

20th August 2023

The VIBE

Series: 'Healthy Church'

**"It is impossible to be spiritually mature,
while remaining emotionally immature."**

Peter Scazero

Message: 'The Big IF'

'If you can keep your head...'

Acting Out

1 Corinthians 3: 1- 9 NIV.

Acting Up

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 NIV.

Thinking Like Adults

1 Corinthians 14: 20 NIV.



**"When I was a child, I talked like a child,
I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.
When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me."
1 Corinthians 13: 11**

Many sincere followers of Christ - followers who are really passionate for God, join a church, participate weekly in a small group, serve with their gifts, and who are considered 'mature' remain stuck at a level of spiritual immaturity - especially when faced with interpersonal conflicts and crises.

The bottom line is - we can grow up and become, in every respect, the mature body of Christ:

- If we can accept, we don't always see eye to eye.
- If we grow and mature in faith.
- If we focus on unity and maturity.
- If we don't get caught up and bogged down in petty quarrels.
- If we put aside childish things in the name of love - and in the name of Jesus.

Much Grace,
Orrell



Father's Day ♦ Sunday 3rd September

We'll be celebrating Father's Day in special ways at each of our locations.

Gympie We aim to optimize the time families can spend together on the day. With that in mind, we're having a Father's Day Breakfast Service ... beginning at 9am sharp with Communion. Immediately following Communion, folks have an opportunity to leave, and go do some 'Dad stuff' with their families. There will be an opportunity to stay for Breakfast, doing some 'Dad Stuff' here together - concluding at 10:30am.

Imbil will meet at 9am and worship together in the church hall. As guest Speaker, Len Hasson will give his testimony and the morning will be rounded off with a delicious morning tea and engaging conversations.



Jim Hall's Next Placement

Jim's new appointment is dual-faceted and includes the roles of Resource Pastor for Bli Bli Uniting Church and Blue Care Chaplain for both Bli Bli and Grevillea Gardens Aged Care Facilities. I'm sure Jim would appreciate your prayers as he steps into this new ministry season.

Mary Valley School Chaplaincy Breakfast

To support Mary Valley School Chaplaincy, you're invited to come along to a Community Breakfast on **Saturday, 9th September** at Kandanga Public Hall. Breakfast will be served **between 7.30 and 9am**. If you'd like some more information, contact Helen on 5484 3143.

Cost: \$7 per person, \$25 for a family of 4 (additional children \$5) and bring some spare cash for the raffles.

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

August Collections We're seeking funds to cover the **cost of freight** (\$10 per box). Donations can be placed in an envelope labelled "Shoebox" and dropped into the offering plate/box; given directly to Helen or the office; or deposited into our bank account identified as "Shoebox". If you have any gift donations sitting at home, please bring them in by the end of August. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Shoebox Packing There will be lots of boxes to pack and, the more volunteers we have, the quicker we'll get the job done. Packing is taking place on **Wednesday, 13th September** starting at **2pm** in the **Imbil Church Hall**.

This is always a fun afternoon and we'll enjoy a tea break together. If you can help, please let Helen know (5484 3143) or the church office. We're hoping to have some volunteers from Gympie who can car pool for the drive to Imbil.

The Emotional Adult

- I respect and love others without having the need to change them or to become judgmental.
- I value people for who they are, not for what they can give me or how they behave.
- I take responsibility for my own thoughts, feelings, goals and actions.
- I can state my own beliefs and values to those who disagree with me - without becoming reactive.
- I am able to accurately self-assess my limits, strengths and weaknesses.
- I am deeply convinced that I am absolutely loved by Christ and do not look to others to tell me I am okay.
- I am able to integrate doing for God and being with Him (Mary and Martha).
- My Christian life has moved beyond simply serving Christ to loving Him and enjoying communion with Him."

*Growing old
is mandatory
Growing up
is optional*

From "Emotionally Healthy Discipleship: Moving from Shallow Christianity to Deep Transformation" by Peter Scazzero

Congregational Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th July were emailed to our church members last Thursday. For those who don't have email facility, you can pick up a paper copy from our church foyers after the worship service today.

Church Office During September

Cherylie will be away on four weeks Annual Leave from 4th September 2023. A huge thank you to those members of our church family who have offered to share the various administration tasks. For the most part, they will do this from home, so usual office hours will not apply and the Vibe will not be published during this period. If you need to make contact, please call Keith Brown on the office mobile phone 0493 442 250.

What's on?

- * **Prayer & Communion** - Tuesdays, 8am, in our Gympie Church
- * **Father's Day Celebrations** - Sunday, 3rd Sept. 9am, Imbil & Gympie
- * **Chaplaincy Breakfast** - Saturday, 9th Sept. from 7.30am, Kandanga Hall
- * **Shoebox Packing** - Wednesday, 13th September, 2pm, Imbil

OUR AIM: Unity and Maturity in The Body of Christ

UNITY “¹As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through ³the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”



UNITING 4570
So we can be one

MATURITY “¹¹So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” *Ephesians 4.1-6, 11-16 NIV*

About 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'

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Office Hours... Mon & Fri 8.30am-12pm; Tue 9.30am-3pm; Thu 8.30am-3pm

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

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

Contact Details

Offering & Attendance Last Sunday

Attendance: Adults 82 ♦ Children 11 ♦ Facebook 150 ♦ YouTube 14

Total Week's Offering: \$2,950.85 ... 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)