

The VIBE

Sunday, 5th March 2023

The Second Sunday in Lent **A New Series: The Lord is ...** *... A guided tour through Psalm 23*

Commemorating Christ's forty days of fasting in the wilderness, Lent takes us on a journey into His suffering, while also pointing us toward the hope of His resurrection.

It is a journey through death and rebirth, a time to take stock of our lives.



Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34 and Philippians 4:10-20. NIV.

'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.'

Message: What do you want? What do you really, really, want?

Now, if the Lord is our Shepherd, that makes us His Sheep and like sheep, prone to wander.

Entirely and always reliant on our Shepherd, whether we realize it or not.

But here is what we need to understand:

- we can't see God as Shepherd if we don't see ourselves as His Sheep.

When we open our eyes to how much we really need and rely on God for everything, the more we realise His provision in our lives.

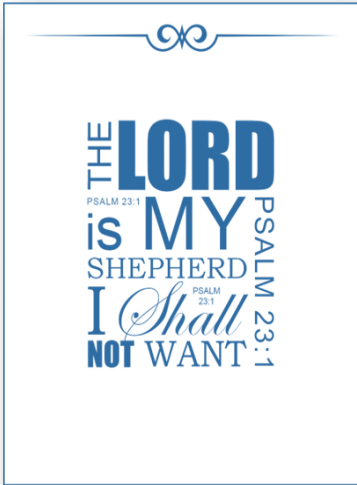
But, if we live in the lie that says we can do this on our own,

we wander and drift away from our true source, looking for satisfaction in artificial places.

So, when David says, "I shall not want", he is acknowledging how completely reliant he is on one God as his Shepherd.

- 'I shall not want' because God, as a good shepherd, will ensure I have everything I need.
- 'I shall not want' not because of what I've done or can do, but because God loves me.
- 'I shall not want' because I know God personally as my Shepherd and I follow Him!

Orrell's March 2023 Blog



The Lord Is My Shepherd.

Psalm 23 -

One of the best-known portions of the entire Bible.

Many people can recite it by heart and children learn it at an early age.

It is familiar and comforting.

That is why we use it at funerals.

That is why people display it on plaques in their homes.

That is why we will be following it through Lent.

We will be taking a guided tour through Psalm 23.

We have a good guide – not a guidebook.

We have a good shepherd - the guide that David wrote about in Psalm 23 to guide us through this Psalm and through Lent.

I hope you can join us on this journey, either live or later via livestream.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd - *that's relationship.*

I shall not want - *that's supply.*

He makes me to lie down in green pastures - *that's rest.*

He leads me beside still waters - *that's refreshment.*

He restores my soul - *that's healing.*

He leads me in the paths of righteousness - *that's guidance.*

For His names sake - *that's purpose.*

Even, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - *that's testing.*

I will fear no evil - *that's protection.*

For You are with me - *that's faithfulness.*

Your rod and thy staff they comfort me - *that's discipline.*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - *that's hope.*

You anoint my head with oil - *that's consecration.*

My cup overflows - *that's abundance.*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - *that's blessing.*

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - *that's security.*

Forever - *that's eternity.*

Grace and Peace
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What's new?

Friendship Circle IS NOT DIS-BANDING ... It's Expanding, it's reaching out!

Like ripples in a pond....

It's expanding (wait for it!) to include men!!! 🤖

Hopefully, a wider age range and eventually people from outside as well as inside our church.

Joy Circle

A new name for a new Circle.

This will reflect its expanded purpose.

Joy and Friendship, both develop when Jesus is at the centre.



We would love you to come and join us for this first get together.

There will be morning tea, great fellowship, and a time for sharing ideas around what **you** would like to see happening in **Joy Circle....**

What activities would you like to see happening?

Is there a Mission you would like to take under your wing?

Is there a speaker you would like to hear?

Is there a movie you want to see?

Nothing is off the table! All suggestions welcome!

When: Thursday 30th March 2023

Where: Uniting 4570 (Red Hill Rd) – in the C.E. Room

Time: 9:00am

It would be appreciated if you could let us know if you are planning to come along, just for catering purposes.



WE CHOOSE TO BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER!

◀ TUESDAYS, 8AM, GYMPIE CHURCH ▶

A great space for Prayer, Fellowship and sharing in Communion. We'd love to see you there - drop in briefly if you don't have a full hour.

Save
The
Date

Our **Congregational Meeting** is now just 2 weeks away → **Sunday 19th March**, at **10.45am** in our Gympie Church. We hope you can join us.

- We'll be electing people for the 4 congregational roles of: Presbytery Representative; Congregational Chair & Deputy Chair and Congregational Secretary.

Nominations Close at 10.30am on Sunday 12th March 2023.

- A package, including Congregational Membership Information, a GRUC Membership Affirmation / Application Form and a Membership Covenant Form, was made available last week.

If you haven't received one, please see Joan or Cherylie in Gympie, Ken at Imbil or contact the church office.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES → MARCH

This month we're collecting **Something to Wear** for children ages 2 to 14. T-shirts, shorts, skirts, caps, beanies, thongs, socks, etc. All items need to be **new** and not too bulky, as they'll be included in a shoebox-size gift package. Collection boxes are located in our church foyers. While we collect certain categories of gifts each month, you can still bring in other items as you come across them in stores. Thank you for your support.

NEED a JP ?

If you need the services of a Justice of the Peace ...
Glenda Davis would be happy to assist you - 0418 187 698.

HELP WITH YOUR COMPUTER

Having problems with your computer or struggling with the technology? Help is at hand! Mike Timperon is available to assist you with your computer issues. The only cost to you will be any out of pocket expenses incurred. To discuss and arrange a time, phone Mike on 0403 271 413.

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to
do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses
all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)



SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER THROUGH PRAYER

If you have a prayer need or are aware of someone who does, please advise the office. We pray for our church family broadly and for specific needs when we come together on a Tuesday morning and, where appropriate, will send a text message to our church family who can each provide prayer support.

HORSE RIDE FOR HOPE

Hope Reins' ride from Gympie to Longreach - 1,200kms over 10 weeks leaving on 2nd April. Please pray for God's protection, to connect the team with the right people at the right times and for God's wisdom and provision. The goal is to raise \$100 per km. You can go to their website for details (www.hopereins.com.au/horserideforhope) or deposit a donation directly into their bank account: BSB: 633 000 Account No. 184 970 515

"God Changes ...

Caterpillars

into Butterflies

Sand into Pearls

and Coal into



... using Time

& Pressure.

He's working

on you too."

Uniting Church in Australia Regulations

According to the Uniting Church in Australia Regulations, Church Council's main priority is to:

Build the Congregation up in faith and love.

This means encouraging each member to be active disciples in all of their life, not just while in the Church building.

The point of active discipleship is to participate in Christ's mission in the world. The Church believes that mission belongs to God. God is already doing it in millions of different ways within all our communities. Church Council helps the Congregation identify what God is doing and then join in as best it can.



UNITING 4570
So we can be one

What's
Happening

- * **Corporate Prayer & Communion** - Tuesdays, 8am, Gympie,
- * **Nominations Close** - for 4 congregational positions, 12 March, 10.30am
- * **Congregational Meeting** - Sunday, 19 March, 10.45am, Gympie
- * **JOY Circle** - Thursday, 30 March, 9am, CE Room (see inside)

◀ Don't miss this week's insert to The Vibe ▶

About Gympie Regional Uniting Church ~ UNITING 4570

Worship

Worship Services... **Gympie:** 15 Red Hill Road - 9am + Kidz Church (school term)
Imbil: 3 Elizabeth Street - 9am

Live-streaming... Sunday messages are usually livestreamed to facebook & YouTube; look up 'Gympie Regional Uniting Church'

Contact Details

Church Office... P: (07) 5482 2985 M: 0493 442 250 E: cherylie@gruc.org
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Office Hours... Mon & Fri 8.30am-12pm; Tue 12pm-3pm; Thu 8.30am-3pm

Rev Orrell Battersby.. 0423 985 200 orrell@gruc.org

Pastoral Care... Please contact the office by phone or email

Offering & Attendance Last Week

Attendance: Adults 74 ♦ Children 9 ♦ facebook 113 ♦ YouTube 9

Total Week's Offering: \$4301.70 ... 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)