

Operation Christmas Child

Yes, Christmas is only 3.5 months away so now we can start preparing boxes for a child who need to be shown the love of Jesus through the power of a simple gift.



If you would like to join in, you will find the boxes in the foyer to use, along with a list of suitable items that adhere to the Customs & Political restraints. You may choose to fill a box on your own, or contribute items to add to a box. Please have filled boxes or items back to the church Sunday October 9th.

Thanks for your consideration.

Prayer

God give us rest today so that we might walk in peace with a growing energy and hope.

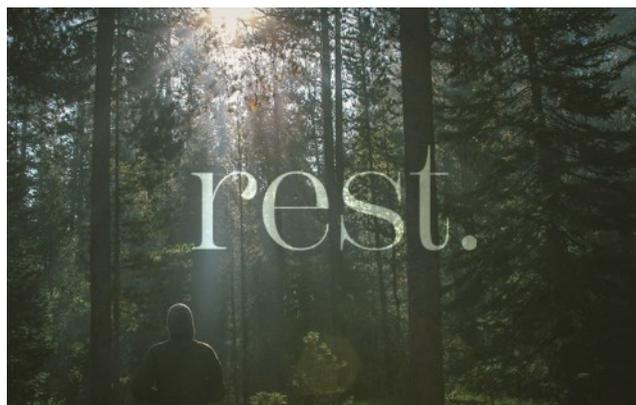


Thank you, Jesus that you carry our burdens and lighten our load.

Let us take a breath, a moment to be still ... and begin to run ... towards You.

Amen.

Moderator
 Uniting Church News
 6th September 2022



Sept 11 Pentecost 14	Sept 18 Pentecost 15	Sept 25 Pentecost 16	Oct 2 Pentecost 17
Jer 4: 11-12, 22-28 Ps 14 1 Tim 1: 12-17 Lk 15: 1-10	Jer 8: 18—9:1 Ps 79: 1-9 1 Tim 2: 1-7 Lk 16: 1-13	Jer 32: 1-3a, 6-15 Ps 91: 1-6 1 Tim 6:6-19 Lk 16: 19-31	Lam 1: 1-6 Lam 3: 19-26 2 Tim 1: 1-14 Lk 17: 5-10

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 59 Simla Ave
Sunday Worship 9.00am
 Holy Communion 1st Sun.

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Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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11th September 2022 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"

Welcome to the Service and the Baptism of Audrey Franklin

Baby Dedication in Scripture

Hannah, a barren woman, prayed for a child: And she made a vow, saying, "O LORD Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." (1 Samuel 1:11, NIV)



When God answered Hannah's prayer by giving her a son, she remembered her vow, presenting Samuel to the Lord: "As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there. (1 Samuel 1:26-28, NIV)

Now Days Infant Dedication/Baptism

Christian parents who dedicate a child are making a promise to the Lord before the church congregation to do everything within their power to raise the child in a godly way — prayerfully — until he or she can make a decision on his or her own to follow God. As is the case with infant baptism, it is sometimes customary at this time to name godparents to help raise the child according to godly principles.

Typically, the ceremony involves the reading of key Bible passages and a verbal exchange in which the minister asks the parents (and godparents, if so included) if they agree to raise the child according to several criteria. Sometimes, the entire congregation is welcomed to also respond, indicating their mutual responsibility for the child's well-being. There may be a ritual handing-off of the infant to the pastor or minister, symbolizing that the child is being offered to the community of the church. This may be followed by a final prayer and a gift of some kind being offered to the child and parents, as well as a certificate. A closing hymn may also be sung by the congregation.

Excerpts from: Fairchild, Mary. "Baby Dedication: A Biblical Practice." Learn Religions, Aug. 2, 2021, learnreligions.com/what-is-baby-dedication-700149.

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities -

Tuesday Indoor Bowls 1:30 @ Wavell
Friday Youth Alive @ Wavell 7pm
Sunday Worship Service 9am
See below for locations

Fortnightly Activity Watch is space

Tuesday Bible Study 7pm @ Wavell

Special Events— September

Sunday September 11th Combined Service 9am
 @ Wavell Baptism Service

Thursday September 15th Council Meeting 7pm
 @ Wavell

Saturday September 17th Maureen's Musical
 Concert 6pm @ Geebung

Sunday September 18th Combined Service 9am
 @ Geebung

Sunday September 25th Combined Service 9am
 @ Wavell

Special Events— October

Sunday October 2nd Combined Service 9am
 @ Geebung

Sunday October 9th Combined Service 9am
 @ Wavell

Thursday October 13th Council Meeting 7pm
 @ Wavell

Sunday October 16th Combined Service 9am
 @ Geebung

Sunday October 23th Combined Service 9am
 @ Wavell

Saturday October 29th Garage Sale @ Wavell 6am

Sunday October 30th Combined Service 9am
 @ Geebung

For your attention

Maureen's Musical Melodies

**NEXT Saturday September
 17th 6pm at Geebung**

Concert 'Take me back to Hollywood'
 Followed by Finger food, cakes, hot drinks
 and fellowship
 Please see Merv for your tickets TODAY



Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (NIV) James 1: 2-4



We have some
Dates for your Diary

Saturday October 29th

Wavell Garage Sale

6am to 12 noon



Saturday November 12th

South Pacific Evening @
 Geebung 6:30pm



Sunday November 13th

Possible Hymnfest

Sunday December 4th

Christmas Carols in the Car-
 park @ Geebung From 7pm



The People Who Need Our Prayers

Marcia Halliday	Mary Bill	Maree Massey
Graham Power	Bert Wilton	Nina Moore
Edna Street	Peter Clark	Lian Tan
Marj & Bruce McKenzie	Margaret Ferris	
Malcolm & Judy McMillian	Stuart Reid & Sylvia Bray	



<https://www.keysforkids.org/Programming/Keys-for-Kids-Daily-Devotional/Read-Listen>

Clever Bees

"Ow!" Ian wailed as his Mum rubbed a baking soda mixture on a bee sting. "It still hurts! Why did God make bees, anyway?" "I didn't hear you complaining when you were spreading honey on your toast this morning," said Mum. "But hang on--I'll get you some ice to hold on the sting. That will help it stop hurting." Ian sighed. "I guess bees are useful," he said when Mum brought the ice. "But I wish they didn't have stingers." Ian frowned. "I don't see why God made some other things either--like volcanoes or earthquakes." "Well, think of it this way," said Mum. "Remember the farm we visited last year where the bees were building hives and making honey?" "Yeah," Ian said. "It was fun to see all the cool things bees can do. They're really smart!" "Yes, they are," said Mum. "But do you think bees could build a skyscraper?" Ian grinned. "Of course not. But neither could we, Mum!" Mum laughed. "True, but there are engineers and builders and other people who know how to build them. Do you think if they explained how to build a skyscraper, bees could build one?" Ian shook his head. "They're just tiny little bugs, and we're humans. You know they can't understand the things we do or say." Mum nodded. "And compared to God, we're just tiny little humans, so how can you expect us to understand everything He does?" "You mean, we're just like tiny little bugs to God?" asked Ian, sounding rather shocked. "No--we mean much more to Him than that," Mum said. "We're very important to God. He created us in His image and blessed us with many amazing abilities, but we're not equal to Him. Many things He allows to happen won't make sense to us, but we can trust Him because He is good and knows what He's doing. Jesus came into our broken world to die for us so we could be saved, and He promises to put an end to suffering and death one day. Even though we don't always understand God's ways, we can trust Him because everything He does is good." Ian nodded. "And even though they sometimes sting, bees do lots of good things too." By Heather M. Tekavec

HOW ABOUT YOU?
 Do you wonder why God created certain things or allows some things to happen? The Bible says God created everything to be good, but when sin entered the world, it became broken. As a result, we experience pain and death in this world—and so did Jesus when He came to save us. We may not understand everything God does or allows, but we can trust Him because He is good.

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: Psalm 119:68 (KJV)
 You [God] are good, and what you do is good. (NIV)

