



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

2nd June 2024

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"

Using Worship as a Weapon

Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. — Joshua 6:4

"The rules are simple," Pastor Chris told my wife and I.

"Take this Bluetooth speaker into that room, blast some worship music, and start worshipping and praying out loud together." Jill loved those instructions. I hated them.

I'm a pastor, so you wouldn't think that would be a difficult task for me, but I can't stand praying with my wife. She's an incredible prayer warrior, and I feel like a stuttering idiot. Even after all these years of marriage, this far into my relationship with God, it still feels awkward for me to pray with her at length.

I hope that is freeing for some of you. Stop feeling guilty. It's not just you!

"That's right," he continued, "it's time to start worshipping. You're both going to pray out loud for thirty straight minutes at the volume of the music."

When Pastor Chris saw the deer-in-the-headlights look I gave him, he explained the method to his madness. He reminded us we were in a battle, and the first two weapons we needed to use were prayer and worship.

The whole thing was a little confusing. Prayer doesn't fix my anxiety; at times it gives me even more of it. And worship is something we do in church services that, truthfully, makes me feel insecure and often makes my feet hurt when they have us standing for so long.

I thought, I'm here fighting for my life. We are going to war. And our weapons of choice are prayer and worship? But then he said something that changed the trajectory of my life:

"Satan hates it when we pray like this. It destroys him."

That's what I needed to hear. His words instantly brought me back to something that had happened less than a year prior, an experience that changed my family's lives forever. An event where I felt like God was telling me to stop seeing worship as singing songs in church and begin viewing it as a weapon to battle for my freedom.

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities -

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

Special Events & Services — June

Sunday June 2nd Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Saturday June 8th Geo Verdi 2pm @ Geebung

Sunday June 9th Combined 9am Service
@ Wavell

Sunday June 16th Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Sunday June 23rd Combined 9am Service
@ Wavell

Sunday June 30th Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Special Events & Services — July

Sunday July 7th Combined 9am Service
@ Wavell

Saturday July 13th Musical Concert 2pm
@ Geebung

Sunday July 14th Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Sunday July 21st Combined 9am Service
@ Wavell

Sunday July 28th Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Office Hours this Thursday:

On Thursday June 6th the office will be open but most likely 10am to 4pm due to a Doctor's appointment. Sorry for the inconvenience.

For your attention

We have another
entertaining
Event
at Geebung



Saturday July 13th
Musical Melodies Concert.
@ Geebung 2pm
With a roaring 1920's and a Spanish Theme. More details soon



Would you like to Help Victims of Domestic Violence??

You can, if you have an old mobile phone and charger you no longer need.

During the Month of June the Church office would be happy to receive your old phones.



If you would like to drop these in the box in the foyer, Debbie will get them to the centre where all data is wiped off and phones are reset for the police to place in the hands of victims who use them for emergency calls.

Your Help would be greatly appreciated.

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

Beris Urquhart

Dell Merchant

Merv Halliday

Lian Tan

Tracy McKenzie

Sylvia Marson



In This Week's Mail

We have received two certificates this week thanking the Evening Fellowship group and the Geebung Wavell Church for their donations of \$100 and \$175.

Thank you for your generosity.

Tevita on leave end of June/July

Rev Tevita is taking some leave time during the school holidays so will be on holidays Sunday June 30 to Sunday July 7. Enjoy the time Tevita.

NEXT

**Saturday June 8th
Geo Verdi
@ Geebung 2pm**

**This delightful
Afternoon is next
Saturday**

Please invite your
friends and
Neighbours.

Beris has some pre
Event tickets for
Sale or you can
Purchase tickets
At the door.

We look forward to
Seeing you there.



You are invited

To join us for a

Musical Afternoon Tea

At Geebung Uniting Church

59 Simla Ave, Geebung

Saturday June 8th - 2pm

Entertainment by Geoverdi Musica



Cost Adults \$20, Children are Free

Please Pay on entry

For more information please contact by phone

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THE WALLS OF JERICO

I had been studying and preaching in the book of Joshua, the man who miraculously took the nation of Israel across the Jordan River into the promised land. But when he got into the promised land, as I mentioned earlier, he still had to fight thirty-one battles to take possession of it.

The very first battle is somewhat famous. Even if you haven't been in church much, you may have heard of the Battle of Jericho. It's this crazy story where God instructed the nation of Israel to march around Jericho for seven straight days. And on the last day, God told them to start worshipping, singing, yelling, praising God, and playing instruments.

The interesting thing is, the trumpets God instructed them to play were sometimes used as a battle cry before the battle but were most often used to celebrate after a victory. The Israelites would always fire up the worship music after they won a battle. But in this case, God told them to start worshipping, singing, yelling, and playing those instruments before they saw the victory.

What? Celebrate before they had anything to celebrate? Worship before they saw the outcome they wanted? That doesn't make any sense, and yet that's exactly what God called them to do. And the results were mind-blowing. You can read all about it in Joshua 6. Essentially, as soon as they started worshipping, Jericho's walls, which were securely barred, miraculously fell, and the Israelites were able to overcome the city.

The Israelites didn't have a chance on their own strength. However, right in the middle of their confusion, fear, anxiety, depression, and (I have to believe) feelings of hopelessness, God showed up in a spectacular way. They experienced freedom and a victory they never dreamed possible. And the whole thing was put in motion with a weapon called worship.

Sometimes we worship because we've had a victory. But sometimes we worship until we see one. God demonstrated to Joshua that there would be times in life where worship would be the way to victory. Worship will be the way you defeat your Enemy. Worship will be what brings you the very freedom you so badly desire.

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June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23
Pentecost 2	Pentecost 3	Pentecost 4	Pentecost 5
1 Sam 3: 1-10	1 Sam 8: 4-11, 16-20	1 Sam 15: 34– 16:13	1Sm17:57-18:5,10-16
Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18	Ps 138	Ps 20	Ps 9: 9-20 or Ps 133
2 Cor 4: 5-12	2 Cor 4: 13-5:1	2 Cor 5: 6-10, 14-17	2 Cor 6: 1-13
Mk 2: 23—3:6	Mk 3: 20-35	Mk 4: 26-34	Mk 4: 35-41

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.



Visit us at:

Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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