

Wavell School Chappy News

Hello friends,

I'm writing you this email to inform you all of a significant turn of events. Late last year I interviewed with Carmichael College (Narangba) after they advertised for a position for 'College Chaplain'. As a result of this interview and further conversations with Carmichael's Leadership Team, the school has decided to create a brand new role that while it makes use of my Chaplaincy skills and experience, essentially it will be concentrating on the Spiritual Development of the students, particularly their senior cohorts. The role has been given the title 'Student Discipleship Coordinator' and earlier this week I signed a contract with them.

I am having discussions with Wavell's Leadership Team across this week to determine our timeline for me transitioning from Wavell to Carmichael, but as it has all now become official and I am in the process of informing my Wavell Village of the news, I am also informing those of you in our wider school community of this exciting prospect that lies ahead of me.

Naturally, considering Wavell has been my second family for 15 years, this process is obviously bittersweet for me as I bid farewell to Wavell and celebrate all that God has done during the time that the role has been entrusted to me. I've always said that it would take something extraordinary for me to leave Wavell, and this Carmichael position is nothing short of extraordinary. Once our dates have been confirmed, I will officially inform you all of what has been decided in outworking my transition, but in the meantime, I continue to be ever grateful to each of you for all that you have invested in Chaplaincy at Wavell over the years. I thank God for you all dearly, and it has been an honour to partner with you throughout my service as your Chappy at Wavell.

Will be in touch.

With kindness... Your Chappy, Sarah

THERAPEUTIC YOGA & CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

(A Holistic Approach: Body, Mind and Spirit)

Date & Time:

Each Wednesday 10 – 11 am, Commencing 1st February

Place: Uniting Church, Cnr of Pellinore Road and Bracken Ridge Street, Bracken Ridge

For information contact Ph. 3865 2336.

Course Leader: Rev. Dr. Amos Manoharan

Jan 22 Epiphany 3 Is 9: 1-4 Ps 27: 1, 4-9 1 Cor 1: 10-18 Mt 4: 12-23	Jan 29 Epiphany 4 Mic 6: 1-8 Ps 15 1 Cor 1: 18-31 Mt 5: 1-12	Feb 5 Epiphany 5 Is 58: 1-9a (9b-12) Ps 112: 1-9 (10) 1 Cor 2: 1-12 (13-16) Mt 5: 13-20	Feb 12 Epiphany 6 Deut 30: 15-20 Ps 119: 1-8 1 Cor: 3: 1-9 Mat 5: 21-27
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 59 Simla Ave
Sunday Worship 9.00am
 Holy Communion 1st Sun.

Visit us at:
Geebung Uniting Church

WAVELL HEIGHTS
 Alternating
 147 Rode Road
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22nd January 2023

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"*

Living in His Light

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When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." — John 8:12

You will have dark days. Days when a friend breaks your trust and your feelings are hurt, and you have no idea what to say. Days when depression feels heavy, like it's weighing you down. Days when everything seems to be going wrong.

But there is good news. Jesus is light.

He's brighter and lovelier than anything you can imagine and more powerful than any dark thing you're facing. Jesus promises that if you follow Him, you'll have the light of life. That might mean Jesus will give you the right words to speak to your friend or a safe place to go when things feel overwhelming. Or maybe He'll provide a surprise that cuts through your darkness like a fluffy kitten jumping on your lap or your Mum making your favourite meal or a rainy day. Sometimes Jesus lights up a way out of an unhealthy situation and toward a healthy one. Jesus offers you better and brighter and wants you to live in His wonderful light.

Walk into a dark room and turn on the light. Notice the difference it makes. Ask Jesus to light up your life, to add brightness to anywhere that's dark.

The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. — Romans 13:12

"Every morning when you wake up, new baby nerve cells have been born while you were sleeping that are there at your disposal to be used in tearing down toxic thoughts and rebuilding healthy thoughts," says neuroscientist Dr. Caroline Leaf.¹

Caroline Leaf, *Switch on Your Brain: The Key to Peak Happiness, Thinking, and Health* (Baker Books, 2013), 24.

Isn't that so cool? Every day is a new opportunity to put aside dark thoughts, negative thoughts, hurtful thoughts, and to replace them with healthy, positive thoughts.

How do you do it? You can start by reading a list of five wonderful, true things about you and your life each morning. Maybe that could be "I'm stronger than I give myself credit for." Maybe it's a skill you're good at or a certain way you know you've been blessed. "Math comes easily to me." Or "God has given me a safe home." Do this before you turn on social media. Before you talk to someone who brings you down. Before you let negative self-talk tell you something bad about yourself. This shuts down dark thoughts and arms your thought life with light.

Create the list you'll read each morning. Write out five awesome truths about yourself and/or your life — your gifts or talents, someone who cares about you, some positive circumstances you've been blessed with. I'll get you started: **** God loves you endlessly, no matter what.***

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities -

Tuesday Indoor Bowls (in recess)
Friday Youth Alive (soon)
Sunday Worship Service 9am
See below for locations

Fortnightly Activity in recess

Tuesday Bible Study 7pm @ Wavell

Special Events— January 2023

Sunday January 22nd Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Sunday January 29th Combined 9am
@ Geebung & BBQ after church

Special Events— February 2023

Sunday February 5th Combined 9am
@ Wavell & BBQ after church

Sunday February 12th Combined 9am
@ Geebung

Thursday February 16th Church Council 7pm
@ Wavell

Saturday February 18th Evening Fellowship
Concert.

Sunday February 19th Combined 9am
@ Wavell & BBQ

Sunday February 26th Combined 9am
@ Geebung

Date Claimers 2023

NEXT Sunday January 29th After Church
BBQ Geebung

Sunday February 5th After Church BBQ
Wavell

For your attention

Saturday February 18th

Geebung Uniting Church
Sponsored by the Evening Fellowship
Presented by
Dr James Lergessner and friends

Baby Boom A trip down memory lane

Combining music of the '50's & '60's
With fun and humour
6:30pm for 7:00pm start
Cost \$15:00

Please bring a plate of supper to share.
For more details, tickets see
Merv Halliday 3265 6689 or Rev Peter Clark
Ph. 32675236 or 0421102847.



Sunday March 5th After the 9am Sunday Service at Wavell Church

Dear Council Members and Ministry Leaders
May we please have your reports for last
year 2022 submitted to the office
No later than Monday February 13th
Please email your report to
geebungwavelluc@bigpond.com
Or leave your written report in the office,
Or letterbox at Wavell
Thank you.

The People Who Need Our Prayers

Marcia Halliday	Mary Bill	Janice Hubbard
Graham Power	Bert Wilton	Maree Massey
Edna Street	Beris Urquhart	Nina Moore
Marj & Bruce McKenzie	Margaret Ferris	Lian Tan
Malcolm & Judy McMillian	Stuart Reid & Sylvia Bray	Dianne Beard



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

"Church in a cave!" exclaimed Elias. He and his family were on vacation, and Dad had announced they'd be attending a church service inside a cave. "I've never been in a cave," Elias said. "I wonder what it will be like." Early Sunday morning, they were on their way. When they were finally down in the cave and seated in the large room where the service was to be held, Elias shivered. It was very dark, except where electric lights lit the way. Huge stone formations hung down, while others rose up from the floor, casting gloomy shadows. The air was damp, and water dripped down the rocky walls. In his seat, Elias pulled his jacket close around him to keep out the cold, clammy air. This is interesting, but I don't really like this dark, scary place, he thought. I hope the sermon doesn't last long. He glanced at the dark shadows cast by the stones. Shortly after the minister started speaking, it was suddenly pitch dark! Elias anxiously reached out toward where his father was sitting. "I'm right here beside you," Dad whispered. The minister had paused in his message, and children began crying. Some of the adults nervously tried to calm the children. "Don't be afraid. I'm sure the lights will be back on in a few moments," said the minister. "Don't forget that God can see just as well in the dark as in bright sunlight. He's outside in the sunshine, and He's right here with us too. Our great God is omnipresent."

"What does that mean—that big word?" Elias whispered to Dad.

"It means God is present everywhere at the same time," Dad replied.

"There's no place in this entire universe where God isn't present," continued the minister. "Even way down in this dark cave. He's watching over you this very minute. He cares for us so much that Jesus became one of us and experienced the darkness of death so we would never have to be separated from Him. No matter how dark things get, He is always with us."

Elias felt glad God was right there with Him. I don't even feel very scared anymore, he thought. When the lights came back on a moment later, Elias gave his dad a big smile.

By -Carolyn E. Yost

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Are you facing something that fills you with fear? Does it feel like you're surrounded by darkness and God is far away? No matter where you are or what it is you're facing, God is there with you. Although you can't see Him, He is watching over you and caring for you. The Bible tells us He is everywhere—He's omnipresent—and Jesus promises that nothing can separate us from Him, not even death. Whenever you're afraid or lonely, remember He is with you.

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: Jeremiah 23:24 (KJV)

"Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the Lord. (NKJV)

