



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

23rd 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"

Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength

Of all the passages in Scripture, one of the most well-known is the Shema:

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. — Deuteronomy 6:4-5

It's significant enough that Jesus referenced it when asked about the greatest command. He said, ***'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'*** ***This is the first and greatest commandment. — Matthew 22:37-38***

It's a beautiful command — one meant to deepen our relationship with God. However, when we really think about loving God with *all* our heart and *all* our soul and *all* our strength and *all* our mind, it can feel overwhelming. How can we even do that?

Let's examine each part to better understand it and hopefully make it a little less intimidating. Although we're meant to love God with our whole being, with everything we are, God was very intentional about naming these specific areas. Our heart is the centre of our intentions and emotions. Our soul is the centre for our state of living and being. Our strength includes our passion and might, and our mind is the centre for intellect and reasoning. All these areas should be directed toward God. Our direction reveals what we cherish and value. As Christians, that should first and foremost be God. If we are pursuing Him above all else, our desires and actions will reflect that. Ultimately, that will lead to a life of freedom.

Perhaps one of the reasons why the Shema can feel so overwhelming is that we tend to think we have to come up with the energy to accomplish it on our own. Though we do need to practice certain disciplines in order to deepen our relationship with God, we can't do it without His help. Thankfully, He has given us the Holy Spirit as our helper and guide. We also tend to believe that once we've become a Christian, we should have everything figured out. Most of the serious struggles should be gone. That we should be perfect. But if we've been a follower of Christ for any length of time, we know that's not true. Nor is it true that we will ever reach that point at any time in our life on earth.

We will always be in the process of sanctification — growing but never arriving — until we are in Heaven with Him.

As we are sanctified, there is a renewing of our mind. This renewing includes focusing on and being filled with the truth of God's Word. We do this by hearing the Word, reading it, memorizing it, and meditating on it. As we fill our minds with truth, the lies we've believed will begin to unravel, our convictions will be strengthened, and we'll gain confidence to stand against the Enemy.

1st Corinthians 2:16 shares an incredible gift we have as Christians: ***We have the mind of Christ.***

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For your Diary

For your attention

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 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

Event at Geebung

Saturday July 13th

**Musical Melodies
Concert. @ 2pm**

**With a roaring 1920's and a
Spanish Theme.**

**Tickets are on Sale NOW
for \$15.00**

**from Merv Halliday
Please bring a small plate of
Afternoon tea to share.**

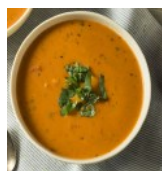
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Geebung State School Chaplaincy Fundraiser. Kerry Edwards, Soup Drive.

Order forms for: **Pumpkin & Sweet potato** OR **Potato and Leek soup** are in the foyer. Please take an envelope and an order form, place your order with \$12 per litre payment inside the envelope and hand it to **Beris Urquhart no later than**

Wednesday July 10th The Order with Payment please
Delivery will be from Saturday July 20th Thank you for your support.



The People Who Need Our Prayers

Ann Bain	Maree Massey	Beris Urquhart
Graham Power	Bert Wilton	Dell Merchant
Edna Street	Norma Jenkins	Merv Halliday
Marj & Bruce McKenzie	Margaret Ferris	Lian Tan
Malcolm & Judy McMillian	Sylvia Bray	Tracy McKenzie
		Sylvia Marson



From the Front page

In fact, chapter 2 is filled with quite a few gifts regarding our mind. Through the Spirit, the things of God are revealed to us (v. 10), we are able to understand (v. 12), and we are able to judge wisely (v. 15).

Our hearts also need renewal. It is a common thing to hear people say “Follow your heart.” However, Scripture tells us that ***the heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? — Jeremiah 17:9***

Certainly, without the Spirit’s guidance, our hearts cannot be trusted. When fighting against the lies of the Enemy and moving toward freedom, we must remember that knowing (our mind) and believing (our heart) God’s truth go hand in hand. That is where faith comes in. Proverbs 4:23 tells us, ***Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.***

God wants His truth to be fully rooted in our lives as a deeply personal and intimate knowing.

Loving God with all our strength is not easy when you consider that we are pretty weak creatures. So how do we love God in that way? Exodus 15:2 says, ***The Lord is my strength.***

The psalmists also declared that the Lord was their strength (Psalm 18:1; 22:19; 28:7; 118:14). Nehemiah 8:10 goes on to say that the “joy of the Lord” is our strength. Considering these verses and others, it makes it much sweeter and simpler to love the Lord our God with all our strength when God Himself is our strength.

The part of the Shema about loving God with all our soul may be the most difficult to comprehend. We can more easily picture loving Him with our heart, mind, and strength. But the soul is less concrete. It is often considered our entire being — the deepest part of who we are. The psalmist painted a beautiful picture of what it means to love God with all our soul: ***As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? — Psalm 42:1-2***

When we experience deep relationship with God, there is nothing else our soul longs for more than Him. Our soul will be dissatisfied with anything less.

While we are always in the process of sanctification, with God’s strength and the renewing of our mind and heart, we can live a life of freedom that is characterized by our love and obedience toward God. Even as we grow in loving Him, His Spirit helps us to love Him more. Ultimately, we are able to love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).

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Verse of the week: My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.

Psalm 73: 26 (NLT)

Update: We can now confirm that the Geebung Premises will be used by the Electoral Commission Queensland for the up coming elections in October, for Pre Polling only, not on Saturday October 26th. Therefore the Geebung Premises will not be available for our use from Sunday October 13th till Saturday October 26th.

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. The final week will be next Sunday June 30th

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.

Staff on Leave June/July

Rev Tevita is on leave during the school holidays. He will be taking time off from Sunday June 30 to Sunday July 7. Enjoy your holidays Tevita.

Debbie will not be in the office on Thursday July 4th as she is a leader at Bracken Ridge Baptist Kids Holiday Club. Office hours will be made up during the week from home and on Friday July 5th in the office.

<i>June 23</i>	<i>June 30</i>	<i>July 7</i>	<i>July 14</i>
Pentecost 5	Pentecost 6	Pentecost 7	Pentecost 8
1Sm17:57-18:5,10-16	2 Sam 1: 1, 17-27	2 Sam 5: 1-5	2 Sam 6: 1-5, 12-19
Ps 9: 9-20 or Ps 133	Ps 130	Ps 48	Ps 24
2 Cor 6: 1-13	2 Cor 8: 7-15	2 Cor 12: 2-10	Eph 1: 3-14
Mk 4: 35-41	Mk 5: 21-43	Mk 6: 1-13	Mk 6: 14-29

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

G/W CHURCH COUNCIL

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