



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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



25th 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”**

Grace for the mess Excerpted + permission from *God Is With You Every Day* copyright Max Lucado

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and His gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one Man, Jesus Christ. — Romans 5:17 NLT

The meaning of life. The wasted years of life. The poor choices of life. God answers the mess of life with one word: *grace*.

We talk as though we understand the term. The bank gives us a *grace* period. The seedy politician falls from *grace*. At church *grace* graces the songs we sing and the Bible verses we read. *Grace* shares the church parsonage with its cousins: *forgiveness, faith, and fellowship*. Preachers explain it. Hymns proclaim it. Seminaries teach it. But do we really understand it? Here's my hunch: we've settled for wimpy *grace*. It politely occupies a phrase in a hymn. Never causes trouble or demands a response. If asked, "Do you believe in *grace*?" who could say no? Have you been changed by *grace*? Shaped by *grace*? Strengthened by *grace*? Softened by *grace*? God's *grace* has a drenching about it. A wildness about it. A white-water, riptide, turn-you-upside-downness about it. *Grace* comes after you. It rewires you. From insecure to God secure. From regret-riddled to better-because-of-it. From afraid-to-die to ready-to-fly. *Grace* is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off.

The Final Word *"The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins."* — Mark 2:10

If you are in Christ, your sin is gone. It was last seen on the back of your Sin Bearer as He headed out to Death Valley. When Jesus cried on the cross,

My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me? — Matthew 27:46 NIV

He entered the wilderness on your behalf. He carried your sin away. He has the final word on your life. And His word is *grace*. Jesus did His part. Now do yours. *Give God* your guilt. Tell Jesus what you did. Hold nothing back. Be abundant in your confession, and... *Be concrete in your confession*. Go into as much detail as you can.

Healing happens when the wound is exposed to the atmosphere of *grace*. Exactly what is it that you need forgiveness for? For being a bad person? That is too general. For losing your patience and calling your co-worker a creep? There, you can confess that. Confession, you see, is not a punishment for sin; it is an isolation of sin so it can be exposed and extracted.

Be firm in this prayer. Satan traffics in guilt. So tell his guilt where to get off. Speak to it in the name of Jesus. "I left you at the foot of the Cross, you evil spirit. Stay there!"

And, for Heaven's sake, stop tormenting yourself. Jesus is strong enough to carry your sin. Did He not say He would do so? Believe Him! He has the final word. *Grace*.

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For your Diary

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
Tuesday September 3rd & 17th Bible Study
7pm @ Wavell

Special Events - September

Sunday September 1st Father's Day
Wednesday September 11th Evening Fellowship
@ Geebung at 7pm
Sunday September 22nd Combined Service 9am
@ Wavell
Sunday September 29th Combined Service 9am
@ Geebung
September 23rd—25th ACC AGM & Conference

School Holidays

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

Special Events - October

Wednesday October 9th Evening Fellowship
@ Geebung
Saturday October 12th Garage Sale 6am—Noon
@ Wavell

For your attention

Important Notice

Please Note:

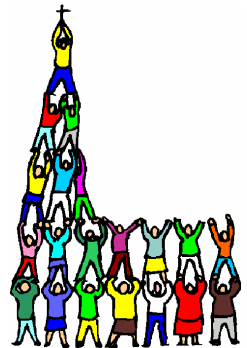
Advance Dates for Combined Services

Sunday September 22nd
9am at Wavell Heights

Sunday September 29th
9am at Geebung

There will also be combined services
Through the month of
October held at 9am.

6th Wavell
13th Geebung
20th Wavell
27th Geebung



Wavell – Garage Sale

2nd and final Garage Sale for 2019

Saturday October 12th

6:00am to Noon

Please check at home for any items in good condition that you no longer require. Please consider donating these to the sale.

Could you pot some plants or make Marmalade?

More information regarding set up will be available in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support.



The People Who Need Our Prayers

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

Ross Hargreaves
Marcia Halliday
Maree Massey
Graham & Joan Power
Nelle Atfield

Kerrie Hughes
Mary Bill
Jean Sanderson
Estelle Symes
Stuart Reid & Sylvia Bray



The Bible Project 2 Chronicles Chapters 13 to 25 & Jeremiah Chapters 11 to 20 Readings for this week.

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



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.

Evening Fellowship

Wednesday September 11th @ 7pm

Special Guest Speaker from Drug Arm

And Supper Donation of \$5:00 Please.

Please **R.S.V.P.** to Merv Halliday 3265 6689,

Or Margaret Downes 0484 089 487

or by personal contact at church.

Further enquiries: Rev. Peter Clark 3267 5236

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

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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 5th 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 1st September 2019 - Stuart Beavis, 0408321582,
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 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

Sept 15
Pentecost 14

Jer 4: 11-12, 22-28
 Ps 14
 1 Tim 1: 12-17
 Lk 15: 1-10

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.

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 Uniting Church

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