

17th August 2025

# GOD HAS CHOSEN THE FOOLISH THINGS

The **VIBE**

Theme: **The Dichotomy of The Gospel!!**

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NIV)

*Col's Corner*

Paul outlines that the **Message of the Cross, is foolishness to those who are perishing**, but to **Christians** who are being **saved, it is the Power of God!!**

Paul identifies the difference between **philosophy and Godly wisdom!!**

For God chose the **foolish things of this world to shame the wise**, and the **weak things** of the world to **shame the strong!!**

It is through and because of what **Jesus Christ** has **done for us that we are who we are**, so that **no-one can boast** about what **we do**, instead of what **Christ has done, is doing and will continue to do in our lives!!**

Therefore, let the person who **boasts, boast in the Lord!!** 1 Cor 1:31;

Blessings, your Pastor,

*Col*

## BOAST ONLY IN THE LORD



**TODAY**

## Congregational Meeting

Catch up on our Church Life news - **TODAY, 10:45am**  
- in our Gympie Church.



## HymnFest

Come along and sing your favourite hymns ... **Next Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2:30pm** in our Gympie Church. Your friends and family are welcome and some afternoon tea to share would be appreciated. We'll finish around 4pm.



## Temporary Office Hours

Cherylle will be on 3 weeks annual leave from tomorrow - back on the 8<sup>th</sup> Sept - Bethany Mahaffey will be carrying out some of the office duties. If you need to come into the office during this time, please arrange with Bethany first as her working hours will differ from the norm, fitting in with her family's needs.

## Backpack Swags *Thank you!*

You've given a total of \$890 - so very generous and what a difference these swags will make to a number of homeless people in our area.

## Combined Churches Prayer Meeting

The next Prayer Meeting is being hosted by The Gympie Church of Christ (57 Horseshoe Bend) - **this Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, from 6:00 to 6:30pm.**



## Gympie Working Bee

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September** - kicking off at **8am**. We're hoping to have lots of volunteers to help with a variety of jobs around our Gympie Church property including cleaning up our grounds, window washing, relocating our Key Return Box, etc.

## Christmas Shoeboxes

Each gift box costs \$12.50 to send to its destination. This month we're seeking funds towards the **Cost of Freight**. Donations can be placed in an envelope labelled "Shoebox" and dropped into the offering plate/box; given directly to Helen (Imbil) or the church office; or deposited into our bank account identified as "Shoebox". If you have any gifts still sitting at home, please bring them in by the end of August.

*Thank you for your generosity again this year - this is an incredible ministry bringing so much delight to many children across the globe.*



# ~ International Youth Day ~

(a reflection by James Weeks, Deputy Principal at Raymont Residential College  
as published in the 'Uniting News' of 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025)

All too often young people are often met with an eyeroll. They're considered too idealistic, too fragile, too distracted, too much. But look again. Beneath the surface of casual dismissal is a generation quietly carrying the weight of a world that feels unsteady. And still, they rise. They question, they create, they ache for integrity. They long for lives that are deep and real.

International Youth Day (which was the 12<sup>th</sup> August) invited us to look beneath the surface and to see more clearly; to honour the quiet resilience and restless searching of young people who are learning what it means to live by faith. Not faith as certainty - as it is often construed - but as trust.

Faith, as Rowan Williams writes, **"is what you discover when you look long and hard into the heart of things and realise you are still held"**. This kind of faith is not about escaping the pressures of life. It is the slow, often uncertain decision to remain open and to remain present, even when the path forward is unclear.

And this is precisely what so many young people are doing. In my work at Raymont College, I am privileged to see this up close. Young people are choosing to show up: in friendships marked by compassion; in questions that resist easy, neatly packaged answers; in creative acts of protest and hard work. They are discovering that faith isn't about having it all together. It's about being held, and holding one another, in the middle of uncertainty.

This kind of faith doesn't shout. It listens. It pays attention. It makes room for others. It risks being changed. And though it may not always emerge in the way we expect, it bears the unmistakable marks of grace, trust, and hope.

By faith, young people today are not retreating from the world. They are stepping more deeply into it and learning to live in the tension, to wait with patience, and to believe that even now, something good is on the horizon.

Let's resist the urge to overlook young people. May we look deeper and listen closely. Perhaps we might find a renewed courage to live by faith.



*Hope to See You  
Next Week*

Gympie: David Wright

Imbil: Rev. Col Shenfield

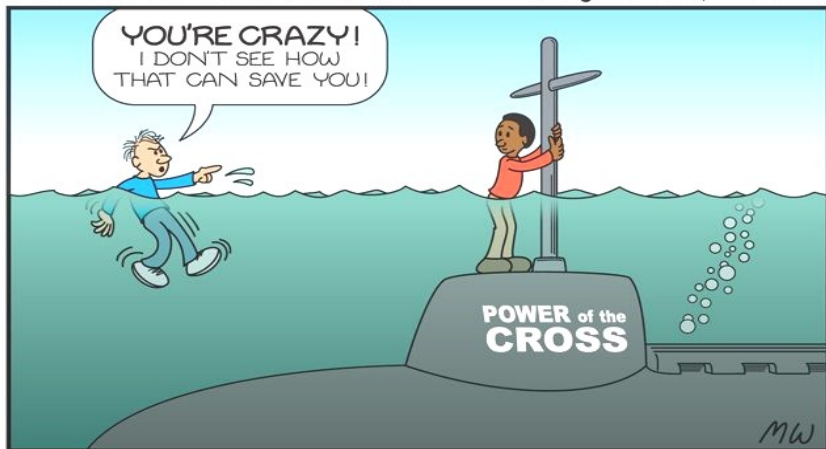
## Joy Circle

Come along to our Joy Circle:

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August,  
9:30am** in the CE Room.

## POWER OF THE CROSS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18 NIV

### 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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- 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.



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### Offering and Attendance Last Sunday

Attendance: Adults 76 ♦ Children 7 ♦ Facebook 26

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', 'Shoebboxes', etc. Thank you).