



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

22nd September 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"*

Better Days Ahead

*Yet I am confident I will see the LORD's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. —
Psalm 27:13*

The story of Job in the Bible is about a confident man who had a heart for God. God testified that there was no man like Job on earth. He was described as a good man with a wife and ten children as well as many herds of animals and great wealth.

Then the Lord allowed Job's faith to be tested, and he faced loss of children, wealth, and even his physical health. Job's story reminds us that there is a spiritual conflict going on behind the scenes in our lives.

When my dad was diagnosed with dementia, we never dreamed that he would eventually pass from complications of the dreaded disease. During a five- year journey, we watched the man who was a leader, mentor, pastor, spiritual father, and the greatest dad anyone could imagine begin to lose his memory a little more each day. My mom, brother, and I stood on the Word of God that he was covered by the blood of Jesus and no weapon formed against him would prosper.

My prayer partners around the world were praying my dad would come back to us. And as he made his final journey to his forever Home, we were praising Jesus for the legacy he was leaving behind. I am now pastoring his church, Limitless. My mom has become a writer and an author. My brother faithfully leads our family. My sons, my dad's grandsons, have matured in the Lord.

In your darkness, it can be hard to believe that better days are coming. Stand on your faith and watch God do His best for you.

Father, as I face different seasons and challenges, help me understand that You have my very best interests at heart. In Jesus' name, amen.

Blessed Over Bitterness

"Don't call me Naomi," she responded. "Instead, call me Mara, for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me home empty. Why call me Naomi when the LORD has caused me to suffer and the Almighty has sent such tragedy upon me?" —

Ruth 1:20–21

When Naomi and her husband, Elimelech, left Bethlehem they were looking for a new life without all the pain and lack they had been suffering. They had two sons who they believed deserved more than they were able to give them, so they headed for Moab. While this was a decision made out of a desire to survive, Moab was not the best place for Elimelech to take his family. He was leaving the promised land that God had given them and moving to Moab where the residents did not worship the Lord.

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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 — September

Wednesday September 18th Evening Fellowship
@ Geebung 7pm

Sunday September 22nd Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Sunday September 29th Combined 9am Service
@ Wavell

Special Events & Services — October

Sunday October 6th Combined 9am Service
@ Geebung

Sunday October 13th Combined 9am Service
@ Wavell

Sunday October 20th Combined 9am Service
@ Wavell

Sunday October 27th Combined 9am Service
@ Wavell

Thursday October 31st Geebung RSL Fellowship
Lunch @11:30



For your information.

Church Council have approved Long Service Leave for Tevita.

Leave will commence Thursday December 26th until Wednesday March 26th. This time will include 4 weeks annual leave.

For your attention

Evening Fellowship

Sincere Appreciation for all those who contributed to making last Wednesday night September 18th such a success. Thank you Noela for setting up, for those who brought along supper, cleaned up, packed up etc.

Our Guest Speaker Rachel Poole From Mercy Ships was well received. Thank you from the Convenor Rev Peter Clark

Merv is pleased to report that due to your generosity and the great roll up \$140 was raised.
Fantastic Effort Everyone—Thank you

Dates for your diary.

Thursday October 31st

From 11:30 for a 12 Noon

Lunch at Geebung RSL

Please see Beris to register for this Luncheon by Sunday October 20th.

You can purchase your own lunch and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and great fellowship.

Friday November 29th
South Pacific Dinner
and Entertainment 6:30pm
at Geebung Cost \$30

We look forward to seeing you there.



The People Who Need Our Prayers

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| Ann Bain | Maree Massey | Dell Merchant |
| Graham Power | Bert Wilton | Edna Street |
| Norma Jenkins | Lian Tan | Margaret Ferris |
| Marj & Bruce McKenzie | Sylvia Marson | Len Ferris |
| Malcolm & Judy McMillian | | |



Office Update:

Debbie has Doctors permission to drive again, so the office is being attended during normal office hours . Thank you again for your patience, prayers and understanding.

"Therapeutic Yoga and Christian Meditation" will commence on
Wednesday 9 October 2024 at Bracken Ridge Uniting Church.

It will be 7 sessions, each Wednesday from 10-11 am, led by Rev .Amos.

All welcome to join especially Seniors.

A donation of \$5 per session is welcome towards the Church Ministry.

For information: (07) 3865 2336 Thanks Amos Manoharan

From the front page

Elimelech died in Moab, leaving Naomi alone with her two sons. The sons married Moabite women, which was something God had wanted them to avoid. Ten years later, the sons died, leaving a household with three widows. Naomi heard that the famine had ended in Bethlehem and decided to go home. She urged her daughters--in--law to remain in Moab; however, Ruth refused and proclaimed that Naomi's God would be her God.

When she arrived in Bethlehem, Naomi told her family and friends to no longer call her Naomi but Mara, for the Almighty had dealt bitterly with her. She had lost the men in her life and now had the responsibility of caring for Ruth. But

history shows how God can take bitterness and turn it into joy.

Ruth met Boaz and eventually became his wife. Her son with Boaz was Obed, the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David. This woman from a heathen nation had a child who is in the lineage of Jesus Christ. Naomi could never have orchestrated her life to bring about such honour and happiness.

Father, thank You that You have a plan and purpose for my life. I will walk in the steps You have orchestrated for me. In Jesus' name, amen.

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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) Betty Clark will be our contact person for any questions and donations

Steps to pack a shoe box which will be available in the church foyer from next Sunday

-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 13th.

Gift Ideas:

Wow items: Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed toys, Dolls Skipping rope, Toy Cars, Yo-yos

Clothing: T-shirts, Shorts , Underwear, Socks, Shoes

Personal Care items: Toothbrushes (not paste), Hairbrushes, Washcloths, Combs, Soap (no liquids)

School supplies: Pens, Pencils, Sharpeners, Markers, Notebooks & Paper, Colouring books

Accessories: Sunglasses, Hair accessories, Watches, Torches with extra sealed

Batteries. Thank you



September 22

Pentecost 18

Prv 31: 10-31

Ps 1

Jas 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9: 30-37

September 29

Pentecost 19

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10

Ps124

Jas 5:13-20

Mk 9: 38-50

October 6

Pentecost 20

Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10

Ps 26

Heb 1: 1-4, 2:5-12

Mk 10: 2-16

October 13

Pentecost 21

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17

Ps 22: 1-15

Heb 4: 12-16

Mk 10: 17-31

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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Wavell Heights
Uniting Church

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