

## Message ...

### **The Gospel of Hope for Weary People | Dr Tony Campolo**

**Scripture: Matthew 5.13-16 Isaiah 65.17-25 NIV**

Dr. Tony Campolo is Professor of Sociology at Eastern University and was formerly on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. For 40 years, he founded and led the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, an organization that created and supported programs serving needy communities in the Third World as well as in "at risk" neighbourhoods across North America.



## ALSO TODAY



### **Annual General Meeting**

We hope you can join us for our AGM this afternoon in our Gympie Church, commencing at 1.30pm. Just a reminder to bring your copy of the Annual Report with you. You can order a copy from the office should we run out.

### **Church Council Membership Nominations**

#### **Nominations for Church Council Membership Close Today.**

To nominate a Church Member for Council: *Pray for God's guidance* and then use the yellow forms available. Voting will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December - the logistics of which we'll advise in due course.



*Orrell sends you his thanks to you all. He appreciates your well wishes, your prayers and wants you to know that he's missing you.*



**This afternoon at 1:30pm we will be holding our AGM for 2023. Below I have included the conclusion from my last AGM report 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

### **God Can Save Our Church**

In his book 'Anatomy of a Revived Church' author Thom Rainer reminds his readers that:

*"There is hope. God can save your church."*

Churches can and do turn around.

They revitalize, and they do so in the face of facts and nay-sayers who tell them it can't be done.

Today, three out of four churches are declining, a growing number of churches are close to death.

Here's the thing, Gympie Regional Uniting Church (which includes Imbil) is in decline.

The good news is it has not yet reached the point of irreversible decline.

Uniting 4570 is much more than simply a name change, it is a paradigm shift.

Uniting 4570 holds the promise of a revitalization of the church for our region.

Grace and Peace,  
Orrell

## Church Council - Behaviour Covenant

We, the Church Council of Uniting 4570, as a group and individually, agree to uphold and abide by the following:

1. **PRAY** for each other daily.
2. **PRAY** before making important decisions.
3. **CLAIM** the promise, God will make it happen.
4. **ACCEPT** the fact that disagreements on issues put before the Church Council will and do occur - they should always take place within the confines of Church Council Meetings.
5. **COMMUNICATE** appropriately, both inside and outside of Church Council Meetings.
6. **WITHOUT INTERRUPTION**, listen to competing ideas with respect and tolerance, and always considering all.
7. **WHEN A CONFLICT DOES ARISE**, show a true willingness to bring about compromise agreeable to all.
8. **PRIOR TO MEETINGS**, provide as much pertinent information as possible regarding each agenda item to be brought before Council for consideration.
9. **FOCUS** on issues, not personalities.
10. **TALK TO THE PERSON, NOT ABOUT THE PERSON.**
11. **HAVE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.**
12. **BE FRIENDS** by uplifting each other with encouragement. Do not put each other down.

## Bible Society Meeting

The Gympie Branch's final meeting is scheduled for this **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am** in the CE Room and you're welcome to attend.

Please prayerfully give thanks for all the work and time the Gympie Branch has put in over the years and for Bible Society Australia's continued ministry.

You can continue to give to the Gympie Branch until 31<sup>st</sup> December. Their account details are BSB 064 416 Acct No. 00906891. Future donations can be made directly to Bible Society Australia via their website [www.biblesociety.org.au](http://www.biblesociety.org.au)

## The Matthew Drama

The Story of Jesus told in 90 minutes. A Wycliffe Bible Translators initiative presented by local Christians - it's FREE! **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 6.45pm**, at Cooloola Christian college. Contact no. 0434 358 177

## Bible Society Christmas Carols

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 9.30am** in our Gympie Church. This is always a beautiful, joy-filled event - advertised throughout Gympie's churches. We hope you can come this year with your friends and family. Please bring some morning tea to share and some cash as there will be opportunity to donate to The Bible Society.



## Celebrating Our Children

~~NOT TO BE MISSED!~~ Sunday, **3<sup>rd</sup> December, 9am** at our Gympie Church ...

Celebrating another amazing year of Kidz Church along with Uniting Early Learning's (UEL's) Child Care Centre and Family Day Care who have twenty-eight children graduating to 'Big School' in 2024. We're planning a really fun morning with worship, presentations, delicious food, photos and games.

Let's make the most of this opportunity to welcome families who aren't familiar with faith in Jesus and church life - let them see that Jesus and His church invites them to 'come as they are', let's plant some seeds and do our bit to strip away preconceived ideas of what following Jesus means.

## Working Bee at No. 17

Our house next door is looking fantastic and is almost ready for renting - thanks to a huge amount of volunteer hours and effort. We truly appreciate all your help.

## Uniting 4570 Prayer & Communion

**8am on Tuesdays** in our CE Room. We encourage you to join us in this precious time together as we Pray and share in Communion. Drop in briefly if you don't have a full hour - you don't even have to pray out loud.

~ There is no livestream message this week ~

## Our Church

Our primary purpose is to fulfil our calling - the calling of exhibiting the character of Jesus, a spirit of humility, love, and unity, coupled with resurrection power, proving that the church is truly 'The Body of Christ' inhabited by God Himself!



**UNITING 4570**  
**Better Together**

## God's Goal

"God's overarching goal is to produce men and women who demonstrate the character qualities of Jesus Christ.

God does not want a church filled with white robed saints.

He does not want a church filled with theological authorities or cultured clergy.

He wants a church filled with ordinary men and women who exemplify the extraordinary integrity, temperament, wholeness, compassion, individuality, boldness, righteousness, earnestness, love, forgiveness, selflessness, and faithfulness of Jesus Christ!" *Ray Steadman*

### 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 Us

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

- Need the services of a Justice of The Peace? ... Call Glenda 0418 187 698
- Need help with your computer? ... Call Mike 0403 271 413
- Need a lift to church? ... Call Jill 0421 333 538
- Need prayer? ... Call the office 0493 442 250

## Offering & Attendance Last Sunday

Attendance: Adults 64 • Children 9 • (no livestreamed message)

Total Week's Offering: \$2,862.00 ... Budgeted Offerings per week is \$3,270.00.

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

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