

Waiting in Jerusalem to Begin

- Acts 1:6-8 NLT -

The **VIBE**

1st June 2025



Col's Corner

Theme: 'Waiting in Anticipation'

Bible Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 (NIV)

Following Jesus' Resurrection, whilst Jesus was sharing fellowship with the believers, He instructed them to **wait** in Jerusalem for the **gift My Father promised**.

The coming of God's Holy Spirit in **Power** is for the **anointing** of God for **all** facets of ministry. This empowerment is not for being authoritarian, but for **servant-hood**.

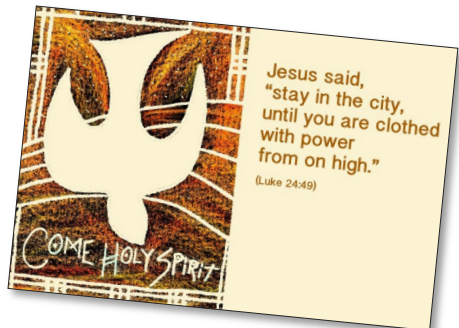
For each person to be **truly effective in ministry**, we need the **continual anointing** of **God's Holy Spirit**. Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait** in anticipation.

Blessings,
Your Pastor, Col.

Next Sunday

8th June is Pentecost Sunday

Bible Reading: Acts 2: 1-21





Christmas Shoeboxes - June Collections

During June we're collecting **'Toys'**. Nothing too big as they'll need to fit into shoebox-size gift packs. Here are some suggestions ... balls, yoyos, puzzles, skipping ropes, dolls, plastic animals, soft toys, cars, trucks, marbles.

Maintenance Register Gympie

Church Council is implementing a new Property Maintenance Process.

Maintenance issues will be logged - some will be identified as needing to be attended to by outside businesses and others by volunteers from within our congregation.

We'll be asking for your assistance with the latter and are hoping to get more people involved in caring for our properties. When there is a need, we'll advise the basic details in 'The Vibe'. Here's our first job ...

★ A two-fold task relating to our 'Key Return' boxes:

1) Move the metal box from the wall next to the kitchen door to an alternative location; 2) Remove a smaller plastic box from its location at the hall.

Is this something you can help with? If so, please let the office or Keith know.

Church Gardens

Thank you, Claire, for tending our gardens - the front area of the church is blooming beautifully. At the back, there's a new garden at the foot of the stairs giving it a much appreciated facelift. Also, thank you to Joan and Fay who have tended the garden in the past.

An Extra Church Office Email Address

We've had issues sending emails to multiple gmail addresses due to security upgrades. Thank you David Wright for coming to the rescue!!

David has created an additional church office email address which is **uniting4570@gmail.com** - solving our outgoing mail problem.

You can continue to use the other email addresses which are:
office@gruc.org.au and cherylie@gruc.org



Electronic Sign Update

The last phase of the sign's installation is scheduled for this Thursday when our office computer will be set up - this must be quite a job as it is anticipated to take half a day. Training will be arranged for a later date.



If Only I Had

..... By Jay Launius

We all know the old saying that "Hindsight is 20/20".

There's not one of us who hasn't looked over our shoulder and questioned a decision or action committed in the past. Mistakes, misjudgments, tragedy and missed opportunity fill our memories and worry our minds.



"If only I had ...", begins a sentence of regret, wishing we had chosen a different path and perhaps the end results would have been different.

Regret is certainly one of the ironies of life because we learn and grow from those mistakes and missteps, yet they are the things which make us sorry for the past!

The first time we read of regret in the Bible is in Genesis 6:6 - because of mankind's evil ways, God was sorry that he had created us and His heart was troubled. Judas regretted his decision to betray Jesus and took his own life.

Why would God give us such a worrisome emotion?

Because regret causes us to realize our need for change and the need for God's forgiveness and salvation (2 Cor. 7:10) "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death". If I never felt remorse for my wrong doing I would never see the need to be obedient to God. We have an Advocate in Jesus Christ who goes to God, on our behalf, at the point of regret and confession.

"If only I had done things differently."

Holding onto regret can weigh heavy on the heart but we must remember that Philippians 3:13-14 encourages us to let go of the past and move toward the future - a future filled with God's love, forgiveness and eternal reward.

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!



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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 Uniting Church:** 15 Red Hill Road: 9am + Kidz Church
Imbil Uniting Church: 3 Elizabeth Street: 9am

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

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

- Need the services of a Justice of The Peace? ... Glenda 0418 187 698
- Need a lift to church? ... Jill 0421 333 538
- Need prayer? ... call the church office 0493 442 250 or join us at 8am on Tuesdays in the CE Room.

Offering and Attendance Last Sunday



Attendance: Adults 74 ♦ Children 11 ♦ Facebook 176

You can give your tithes & offerings by direct transfer into the church's bank account Westpac BSB 034 127 Acct: 29 4101 (Please identify your bank transaction as either 'Tithe' or 'Offering', 'Shoeboxes', etc. Thank you).