

NEW SERIES: 'GOD IS CALLING'

Your call (really) is important to us!

The Vine
12 June 2022

In June/July we are offering a five-week 'guided tour' of our church. Remember the church isn't a building.

- We will be exploring our, vision, values, vehicles, vocabulary and, last but not least, vocation. At the end of which, we are going to ask you a very important question:

"In light of what you have heard over the past five weeks, do you sense God's 'call' (vocation) on your life?"

Message: Vision:

What we've set our sights on.

Summary:

"Vision without action is a daydream," so the proverb goes, and "Action without vision is a nightmare."

No matter who said it, it makes a very good point. We need a creative vision to make a difference in the world - but vision alone is not enough; we also need an action plan to make a real and lasting difference.

Question:

Are you living the dream, God's dream for your *life*?

Are we, the Church, making a real difference in the world?

Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 5. 12-24 New International Reader's Version

The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it (1 Thessalonians 5.24).

Highlights: 1 Thessalonians 5. 12-24 NIRV

16 Always be joyful.

17 Never stop praying.

18 Give thanks no matter what happens.

God wants you to thank Him because you believe in Christ Jesus.

19 Don't try to stop what the Holy Spirit is doing.

20 Don't treat prophecies as if they weren't important.

21 But test all prophecies.

Hold on to what is good.

22 Say no to every kind of evil.



Hebrews 13. 17 NIRV

17 Trust in your leaders.

Put yourselves under their authority.

Do this, because they keep watch over you.

They know they are accountable to God for everything they do.

Do this, so that their work will be a joy.

If you make their work a heavy load, it won't do you any good.

Much Grace,
Orrell

Q & A SESSIONS ~ Gympie & Imbil

As a follow-up to last Sunday's meeting, dates & times have been set aside providing you with the opportunity to ask questions and/or share ideas appertaining to the Concept Plans, Corporate Identity and Operational Guidelines.

All are welcome and encouraged to take part in this important exercise.

Tuesday 14th June 2022, 10:30am – 12:00pm.

Tuesday 14th June 2022, 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Thursday 16th June 2022, 1:30pm – 3:00pm.

Thursday 16th June 2022, 5:00pm – 6:30pm.

} At our Gympie church
(Red Hill Rd)

Sunday 19th June 2022, 10:30am \Rightarrow
(after 9am worship & morning tea)

} At our Imbil church
(Elizabeth St)

If anyone would like to come and worship at Imbil and join in the Q & A session, you'd be most welcome.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - JUNE DONATIONS

This month we're collecting **Something to Play With**. Toy cars, yoyos, skipping ropes, slinkies, tennis balls, finger puppets, etc ... small enough to fit in a shoebox with lots of other things. Thank you for your wonderful support.

OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS & STAFF LEAVE

- Our new office landline number - **07 5481 1908** - is now in service (the other numbers have been disconnected).
- Cherylie will be on annual leave from 13th June to 1st July inclusive - our ministry team will be handling the various office functions. If you need to get in touch with the office, please contact one of the ministry team either on their mobiles or by email. We will have someone covering our office incoming emails.

Clarify Vision and Mission

Vision is about seeing.

Vision is 'where' you look, as much as what you see 'when' you look.

Vision is always about seeing ahead - looking into the future.

Vision requires the use of imagination.

Visioning requires a deliberate discipline of putting oneself in a visionary context.

Vision is not about looking back, although lessons learned from the past might help to orientate our disposition to the present and future.

Vision is not the result of stacking up solutions to various problems until a structure appears before us.

Vision takes opportunities, and with imagination, shapes them into a story.

We absolutely believe that God has a specific Vision for our church in Gympie, Imbil, and our property at Amamoor.

Vision is always a little opaque to begin with, and not quite in focus.

Detailed thinking, that delivers content and structure, follows Vision.

Someone once put it this way:

- Faith First (vision),
- Function Next (ideas and content),
- Form Last (structure).

This might be a useful way to orientate ourselves to the visioning activities that follow.

Extract from Snr. Minister's Report - AGM 7th November 2021.

Rev. Orrell Battersby



BIBLE SOCIETY GYMPIE BRANCH ~ JUNE APPEAL

During this month, the Bible Society is seeking financial support from our Gympie churches. You can give via the blue donation boxes located in our church foyers; use a separate envelope marked 'Bible Society' to place in our offering bowl/box; or by bank transfer: BSB 0644 16 Account No: 00906891 Account Name: Bible Society Australia - Gympie Branch Reference: Your Name or Gympie UC

Vision

Specifics



UNITING 4570
So we can be one

To meet the rapid challenges of COVID 19 along with the regular predictable challenges for shifting a deeply embedded culture (Church, Childcare, Family Day Care), to a missional culture.

Create connection and sustainable enterprises aimed at the common good of our community. Working cooperatively with UE, UCQ and WMQ.

Equipping future leaders, entrepreneurs, and church planters. Helping them gain experience and develop key skills in social enterprises, theological and biblical training, and coaching in connecting with strategic partners within the community (Synod's Priority Directions 2016 - 2020).

Some dates to note

- ★ **Q & Sessions** - This week - see inside for details
- ★ **D'Café** - Tuesdays & Fridays, 9.30am
- ★ **Corporate Prayer & Communion** - Thursdays, 8am, Gympie
- ★ **SHINE Women's Conference** (Gympie) - 26 August
- ★ **GROW Women's Conference** (Brisbane) - 3 September

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'

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OFFERING & ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Attendance: Adults 84 • Children 11 Livestream audience: facebook 138 • youtube 11

Total Week's Offering: \$2292.00 ... Budgeted Offerings per week is \$3,792.00.

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

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