NEWSLETTER 15th June 2025



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You Tube link for Sunday: https://youtube.com/live/1i3AwADajr4?feature=share

Sermon summary and study on 15 June 2025

Theme: The Magnificent Power of God and the Sign: the secret of success

Bible: Joshua 4:1-24

Living in this world, we often find ourselves uncertain about what to do or where to go. That is why it is best for us to seek God's wisdom and guidance. The people of Israel were still following their own ways instead of God's, yet He led them specifically through a sign. In this passage, we will explore how God guides His people.

In chapter 4, the people of Israel were standing before Canaan after crossing the Jordan. On their way to the promised land, they lost their powerful leader Moses, who had guided them from the captivity of Egypt for about 40 years. Because of this, they must have been afraid of how to cross the Jordan and occupy the promised land as God had proclaimed to them. More significantly, they might have wondered if they could trust Joshua as their spiritual leader to lead them into the promised land.

During this uncertain time, mighty God showed them a sign with the stones, explaining why they had to place stones both on the land and in the river.

Sometimes we might wonder why signs are needed. Biblically, signs have been used as a promise between God and His people. As you may know, couples exchange wedding rings before marriage as a sign of promise. In many respects, signs have two meanings: physical and spiritual.

The cross, for example, has two meanings. Physically, it was used as a penalty for severe criminals. Spiritually, it represents the death and resurrection of Christ, who was sent to save His people from their sins. Because of the sign of the cross, even though believers' lives might be hard and difficult, they can endure their troubles and hardships through the power of Jesus Christ.



Please join us for morning tea after the service in the Fellowship Hall. We'd love to see you there!



ASSISTENCE URGENTLY NEEDED...

Our Minister, Rev. Dr. Je Cheol Cook, was involved in a car accident last Sunday after church, when his car collided with a gate post on the church property.

Thankfully, neither he nor any of his passengers were injured, but the front of the car was badly damaged and had to be towed away. He has been advised that the repairs could take up to 2 months.

Unfortunately, this predicament will impact Rev. Je Cheol's ability to undertake hospital visits, visiting church members, Presbytery travels and fulfilling other various responsibilities during the day.

Rev. Je Cheol would be most grateful if anybody is in a position to lend him a vehicle during this time.

If you are able to help, please contact him on his mobile: 0467 455 688.

A BIG WEEKEND AT CURRUMBIN VALLEY CHURCH! FRIENDS, FAMILY & FUN + LOCALS TALENT SHOW!

Where: Currumbin Valley State School

When: Saturday, June 14th,

Time: 12pm to 4:30pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

JOIN US AND MAKE IT A DAY TO REMEMBER!

For further information contact Jacqueline Tyrrell on 0418 547 695



Loving God,

PRAYER We bring before You FOR **OTHERS** all in our church and local community who are going through difficult times. We lift up before you, Jocie Campbell on the loss of her dear sister, Marie, Magaret Sharp who is recovery from surgery in John Flynn Hospital and our dear friend Patricia Pedersen who is in palliative care at John Flynn. Give them comfort and peace, we pray. For those facing challenges – bring courage and hope. And for anyone who is quietly in need...surround them with Your peace. May all know they are held in Your

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Gail and David Gilbert will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on 14th June.

We give thanks for their lives and their enduring love, and we pray for God's richest blessings, as they mark this joyful milestone with family and friends.

Congratulations to you both on your Anniversary!



AN OLD POEM BY AN UNKNOWN AUTHOR . . .

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;

I had so much to accomplish that I didn't take time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me and heavier became each task.

"Why doesn't God help me," I wondered.

He answered: "You didn't ask."

love - and in our prayers. Amen.

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, grey and bleak,

I wondered why God didn't show me,

He said: "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock,

God gently and lovingly chided: "My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning and paused before starting the day.

I had so much to accomplish... that I had to take time to pray.



A local businessman ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new office branch. When the businessman got there for the celebration, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription. "Rest In Peace." He was so outraged that he quicky marched over to the florist shop to complain.

"I'm sorry for the mix up, said the florist, "but, you know, it could be worse."

"How could it possibly be worse!" bellowed the businessman, "Well", she said calmy, "Just think - today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription.

'Congratulations on Your New Location!'



The next Adult Fellowship meeting will be held on July 1st in the Fellowship Hall.

Our special guest speaker will be Robyn Roach who is a member of Tallebudgerra Uniting Church. Robyn will be giving her own beautiful testimony on the power of healing prayer.

We also welcome back our President Mary Flynn who has been on a short welldeserved break with her husband Peter!

9.30 am Morning tea

10.00 am Meeting commences.

Please join us - you will be very welcome.



It's Our Birthday!



We have four birthday celebrations in our church family this week — a wonderful reason to give thanks to God.

Let's join together in sending our love and best wishes to each one who has a birthday: Rob Greenwood (11th June); Doris Boyd (17th June); Thea Wren (18th June) and Glenda Smart (21st June).

May the year ahead be full of blessings, laughter, love and special moments.



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