

Theme: Living in Right Relationships

Scriptures: Mark 9:30-37, James 3:13-18 & 4:7-8a

Rev. Dr. Peter Hall



In the Mark reading we note that the disciples had been arguing among themselves as they travelled to Capernaum. It is interesting that when Jesus asked them what they were arguing about the disciples kept quiet and wouldn't say. No doubt a sign of guilty feelings. Clearly, Jesus knew what they were arguing about because he went on to teach them about greatness and that it comes from humility and service to all. One of the greatest examples of this by a Christian in the twentieth century was Mother Theresa of Calcutta and her ministry to the poorest of the poor in India.

Similarly, James writes about true wisdom coming from deeds done in humility (NIV translation). The RSV uses the word, meekness. James points out that there are two forms of wisdom. One is of human origin and the other is from heaven. The former can be tainted with arrogance and selfish ambition while the latter is from heaven and is pure in every way. To live by the latter one needs to be submitted to God in every way and the fruits of righteousness will be experienced. It will result in living in the right relationship with both God and man.

Amen
Peter Hall

Rev. David Fanning will be joining us for Gympie Worship next Sunday

What's
Happening

- * **Uniting 4570 Prayer Warriors** - 8am, Tuesday mornings, CE room
- * **Combined Churches Fellowship** - 22nd September, 12:30pm, Imbil Playground, BYO Lunch
- * **Congregational Meeting** - Sunday 29th September, 10:45am
- * **Spring HymnFest** - Sunday, 13th October, 2:30pm, Gympie Uniting Church

Kidz Church: During these school holidays starting today the 22nd Sept, followed by next Sunday the 29th Sept, Kidz Church will be taking a break. It will resume on Sunday the 6th Oct.



Shoebox Success

We put together 56 boxes & have covered the freight costs as well. So, thank you to all who helped support the effort. This will be a blessing to 56 children & their families. Please pray for them.

Thanks
Helen Ward



Mary Valley Combined Churches Fellowship

On Sunday the 22nd of September at 12:30pm, all are welcome to the Mary Valley Combined Churches Fellowship.

Please BYO Lunch and chair (BBQ will be available)

It will be held at the Imbil Playground (the park beside the Fire Station)

Office Leave

Cherylie is on Annual Leave until Tuesday, 24th September - we have a team who will be performing various admin functions. You can continue to contact the office by email and Joan Burke will look after these. If you need to speak with someone more urgently, please phone Keith Brown on 0401 397 160.

Congregational Meeting

There is a congregational meeting on Sunday the 29th of September at 10.45 am. This meeting will cover some exciting topics in the life of our church .

- 1) The plans for our kitchen upgrade for your consideration. Our thanks to David Wright who has gathered quotes and plans. This has been a request from church members over a number of years.
- 2) A report from the joint nominating committee (JNC) on the progress of selecting our new minister for the Imbil/ Gympie congregations.
- 3) A progress report on the asset renewal of St Andrew's Church Hall.
- 4) Reflections on the recent Life and Witness Consultation with the Imbil and Gympie congregations.
- 5) Information on the current setup of our supply ministers.
- 6) The progress report on the electronic sign
- 7) Any other business.



Please keep the JNC in your prayers as they go through this process. May they have wisdom and listen to God's guidance as they seek to find the one God calls to our church.

As we navigate our daily lives, it's essential to prioritize our relationship with God. Just as any meaningful relationship requires time and effort, so does our connection with Him. Through prayer, worship, and studying His Word, we open our hearts to His guidance and love. Remember, God longs to draw near to us; all we need to do is take that first step. Let's commit to nurturing our faith and deepening our bond with our Creator.

Our Name, Our Calling.

"Holy Father, keep them safe by the power of your name. It is the name you gave me. Keep them safe so they can be one, just as you and I are one."
(John 17.11 NIRV).



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Better together

These words were spoken by Jesus the night before He died, as He prayed for us to His Heavenly Father (John 17). Five times He expressed His desire for our unity – not only a unity of the original apostles – but also of all who have followed in their footsteps, generation by generation.

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!

~ from Uniting 4570's Operational Guidelines ~

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 & Wed 8.30am-12pm; Tue 9.30am-3pm; Thu 8.30am-3pm

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

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

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