

GIVE MORE

Give More of Your Hands,
Your Words, Your Time,
Your Heart



Sunday, 14th November 2021

Theme: Give More

Message: Acts of Service

Scripture: Mark 10:35-45 (The Message)

Acts of service are one of the primary ways we express and receive love. And every Christian is expected to learn this love language.

If you are a Jesus-follower, you are to be a servant. You follow the directives of your Master and serve and give your life for others.

The greatest in God's view are those who serve others.

Of course, this kind of loving is difficult.

It goes against the grain of two deep things: our pride and our selfishness.

And that makes it hard - a hard language to learn.

Jesus spoke this love language - fluently - and calls His followers to master it as well.

Galatians 5.13.-14

¹³ My brothers and sisters, you were chosen to be free.

But don't use your freedom as an excuse to live under the power of sin.

Instead, serve one another in love.

¹⁴ The whole law is fulfilled by obeying this one command.

"Love your neighbour as you love yourself."

In Christ's love and service

Orrell and Chris

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and participate in our AGM last Sunday - the meeting minutes are now available. All 5 of our Church Council Nominees - Keith Brown, Joan Burke, Glenda Davis, Jason Mahaffey and Thea Nissen - have been voted onto Church Council.

Acts of Service

If I tell you that I love you in English, but you only speak Japanese, you probably won't get the message.

In the same way, if I communicate love with *words of affirmation*, but you prefer *acts of service*, you may not get the message.

If we want to communicate love with everyone in 'our boat,' with each of the important people in our lives, we need to become multi-lingual in love.

We need to learn each of the five love languages so that we can love anyone God puts in 'our boat.'



Over the last four weeks we've talked about the Five Love Languages: *Gift Giving*, *Quality Time*, *Physical Touch*, and *Words of Affirmation*, we complete this Series today with the fifth and final love language: *Acts of Service*.

At its core, an *act of service* is about someone going out of their way to meaningfully help and support the other person.

An *act of service* is about dedicated time and effort, usually in a non-verbal way.

It is quite literally showing up in ways that are tangible.

When we show up and love in the name of God, **God Shows Up!**

Yours and His,

Orrell

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 19th December ~ 9am at both Gympie & Imbil

We're having a ~~Carols Service in Gympie~~ with Kidz Church and Child Care Centre Graduation presentations and a baby's Thanksgiving.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ~ 7pm at Gympie

Christmas Day ~ 8am at Imbil. There will be no Christmas Day Service in Gympie.

Sunday 26th December ~ 9am at Gympie. There will be no Sunday service at Imbil.

CHRISTMAS BOWL



If you would like to support 'Christmas Bowl' this year, there are donation envelopes on the information table in the CE Room.

BIBLE SOCIETY MEETING

“Our final Bible Society meeting for 2021 will be held in the CE Room on Wednesday **17th November** at **9:30 am**. All are welcome to help us raise funds for the distribution of Bibles and Bible resources throughout Australia and the rest of the world.” Narelle Towner

BLOKES' SHED ~ Next Saturday, 20 November

This will be the last Bloses' Shed for 2021. So, come along to Edward's Transport Depot at 1021 Old Bruce Hwy, **6:30pm** for a BBQ and an all round great night.

\$10 in the tin to cover costs (optional).

RSVP to John 0419 823 987, Don 0427 759 734 or Wayne 0411 075 156.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ⇨ DATA - SOUND - LIVESTREAMING

Coming up to Christmas and the Summer Break, we'll be short of Data, Sound and Livestreaming operators. If you think that you could learn how to be an operator in any of these areas, please contact Cherylie, Sophie or Orrell.

Ideally, we'd be looking at training you sooner rather than later, so that you would be able to practise operating the equipment with someone to guide you before going solo.

A CALL TO PRAY and FAST

We're asking people to commit to a regular time of prayer and fasting as we head into a crucial period. Our borders will be opening soon, changing our social landscape. We ought not to ask God to act in a certain way - but to simply pray to Him about our situation, knowing that He's in control.

NATIVITY BLOCKS



Kidz Church painted the first of their Nativity blocks last Sunday - a shepherd with his sheep. You'll see their amazing handiwork when a display is set up.

They've also made stars out of paddle pop sticks - you'll find these hanging on the Christmas trees in the CE room and each week they'll add more of their hand-made decorations.

Would you like to help out? See Sophie or Cherylie.

FROM OUR BOOK OF LIFE ♦ This week please pray by name for ...

Stephen, Miriam, Ethan, Daniel, Elly, Bailey, Taylor, Carol, Malcolm, Tess.



UNITING
So we can be one

Our primary purpose is to fulfil our calling ... the calling of exhibiting the character of Jesus, spirit of humility, love, and unity, coupled with resurrection power, proving that the church is truly 'The Body of Christ' inhabited by God Himself!

A DATE TO NOTE:

25th November: Friendship Circle - 9am in the CE Room

CHURCH OFFICE THIS WEEK

Cherylie will be on leave from Wednesday 17th until Wednesday 24th November. Please contact either Jim or Orrell for any urgent matters.

BOOKS

5 Love Languages for Men

\$22

Copies are available from the CE Room .

GYMPIE REGIONAL UNITING CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS

Worship

Gympie: 15 Red Hill Road - Together at 9am + Kidz Church

Imbil: 3 Elizabeth Street - 9am

Live-streaming

Sunday messages are livestreamed to facebook & YouTube; Look up 'Gympie Regional Uniting Church'

Church Office

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*The fingerprints of God are often invisible
until we look at them in the rearview mirror.*



OFFERING & ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: Adults 99 ♦ Children 12 ♦ Total Week's Offering: \$2794.60

Livestreamed audience: 130 views on facebook and 26 on YouTube

Thank you for your contributions to the Lord's work in our midst.

Budgeted Offerings per week is \$3,792.00.

Tithes & Offerings by Bank Transfer: Westpac BSB 034 127 Acct: 29 4101

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