



## Happy Mother's Day

**Theme: TRANSITIONS (Passover to Pentecost)**

**Title: THE EXCELLENT WOMAN**

*"Who can find an excellent woman (Proverbs 31:10)?"*

**Scripture: - Proverbs 3, 25-31 - Acts 1,12-14 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1, 3-5.**

**We are continuing with our Series: Transitions (Passover to Pentecost).**

According to William Bridges, "It is when we are in transition that we are most completely alive. Transitions are best understood as '**proving grounds**' they are life's '**change gaps**'. They are those awkward spaces between your '**current situation**' and God's '**desired future**'.

Leadership is a crucial component to these '**transitions**.'

God's '**desired future**' always embraces the next generation of leaders.

Mothers are central to that future.

Mothers are:

- **Kingdom Builders**
- **Soothsayers**
- **Soul Shapers**
- **Intentional Interim Ministers!**

**Proverbs 31, 25-31. NIRV.**

**These are the sayings of King Lemuel. –**

***His mother taught them to him.***

***These sayings came from God.***

*<sup>25</sup> She puts on strength and honour as if they were her clothes.*

*She can laugh at the days that are coming.*

*<sup>26</sup> She speaks wisely. She teaches faithfully.*

*<sup>27</sup> She watches over family matters. She is busy all the time.*

*<sup>28</sup> Her children stand up and call her blessed.*

*Her husband also rises up, and he praises her.*

*<sup>29</sup> He says, "Many women do excellent things.*

*But you are better than all the others."*

*<sup>30</sup> Charm can fool you. Beauty fades.*

*But a woman who has respect for the Lord should be praised.*

*<sup>31</sup> Give her honour for all that her hands have done.*

*Let everything she has done bring praise to her at the city gate.*



May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord, give you grace, mercy and peace.

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## *A Mother's Day Prayer*

*Dear Father,*

*We approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones.*

*We thank you for creating each mum with a unique combination of gifts and talents.*

*We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mum gives for her children.*

*For the late nights, early mornings, and endless prayers.*

*We pray for strength and wisdom as they raise the children entrusted to their care.*

*Bless and empower them as they love, teach, and lead the leaders of the successive generations.*

*Amen.*



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### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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Our next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** in our Gympie church. The meeting time will be advised in next week's issue of The Vine.

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - MAY DONATIONS

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During the month of May, we're collecting **Something to Love**. Soft toys, dolls, hand puppets etc. ... small enough to fit in a shoebox with lots of other things.

If you find some great shoebox filler deals on items which we collect during other months of the year, please bring them in at any time.

Thank you for your wonderful support - it brings so much delight to the lives of children around the globe and they have the opportunity to hear about Jesus.

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### HELP WITH YOUR COMPUTER

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Having problems with your computer? Struggling with sending Emails? Using Facebook or the Internet is confounding? Help is at hand! In connection with Mike Timperon's role with the Church Council, he's available to help you with your computer issues. The only cost to you would be any out of pocket expenses incurred. To discuss and arrange a time, phone Mike on 0403 271 413.

*Narelle Towner's dad, Tony Tramacchi, passed away on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. You are welcome to celebrate Tony's life at a service on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 11am, at Gympie Wesleyan Methodist Church (70 Exhibition Rd, Southside). Please keep Narelle and her family in your prayers at this time.*



*Thank you*

*Merv and Ann Day thank you for your prayers and best wishes for their daughter, Karen, who recently came through a major operation at Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital.*

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### GREAT COMPANY at D'CAFÉ

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Come along to our café mornings for a great time together.

Tuesdays & Fridays → 9.30am D'Café (Southside)

(D'Café will be open on the Show Holiday Friday morning)

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### SHINE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August - 9.30am to 3.30pm** - at the Stan Baker Hall (Cooloolo Christian College). This year's theme is "FREE TO RISE". \$40 includes morning tea and lunch plus amazing speakers Mandy Smith (pastor, author & speaker), Elissa MacPherson (women's ministry) and Rachal Mills (Salvos cadet & former missionary whose journey has taken her through some dark times). There'll also be a market place supporting the work of women from local and overseas missions.

Early bird fee of \$35 applies to 23<sup>rd</sup> July. All registrations close 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/shine-women-s-conference>:

or email [andio@spiderweb.com.au](mailto:andio@spiderweb.com.au) or post registration form/cheque to:

'SHINE Women's Conference, Gympie Church of Christ PO Box 152 Gympie 4570'.

For more details phone: 0458 029 566.

Registration forms are available from our CE Room or church office.

**Every Thursday, 8am, in our Gympie Church**

**Why? Wherever prayer focuses the power of God falls.**

**IF  
MY  
PEOPLE ...**





**UNITING 4570**  
**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!

## **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 livestreamed to facebook & YouTube;  
look up 'Gympie Regional Uniting Church'

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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Please contact the office or Jim Hall

### **KEEP IN MIND**

**5<sup>th</sup> June:** Congregational Meeting

**26<sup>th</sup> August:** Shine Women's Conference

*"Only God Himself fully appreciates  
the influence of a Christian **Mother** in  
the molding of character in her children"*

*Billy Graham*



## **OFFERING & ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

Attendance: Adults 81 • Children 6 Livestream audience: facebook 135 • youtube 13

Total Week's Offering: \$3544.10 ... Budgeted Offerings per week is \$3,792.00.

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

*(Please identify your bank transaction as either 'Tithe' or 'Offering', Thank you)*