. God made an agreement with His people through Abraham. The Lord promises a “great nation” to Abraham and goes on to promise Abraham that he will be a “blessing.” Abraham’s descendants certainly became a great nation, as evidenced by the genealogy found in Matthew 1:1–17. Through the lineage of Abraham, God blessed this world with the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

In Genesis 22:17–18, He reaffirms His promise: ***I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.***

Throughout Scripture, God continues to make promises to His people. This week, read and rejoice in the promises God has made to those who love Him.

What promises that God made through Scripture can you see fulfilled in your own life?

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, I pray that You steady my path and slow my pace. Allow me to stay focused on Your unfailing love and enable me to share that love for others through my thoughts, words, and actions. God, help me to cling to Your promises today and every day.

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For your Diary

For your attention

Weekly Activities

Tuesday Indoor Bowls 1:30 @ Wavell
Wednesday Bible Study In Recess
Thursday Choir Practice 2pm @ Wavell
Sunday Sunday School In recess

Fortnightly Activity

Wavell Tuesday Night Bible Study is in Recess

Special Events - December

Wednesday Dec 12th Evening Fellowship 7pm
@ Geebung

Praise be to God:

Jesus is called 'Prince of Peace'

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom 5:1

Gifts for the less privileged Children

I know you folk are very Generous,
Showing your hearts are full of tenderness,
So would you also have spare toys

You could give to girls and boys,
Who have much less than kids we know
Which will to them much kindness show
If you can, we'd ask you please
Place wrapped and labelled under the tree.

(i.e. 6-8yo Boy, 10-12yo Girl)

Thank you



Sunday Dec 16th Advent 3 9:00am Combined Service @ Wavell

Sunday Dec 23rd Advent 4 9:00am Combined Service @ Geebung

Christmas Services

Monday December 24th **Christmas Eve** 6:00pm Wavell Heights

Tuesday December 25th **Christmas Day** 7:30am Geebung

8:30am Wavell Heights

Sunday December 30th 9:00am Combined Service Geebung

New Year Service

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

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

Estelle Symes



Wesley Mission RedBag Appeal finishes Next Sunday

Please consider bringing some items listed below to the church put into a Red bag near the foyer, by **Sunday Dec 16th** rather than filling a bag on your own.



Suggested items include

Christmas Cake

Tea and Coffee

Christmas biscuits

Tinned Fruit

Decorations

Toiletries (Male/Female)

Long life Milk or Custard

Puddings

Condiments

Soft Drinks

BonBons

Or money towards goods

Tinned Meat

Mixed Nuts

Savouries

Cordial

Thank you



Evening Fellowship



Wednesday December 12th

Maree Massey's Christmas Music
7pm @ Geebung Courtyard



Ladies—Please bring a plate of supper to share
Gentlemen—Please donate \$5

Enquiries to Merv Halliday 3265 6689, or Margaret Downes email:
marg.downes@hotmail.com or 0484 089 487.
Further enquiries: Rev. Peter Clark 3267 5236.



Sunday School

is now in recess to resume in 2019.
Thank you to Cynthia and Tyler
 for again looking after Sunday School
 during this year.
 Your input into the lives of the
 precious children is truly appreciated.



See the Power of Human Generosity on
The Surgery Ship
 8 Part Television Series
 Commenced Tuesday November 27th
 From 9:40pm on SBS—Thanks Merv Halliday



Monday Midday Prayer: Lord, in the midst of all this season
 brings, open our hearts to wonder at the babe of Bethlehem; the
 faithfulness of Mary and Joseph; the commitment to truth of the
 magi. Amen
 From December Uniting News

LECTIONARY READINGS

**Dec 9
Advent 2**

Mal 3: 1-4
 Lk 1: 68-79
 Phil 1: 3-11
 Lk 3: 1-6

**Dec 16
Advent 3**

Zep 3: 14-20
 Is 12: 2-6
 Phil 4: 4-7
 Lk 3: 7-18

**Dec 23
Advent 4**

Mic 5: 2-5a
 Lk 1:47-55
 OR Ps 80: 1-7
 Heb 10: 5-10
 Lk 1: 39-45 (46-55)

**Dec 30
Christmas 1**

1 Sm 2: 18-20, 26
 Ps 148
 Col 3: 12-17
 Lk 2: 41-52

GEEBUNG

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



WAVELL HEIGHTS

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



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