

Newsletter 18th May 2025

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A Caring Community with Christ

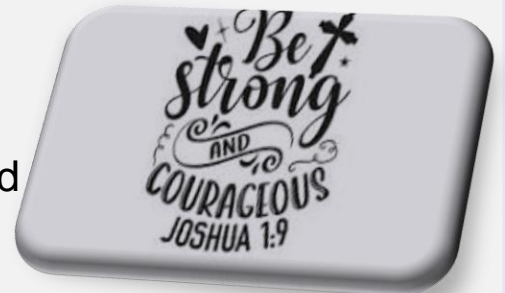
You Tube link for Sunday: <https://youtube.com/live/dg-TYgJUtbM?feature=share>

Theme: Obey, the secret of success

Bible Reading: Joshua 1:1-9

What is the standard for success in our Christian faith? I believe that the true standard of success begins with obedience to God. That is the foundation of our success.

Joshua 1:8 says, "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."



The early believers of Christ had much trouble in living and working for the kingdom of God, because many of them neglected obeying God. Finally, church leaders encouraged them to spend much time on the word of God and prayer. Acts 6:4-7 says, "(we) will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word...so the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith."

While serving as a minister previously, I devoted much time to the Word of God and to prayer. Through this, I witnessed many people experience healing and recovery through our ministries. In addition, we introduced various ministry teams and small groups, which helped the church grow spiritually. Those who had left eventually returned, and new people also joined the congregation, bringing fresh energy and renewal to the church community.

This can be applied to our church. There are still many important things we need to do here in our church. One of the most important things is that we still need to spend much time on the word of God and prayer. And so, I am planning to spend much time on prayer meetings and the bible study here at our church. I will continue to encourage more people to participate in the meetings, so that more people will be healed, transformed, and given a new life.

Blessings

Rev. Dr. Je Cheol Cook



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Induction Service for Rev. Dr. Je Cheol Cook

We were truly blessed to hold the Induction Service for our new minister, Rev. Dr. Je Cheol Cook, on Saturday, 10th May. The service was joyful and meaningful, warmly attended by representatives from the Presbytery, the local community, and our own congregation. A particularly memorable moment was a beautiful duet performed by Rev. Je Cheol's children, Je Hoon and Ka Hee, which delighted all in attendance and added a heartfelt, personal touch to the afternoon. Rev. Dr. Je Cheol has begun his ministry among us with great enthusiasm and grace. Accompanied by his wife Yun Young, his first week has been filled with getting to know members of the congregation and familiarising himself with the various ministries and activities of our church. We are deeply thankful not only for Je Cheol's wisdom, but also for his spirituality and profound commitment to his faith and to the people he is called to serve. We look forward with joy and anticipation to the journey ahead, as we grow together as a church family under his leadership, united in Christ.



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Morning tea is served in the hall following the service. Everyone is invited to join us for a chat and a cuppa.



Congratulation Ross Fraser Smith on your 80th Birthday!

Your church family celebrates this wonderful milestone with you. We are grateful for your life, your faith, your gifts, and the joy you bring to all of us, particularly through your music.

Wishing you continued blessings,
good health,
and happiness
in the year ahead!



Curumbin Valley Church Meets on 2nd and 4th Sunday at 4pm.

The next meeting will be on May 25th. The church is located at 1330 Curumbin Creek Road.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 2nd June at 9:30am** for morning tea.

Our special guests will be **Rev.Dr.Je Cheol Cook, and his wife Yun Young.** We would love for you to join us for a morning of connection and fellowship.

Everyone is very welcome!

Something to Celebrate?

Do you have a birthday or special occasion coming up? We'd love to celebrate with you as part of our church family! If you're happy to share, just send me your details and we'll include a special shout-out in the newsletter.

Email: shirley.lord1@bigpond.com

A Reflection: by Max Lucado

(Paraphrased from 'Begin Again')

You can start again! God isn't finished with you—not even close. Maybe you feel stuck in regret, trapped by a past decision, or weary from the weight of yesterday. But God's mercies are new every morning. He doesn't give up on His children.

In His hands, your worst chapters can be rewritten, and your story can be redeemed.

Let today be a turning point. Not because you have it all together—but because you trust the One who does. He's already in tomorrow, inviting you to begin again with Him.

"Behold, I am making all things new."

– Revelation 21:5



Actual Announcements from Church Bulletins!!

- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
- Wednesday, the Ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me In My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.

Volunteers Needed for the Cooina Coffee Shop!

We're currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join the team at the Cooina Coffee Shop. Whether you're available to help out regularly or can occasionally step in when we needed, your time and support would make a meaningful difference.

Volunteering is a great way to connect with the community, meet new people, and be part of a welcoming and friendly environment.

If you're interested in getting involved—either on a regular basis or as an emergency fill-in—we'd love to hear from you! Please reach out to Di Malimonenko for more information or to express your interest.

Do You Still Need a Name Badge?

Over the next few weeks, to help our Je Cheol and Yun Young get to know everyone, please wear your name badge. If you don't have one, they can be ordered through the church office at a cost of \$12.50.



Walter Mellon

Members of Church Council

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| Rev. Dr. Je Cheol Cook Minister | Liz Mahon Chair | Sally Ashton Secretary |
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UCA Southern Gold Coast
BSB: 334-040
Sunday offerings:
A/C 553 861 206

General Working Account
A/C 553 861 193
Or cash in the box or
EFTPOS as you leave.

Dwell Hub
BSB 034 604
Taxable A/C 426 972
Donation A/C 426 980

