



# Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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



18th August 2019  
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”

## The Scripture Teaches Us a Better Way

Excerpted from *The God of Comfort*

The Word of God is a lifeline for every Christian. Paul instructed his readers that the Word of God will teach us as well as provide encouragement and hope. The psalmist wrote,

***My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to Your Word.— Psalm 119:28 NIV***

The Bible is the primary way God communicates with His people. As we read the Scriptures, we are taking in the message God intends to communicate (2 Timothy 3:16). He uses the Scriptures to increase our understanding, give us strength, correct us, and encourage us. As we approach the Scriptures, we will be wise to ask God to increase our understanding of His Word.

Like the psalmist, we can pray,

***Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law. — Psalm 119:18 NIV***

Reading God's Word is a privilege, and being a student of the Scriptures is something every believer in Christ can benefit from.

***Father, please give me a deep love for Your Word. Reveal truth to me from Your Scriptures, and allow Your Word to be the guiding authority of my life.***

The Psalms provide plenty of evidence to suggest that King David cultivated the excellent habit of speaking to himself rather than listening to whatever thought came to his mind. When we are feeling depressed or anxious, we are often overcome with negative thinking. Foolishly, we replay negative thoughts and what-ifs over and over in our minds.

The Scriptures teach us a better way.

In Psalm 42, we see that David was experiencing a season of depression. Instead of entertaining the negative thoughts that inevitably came to his mind, David interrupted those thoughts with his own dialogue. David coached himself to put his hope in God, and he resolved to be a man who praised God. We have the ability to accept or reject every thought that comes to mind. We can refuse to entertain negative thoughts and replace them with the truths of God's Word.

***Father, teach me to encourage myself with truths about Your character. Please empower me to cultivate an excellent thought life that is based on truth.***

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## For your Diary

## For your attention

### Weekly Activities

**Tuesday** Indoor Bowls 1:30 @ Wavell  
**Wednesday** Bible Study 9:30am @ Wavell  
**Sunday** Sunday School Postponed

### Fortnightly Activity

**Tuesday August 27th** Bible Study 7pm  
@ Wavell

### Special Events - August

**Saturday August 24th** Maureen's Musical Melodies  
Variety Concert @ Geebung 7:00pm

### Special Events - September

**Sunday September 1st** Father's Day

**Wednesday September 11th** Evening Fellowship  
@ Geebung

**September 23rd—25th ACC AGM & Conference**

### School Holidays

Last Day Term 3 September 21st  
First Day Term 4 Tuesday October 8th

### **Safe Ministry with Children Training**

To support all people involved in children's ministries, including leaders, volunteers, and all church council members who have not completed the training within the last two years, to understand and work towards safe ministry practices.

**When:** Monday 9th September

**Time:** 18:30 to 21:30

**Where:**

Moreton Rivers Presbytery Training Room  
22 Ashgrove Ave., Ashgrove

**Cost:** \$5 for resources

**How:** Please call Debbie during office hours to register you and pay the fee.

**RSVP:** No later than Thursday Sept 5th

### **Well Done**

We received a Thank you letter from Cancer Council Qld as they very gratefully received \$236.00 from the Geebung Adult Fellowship  
Thank you everyone for your support.  
Margaret Downes



### **Praise God for the Life of Marita Pike.**

We extend our love, prayers and sympathy to the **friends and family of Marita Pike** who passed into the presence of her Lord on August 8th. Her burial will be on Tuesday August 20th at 10am at the Kalbar Cemetery  
**638 Kulgang Road Kalbar**

*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*



Followed by a service and light refreshments celebrating of Marita's life held at the **White Chapel**

**87 George Street Kalbar**

Thank you all for the loyal friendship and care you have shown Marita over the years

May God give you comfort and peace at this sad time.



## The People Who Need Our Prayers

Bruce McKenzie  
Joan Morris  
Dot Gaskell  
Alan & Janice Bird  
Merle & Bert Wilton  
Stuart Reid

Beris Urquhart  
Marcia Halliday  
Maree Massey  
Graham & Joan Power  
Nelle Atfield  
Kerrie Hughes

Ross Hargreaves  
Mary Bill  
Jean Sanderson  
Estelle Symes



## **The Bible Project** **2 Chronicles Chapters 1 to 12 &** **Jeremiah Chapters 1 to 10** Readings for this week.

## **Maureen Musical Melodies** **'Variety Plus' evening**

Presented by the Evening Fellowship

**Saturday August 24th 7pm Geebung**

Cost \$15—Tickets are now available from  
Merv Halliday and Margaret Downes  
Or at the door on the evening.

Ladies, we would welcome  
contributions to supper.

The proceeds will benefit the work of  
Frontier Services and the local church.



**2019 ACC AGM & Conference**  
23—25 September  
Alexandra Park Conference Centre  
Sunshine Coast

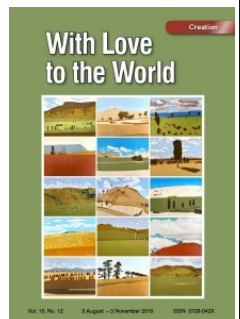
5 Keynote speakers,  
Prayer and Worship.

Day visitors also most welcome  
For more information please see Tevita or call  
the office  
As soon as possible.

**With Love to the World**  
Quarterly Devotional Booklet.

The current issue is Volume 15

Which commenced from  
August 5th  
Please email or  
call Debbie if  
you would like  
this publication  
ordered in.  
Thank you



Please Note:

### Advance Dates for Combined Services

Sunday September 22nd 9am at Wavell Heights

Sunday September 29th 9am at Geebung



### Aged Care in Queensland today – What we need to know.

A Public talk sponsored by Knights of the Southern Cross Qld, Branch 1  
At St. Michael's Church Hall, 250 Banks Street, Dorrington  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm

Speaker Nick Ryan, CEO of Lutheran Services, recent Acting CEO of Southern Cross Care Qld, will help us understand what services are available for older people in our community. Older people are living longer, but are they living better? Nick will explain how the system works and how to manage and sort out what is available for older citizens. There are many options, but what is right for us or our loved ones. Supper provided.

**RSVP** by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 - Stuart Beavis, 0408321582,  
[bsb\\_himself@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bsb_himself@optusnet.com.au)



**Monday Midday Prayer** Lord, thank you for the 3500 volunteers who share the Christian faith during RI in Qld State Schools. Give them wisdom and grace as they go about their work.

Aug Uniting Church News Rev D Baker

### LECTIONARY READINGS

**Aug 18**  
**Pentecost 10**

Is 5: 1-7  
Ps 80: 1-2, 8-19  
Heb 11: 29—12:2  
Lk 12: 49-56

**Aug 25**  
**Pentecost 11**

Jer 1: 4-10  
Ps 71: 1-6  
Heb 12: 18-29  
Lk 13: 10-17

**Sept 1**  
**Pentecost 12**

Jer 2: 4-13  
Ps 81: 1, 10-16  
Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16  
Lk 14: 1, 7-14

**Sept 8**  
**Pentecost 13**

Jer 18: 1-11  
Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18  
Phlm 1-21  
Lk 14: 25-33

#### 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

#### G/W CHURCH COUNCIL

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