



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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the Uniting Church in Australia



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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”

Jesus Prays for Us

I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail. — Luke 22:32

On the night before His death, Jesus made this announcement:

All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee. — Matthew 26:31-32

Translation? Your fall will be great, but My grace will be greater. You'll find Me waiting for you in Galilee.

The promise was lost on Peter:

Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble. — Matthew 26:33

Not one of Peter's finer moments. Arrogant. Self-sufficient. Peter's trust was in Peter's strength. Yet Peter's strength would peter out. Jesus knew it.

Jesus' prayers hamstring Satan

Satan would attack and test Peter. But Satan would never claim Peter. Why? Because Peter was strong? No, because Jesus was.

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Jesus prays for you as well (John 17:11, John 17:20 NLT).

Will God hear the intercessory pleas of His Son? Of course He will. Like Peter, our faith will wane, our resolve waver, but we will not fall away. We are “kept by Jesus” (Jude 1 NIV) and “shielded by God's power” (1 Peter 1:5 NIV). And that is no small power. It is the power of a living and ever-persistent Savior... who prays for us.

~ Grace

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For your Diary

For your attention

Weekly Activities -

Tuesday Indoor Bowls
Saturday Youth Alive
Sunday Worship Service 9am
See below for locations

Special Events & Services — September

Sunday September 17th Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Sunday September 24th Choir Practice 8:15am
Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Special Events & Services — October

Sunday October 1st Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Sunday October 8th Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Sunday October 15th Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Tuesday October 17th Council Meeting 6pm
@ Wavell

Sunday October 22nd Choir Practice 8:15am
Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Thursday October 26th Geebung RSL Luncheon
11:30 for 12 noon.

Sunday October 29th Combined 9am
@ Wavell

Please Note: There will be no Church Council Meeting in September

Operation Christmas Child



Yes, It's getting closer to Christmas than we may realize. You may like to consider joining Samaritans purse in blessing children in poorer countries around the world with a special shoe box of goodies or by making a donation towards the cost of shipping shoes boxes. (\$12.50 each box) Steps to pack a shoe box which will be available in the church foyer.

- Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14.
- Select a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies.
- Pray. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo .
- Label the box and leave at the church by October Sunday 15th.

Gift ideas next week.

Thank you



The Church Office **should now be attended every Thursdays and Friday** although Debbie is currently not driving yet, so may not be full hours in the office until able to drive. I'll keep you posted. Thank you

The People Who Need Our Prayers

Ann Bain

Graham Power

Edna Street

Marj & Bruce McKenzie

Malcolm & Judy McMillian

Maree Massey

Bert Wilton

Norma Jenkins

Margaret Ferris

Sylvia Bray

Dell Merchant

Merv Halliday

Lian Tan

Dianne Beard

Sebestyen McKenzie



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

The Dirty Diaper

Ew, Dad, that stinks!" Kallie held her nose dramatically.

Dad placed her baby brother on the changing table and unzipped his jammies. "Cash just needs a diaper change, that's all." He smiled down at the baby who wriggled on the mat.

"Let's get you cleaned up, buddy."

Kallie looked on as Dad worked on cleaning up the baby. She scrunched her nose and frowned. "I don't know how you can do that every day," she said. "Don't you and Mum ever get tired of changing his diaper?"

Dad chuckled. "Well, Kallie, I won't lie to you, I didn't always have a very good attitude about changing diapers. When you were a baby, I may have even grumbled a few times."

"Was I as stinky as Cash?" Kallie asked.

"Maybe even stinkier!" Dad teased.

"Why don't you still have a bad attitude?" Kallie asked.

Dad fastened the new diaper onto his son and zipped up the jammies. "It wasn't anything I did," he said. "But over time, as I changed more and more diapers, the Lord reminded me of something." Dad picked up Cash and gave him a kiss on his chubby cheek. "He helped me realize that He does something similar for me."

Kallie raised her eyebrows, confused about what Dad could mean.

"Cash isn't able to keep himself clean," Dad said. "He's just a baby! He needs someone to wash all the icky stuff off his skin and put him in a fresh diaper. That's sort of how it is with me. The Lord helped me realize that just like a baby needs someone to clean them, I needed Jesus to clean me of my sin. It's not something I can do on my own. Jesus washed me clean and made me a new person when I trusted in Him, and He continues to show me His grace and forgiveness each day."

"And so you don't mind changing diapers now because doing it reminds you of Jesus?"

"That's right. It's always an opportunity for me to remember how much my Father in heaven loves me, and how His mercy and grace cleanse me from all my sin." by Emily Tenter

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Have you experienced the cleansing forgiveness of Jesus? It's impossible to clean ourselves from sin and make ourselves worthy of eternal life with God. Only Jesus can do that! Because of His life, sacrifice on the cross, and victory over death, He has the power to take away our sin and make us clean. Has he done that for you? (To learn more, click the "Good News!" button in the right column of this page.)

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: 1 John 1:9 (KJV)

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (NKJV)





As the end of the year fills up, please note the following:

October: You can complete your Referendum voting from Tuesday October 3rd to Saturday Oct 14th At the Geebung Church Hall.

October 26th: All are invited to join in on Thursday Oct 26th End of Year Lunch at Geebung RSL 11:30 for 12 noon.

RSP essential to Beris or Debbie by Wednesday Oct 18th please.

November: Please keep Saturday November 25th free for a fabulous night of entertainment at Geebung with the 'Sounds of the Pacific' Event.

December: Sunday December 10th, Geebung hosts Carols in the Carpark.

More details on these and other events to follow.

September 17

Pentecost 16

Ex 14: 19-31

Ps 114

Rom 14: 1-12

Mt 18:21-35

September 24

Pentecost 17

Ex 16: 2-15

Ps 105: 1-6, 37-45

Phil 1: 21-30

Mt 20: 1-16

October 1

Pentecost 18

Ex 17: 1-7

Ps 78: 1-4, 12-16

Phil 2: 1-13

Mt 21: 23-32

October 8

Pentecost 19

Ex 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Ps 19

Phil 3: 4b-14

Mt 21: 33-46

GEEBUNG

Alternating

59 Simla Ave

Sunday Worship 9.00am

Holy Communion 1st Sun.



Visit us at:

Geebung Uniting Church

WAVELL HEIGHTS

Alternating

147 Rode Road

Sunday Worship 9.00am

Holy Communion 1st Sun.



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