

## **Dianne Malimonenko**

Born in Brisbane, I spent my early teenage years in a little country town in Western Qld. I was blessed with a loving family and although they didn't attend church they were happy for me in my very early years to attend a little Baptist church with the neighbour's kids. It was there that I first heard that Jesus loves me. Although I was always "religious", prayed to God and was later confirmed in the Anglican church, it wasn't until I was 17 that I began to understand the gospel and made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. Many years and many ups and downs followed through my nursing training, Bible College and subsequent career changes.

In the seventies I had moved away from God and it took a crisis in my life to take stock and recommit my life to God.

In the years since, although there have been many times when I have let both God and people down, He has never let me down. I have learnt to trust God's word, the Bible, and have many times been given very clear direction, or correction, or encouragement from reading my bible. It's when I get slack and neglect the word that I mess up. One scripture I try to follow is "whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might".

I have been blessed with a wonderful husband and together, we thank God that we are part of this loving community with Christ.



## SUMMARY OF LAST WEEK'S SERMON!

REV CATHERINE SOLOMON

Last Sunday's sermon was on how we build each other up in love and compassion. Apostle Paul wrote to his brothers and sisters in the Thessalonian Church. He encouraged them to celebrate those who work hard and care for each other; he warned them of those who criticise and cause harm to others. I spoke of two types of criticism where Constructive Criticism builds up the church and Projective Criticism tears down the church. Let's think before we speak.

### *Constructive Criticism*

*Offering - giving comments or feedback to help the other learn about themselves, others, God and life generally. Ask how can I share this feedback in love for the other person? Does my body language, the tone of my voice and the language match my intention?*

*Receiving – is this constructive to build me up, make me a better person? What should I take on board to learn more about myself, others, God or life? Then thank the person for bringing this to light for you.*

### *Projective Criticism*

*Offering - giving criticism out of my own insecurities, failures and fears. Is what I'm about to say going to hurt the other, to make me feel better about myself, or only about my expectations? If so, then keep silent, take it to the cross and talk to God.*

*Receiving – is this feedback about tearing me down, to devalue me and my input, skills, gifts? If so, let it go to the keeper, do not take it to heart, because it's about the other person – not me. Pray for the other person.*

*The promise of the Holy Spirit is to transform and renew the face of the earth. We can apply this in our work place, homelife, social spaces and here in our church. God bless you as we continue in building each other up in love and compassion.*

This week's sermon: HOPEFUL ANTICIPATION



## CHURCH WINTER DINNER

A night in the  
**WILD WEST**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 6pm

Tickets \$20

Available from  
Gloria Bryant /Mary Flynn

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
9.30 am for 10 am.

Guest Speaker:  
Michele Lake –  
her subject will be Synod.  
All most welcome.

## CHAPLAINCY DINNER 6<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm.

If you can't attend the dinner,  
perhaps you would like to make a  
donation to school chaplaincy.  
You can direct your donation to  
your school of choice.

<https://www.suqld.org.au/shop/>



*A Bevy of Beauties*



*Fun for Young and Old!*

## BEEN AROUND BEFORE

We had a very enjoyable afternoon on 25<sup>th</sup> May.  
Many of the ladies who attended were young and  
had not been to our complex since Sunday School days.  
Gloria did a great job gathering the clothes and the helpers.

All goods were donated, no expenses.  
Attendance was about 130, with around \$2,000 raised.

Pamela Slatyer has a new phone number: 0477 773 126  
and a new email address: [pamelaslatyer37@icloud.com](mailto:pamelaslatyer37@icloud.com)





## FAMILY FUN DAY – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 11-3

Do you have any families with young children in your street? Please invite them to our Family Fun Day. Collect a small card today to give to them. And make sure you come too!

Would you be able to make a tax-deductible donation to UnitingWorld?

Take an envelope today from the noticeboard today or visit [www.unitingworld.org.au/choice](http://www.unitingworld.org.au/choice)



### WORSHIP



### NEWS

- ❖ On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, the day after our Family Fun Day, we will be holding an informal service. If you would like to contribute to planning that service, please come to a meeting with Rev Catherine at about 11am this Sunday.
- ❖ The Worship Team meeting set down for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June will still go ahead as previously advised.

**Defibrillator Workshop: 1:30pm, 6<sup>th</sup> June**



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