

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



Father's Day

The tradition of Father's Day in Australia can be traced back almost a hundred years and is celebrated this Sunday, September 4.



The Christian faith has a much longer association with the iconography of the Father, as it is present in the Trinity and throughout the Bible.

Struan Robertson, the Synod's Strategic Risk Manager, was asked to provide some words examining the way in which the role of the church can be compared to the duties of a father or a parental figure. Struan, a husband to wife Leigh and father to Ashley, 24, said it was the church's role, as it is that of a parent, to nurture and provide a safe space for growth.

"The word 'Father' has a significant meaning in the context of the church narrative," he said.

"There's a lot of responsibility being a father, and one must guide and provide; that's how I see the link between the duties of a father and the church's mission."

To read more of the article at Journey Online. From Uniting Church News 30th August 2022

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4th September 2022
**Happy Father's Day to all
the men who have blessed
others through their
Godly Fatherly image**

The Most Powerful Man in the World Excerpted with permission from *You Have What it Takes: What Every Father Needs to Know* by John Eldredge, copyright John Eldredge.

Though it happened many years ago, I remember the moment as if were yesterday. My ten-year old son, Luke, snuggled up to me after dinner as I was reading in my chair, and he said, with big eyes and a sweet face, "Dad...can I ask you a question?"

I knew he was after something. Cookies maybe. Or permission to run down to a friend's house. "Sure," I said. "What's up?" "Dad...can I have a chain saw?"

The things these boys come up with. It cracks me up. He was dead serious, by the way.

You understand. We all — as men — pretty much want the same thing. We want power. We want to have an impact. We want to leave our mark on the world. A boy with a chain saw is a powerful thing. Just imagine all he could do. In a short time there wouldn't be a tree left standing in the entire neighborhood. Which, of course, is why I did not give him one. A ten-year old with a chain saw is more powerful than he ought to be. But I understand the desire. It's essential to the masculine nature.

Boys who play baseball don't want to strike out. They want to hit that ball hard. They want to knock it over the fence. My boys love to wrestle with me, but they don't simply want to wrestle — they want to pin me. They want to be on top. This is true of every man. This is what's behind men and their fascination with fast cars, or power tools, or politics. It's about *power*. A man may take it in the wrong direction sometimes, but the bottom line is - a man needs to know he's having an impact.

Or think of it this way: What's your worst fear as a man? Isn't it some version of failure? To royally blow it? To really screw things up? Lose your job. Drive your company into bankruptcy. If you're a doctor, you fear misdiagnosing a patient's fatal disease. If you're an attorney, you fear losing the big case. Because all those things in some way prove that you *don't* have what it takes.

We need to know that our lives mattered. That when the time came, we had what was needed. We came through. There was something powerful about our lives.

So let me say this as clearly as I can: You, Dad, are the most powerful man in the world... at least in their world. Your children are looking for you to answer the deepest questions of their lives. How you handle their hearts will shape them for the rest of their lives. Never forget that no one is as powerful as you are in the lives of your sons and daughters.

Please note I am not saying Mum is unimportant. Not at all. Mother teaches us unconditional love, and she teaches us about mercy. She is a comforter. When boys or girls want to do something adventurous, they don't ask Mum; they ask Dad. But when they skin their knees or cut their fingers, when they get their feelings hurt, who do they run to? Mum, of course. Even wounded soldiers on the battlefield are known to cry out for their mothers in their last moments. Mother is love and tenderness and mercy. She is a picture of the heart of God.

But identity — especially gender identity — is bestowed by the father. A boy learns if he is a man, if he has what it takes from his Dad. A girl learns if she is worth pursuing, if she is lovely, from her Dad. That's just the way God set this whole thing up. This power he has given to you.

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities -

Tuesday Indoor Bowls 1:30 @ Wavell
Wednesday Bible Study 9:30am @ Wavell
To be advised
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 4th Combined Service 9am
 @ Geebung Father's Day

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

Sunday September 11th Combined Service 9am
 @ Wavell probable 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

Sunday October 16th Combined Service 9am
 @ Geebung

Sunday October 23th Combined Service 9am
 @ Wavell

For your attention

Maureen's Musical Melodies

Saturday September 17th

6pm at Geebung

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



 We would love the pleasure
 of your company on
Adult Fellowship Wednesday
September 7th Geebung
at 1:30pm.

Come along and enjoy a cuppa and a
 chat. See you then. Thank you Beris.



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	



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Breaking Point

"Mum, do you think Jesus really will come back someday?" Preston asked as he and his little sister Londyn climbed into the car after Bible club. "I mean, it just seems like all my life I've been told He will. Our Bible club lesson was about that today. But it never happens."

"See what I got in Bible club," said Londyn before Mum could respond to Preston. Londyn held up a balloon. "Blow it up for me please, Preston." Preston took the balloon, blew air into it, and returned it to his sister.

"Blow it bigger," said Londyn, handing it back to Preston. He took it and blew more air into it, then paused and looked at Londyn. "Bigger," she told him, so again Preston blew the balloon bigger.

"There," he said, looking at the balloon. "That's about as big as it will go. Shall I tie it for you?"

"No," said Londyn. "Blow it some more. I want it bigger!"

"It will pop," said Preston, but Londyn insisted. So Preston carefully blew a little more air into the balloon. Each time he stopped, Londyn told him to blow it bigger.

Finally, it happened. The balloon could stretch no further. It popped with a loud bang, and Londyn burst into tears.

"It's too bad it popped, Londyn," Mum said. "But Preston warned you it would break."

When Londyn had quieted down, Mum turned to Preston. "This reminds me of your question," she said. "Jesus hasn't returned yet because He's patient and loving and wants everyone to have an opportunity to be saved. He wants as many people as possible to come to know Him and be rescued from their sins. But just like Londyn's balloon was stretched to the point where it burst, the time of opportunity before Jesus's return will be stretched to the point when He will finally come again. It may not be in our lifetime, but it could also be today."

"I hope it's soon," said Preston. "Me too," said Mum. "When Jesus comes back, He will right every wrong and make all things new--free from sin and death."

"I can't wait for that!" Preston said. "But I want more people to be saved, so I guess I'll have to be patient like Jesus." -by Hazel W. Marett



HOW ABOUT YOU?

Do you believe Jesus is coming to earth again? Does it seem strange that people have been talking about His return for two thousand years? Jesus is patient. He wants to give everyone the opportunity to be saved, but the time will come when He will return as He promised. Trust in Him now so you'll be ready for that day.

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: 2 Peter 3:9 (KJV) The Lord is not being slow in doing what he promised... God is being patient with you. He doesn't want anyone to be lost. (ERV)