

**In September we begin a new Season and a new Series....**

## ***A Time For Everything***

**At this particular juncture in your life,  
do you see time as a blessing or a curse?**

When we allow time to dictate our actions,  
we give it the power to rule over our thoughts,  
hearts, and even our finances . . .

- As the saying goes "Time is money."

This slippery slope can quickly shift 'time' to  
the first slot on our list of priorities, making it  
an idol.

In Ecclesiastes 3, we read....

***"There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens."***

Remember God is a redeemer.

He will redeem everything you give to Him, including your time.

Choosing to put Him, and His Kingdom first,  
changes everything - redeems everything!

I don't know what 'time' you are experiencing in your life at this particular  
moment, whether it's a time to weep or a time to laugh.

I do know, from personal experience, that with God even the bad times are  
good.

I know in all things God works for our good (Romans 8. v28).

***"He has made everything beautiful in its time."***

***Ecclesiastes 3. v11 NIV.***

A Time for Everything | Ecclesiastes 3

<https://youtu.be/JrpE0uIVpLo?si=f3pzCTL99E-pr6hx>



The **VIBE**

Father's Day  
3rd September 2023

## Celebrating the influence of fathers and fatherhood.

Praise Those Fathers - *A Prayer of Kirk Loadman*

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a worthy and virtuous father.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support.

- As well, let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the words and actions of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite marital discord, have remained in their children's lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has nurtured a thriving life.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and have earned their stepchildren's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have 'fathered' us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.



**God, Our Father, Bless these men,  
that they may find strength as fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons, and daughters,  
may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.**

## Orrell's September Blog

### **A New Month, A New Season, A New Thing!**

As we turn our calendars from August to September we may be wondering where the year has gone. But a new Month, and a new Season, always brings with them a sense of hope and new beginnings.

This is demonstrably true in this new season of Spring.

Spring is the perfect metaphor for God's transformational work.

It is God's nature to make something new.

Not only can we observe many attributes of God in Springtime, but we can also see His purpose and plan in every season of our lives.

We know without a doubt Spring will arrive.

The Seasons, after all, are cyclical because He designed it to be this way.

Likewise, He has arranged the sun to rise and set each 24 hours.

Every 3 months we will have a new Season.

Spring follows Winter because the God who created all of these nature cycles is faithful to bring them about.

Best of all, just as sure as Spring is here,

God is here,

and He is ready to give you/us a new beginning, a fresh start.

So, get ready folks, prepare for a new God-thing.



**Forget the former things.  
Do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!**

Isaiah 43.18

*Much Grace,  
Orrell*

**What's  
Happening**

- \* **Prayer & Communion** - Tuesdays, 8am, in our Gympie Church
- \* **Chaplaincy Breakfast** - Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> Sept, from 7.30 to 9am, Kandanga Hall
- \* **Shoebox Packing** - Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm, Imbil
- \* **Men's Shed Open Day** - Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 11am to 3pm, Amamoor
- \* **Jim Hall's Commissioning Service** - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 10am, Bli Bli UC
- \* **HymnFest** - Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30pm, in our Gympie Church
- \* **Bible Society Christmas Carols** - Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 9.30am, Gympie

## Mary Valley School Chaplaincy Breakfast

In support of Mary Valley School Chaplaincy, you're invited to a Community Breakfast Next Saturday, **9<sup>th</sup> September** at Kandanga Public Hall. Breakfast will be served between 7.30 and 9am. If you'd like more information, contact Helen on 5484 3143. Cost: \$7 per person, \$25 for a family of 4 (additional children \$5 each) ... and remember to bring some spare cash for the raffles.

## Christmas Shoebox Freight & Packing

Freight We're still light on funds to cover the cost of freight. If you can help, it would be very much appreciated. 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".

Packing There will be lots of boxes to pack so, the more volunteers we have, the quicker we'll get the job done. We're packing the boxes on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September** in the Imbil Church Hall, starting at 2pm. This is always a fun afternoon and we'll enjoy a tea break together. If you can help, please let Helen know on 5484 3143 or the church office on 0493 442 250. We're hoping to have some volunteers from Gympie who can car pool for the drive to Imbil.

## Kidz Church Break

The September School Holidays are nearly here and Kidz Church will be having a 3-week break ... from 17<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October inclusive. As they did for the last holidays, our wonderful, creative team is organising activity clipboards to occupy the children during the message.

## Congratulations Agnus!

Agnus Sweeney will become an Australian Citizen on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The ceremony will be held at the Gympie Showgrounds Pavilion - officiated by Gympie Regional Council on behalf of the Department of Home Affairs.

Agnus, this has been a long road and we are so excited for you!

## Mary Valley Men's Shed Open Day

Would you like to see how these guys operate? Then, come along to their open day and FREE Sausage Sizzle. **Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September**, 11am to 3pm at 13 Busby St. Amamoor. For more information, contact Ken on 0428 605 393.

## Justice of The Peace

If you need the services of a JP, Glenda Davis is happy to assist. Just give Glenda a call on 0418 187 698 to arrange.

## **Jim Hall's Commissioning Service**

Mary Burnett Presbytery and Blue Care invite you to Jim's Commissioning Service on **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October**, 10am at Bli Bli Uniting Church (10 LeFoes Rd). RSVP by email to Kylie at ... admin@maryburnettpres.org.au

## **HymnFest**

We're having another HymnFest ... singing more of your favourites. **Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October**, 2.30pm, in our Gympie Church. You're welcome to invite family and friends and a plate of Afternoon Tea to share would be appreciated.

## **Need a Lift to Church ?**

If you live within the Gympie area and don't have regular transport to church (or need an occasional lift) give our transport coordinator, Jill Meehan, a call on 0421 333 538. If you can give someone a lift, please catch up with Jill.

## **Church Office During September**

Cherylie is now on Annual Leave until 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

The Vibe is having a 4-week break - the next issue will be published for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. (A reminder that all notices need to be submitted to the church office by 9am on the preceding Thursday).

Office Hours Our usual office hours will not apply while Cherylie is away. Keith Brown will have the office mobile phone and all relevant inquiries can be directed to him on 0493 442 250.

Change of Office Hours Commencing the first week of October, the office will be open on Wednesday mornings instead of Fridays. Office hours on the other days will remain the same (details are on the back page of today's 'Vibe').

## **Uniting 4570 Prayer & Communion**

**8am on Tuesdays** in our Gympie Church. This is such a precious time together and we encourage you to join us ... in fact, we've been praying that you would come. Drop in briefly if you don't have a full hour. If you can't make it, please let the office know of any specific prayer needs.

## **Bible Society Christmas Carols**

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**, 9.30am in our Gympie Church. We'll bring you more information as it becomes available.

## **Computer Help**

If you're having computer problems or are struggling with the technology, Mike Timperon is available to help. The only cost to you will be any out of pocket expenses. To discuss and arrange a time, phone Mike on 0403 271 413.

## OUR AIM: Unity and Maturity in The Body of Christ

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



**UNITING 4570**  
So we can be one

**MATURITY** “<sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up<sup>13</sup>until 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. <sup>14</sup>Then 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. <sup>15</sup>Instead, 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.<sup>16</sup>From 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'

**Church Office...** P: (07) 5482 2985 M: 0493 442 250 E: [cherylie@gruc.org](mailto:cherylie@gruc.org)  
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**Office Hours...** Mon & Wed 8.30am-12pm; Tue 9.30am-3pm; Thu 8.30am-3pm

**Rev Orrell Battersby..** 0423 985 200 [orrell@gruc.org](mailto:orrell@gruc.org)

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

Contact Details

### Offering & Attendance Last Sunday

Attendance: Adults 60 ♦ Children 15 ♦ Facebook 77 ♦ YouTube 13

Total Week's Offering: \$2930.80 ... 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)