



***“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*** Matt 11:28-30

Between work, school, ministry, bills, relationships, and everything else, it’s easy to feel overwhelmed by the pressures and expectations that weigh us down. Jesus doesn’t ask us to work for the things the world expects us to. When we go to Him and focus on the things that matter to Him, we can find rest for our souls.

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# Connect

News from Riverstone Community Church

15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

<b>Topic:</b> 1 Cor 12:1-31 <b>Gifts and Roles and Parts</b>	
<b>Speaker:</b> Dave Ward	
<b>Chairman:</b> Phillip Gummerson	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b> 1 Cor 13:1-13	<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b> 1 Cor 14:1-25
<i>All you need is _____</i>	<i>Tongues and Prophecy</i>
<b>Eric Gordon</b> (Phillip Gummerson)	<b>Phillip Gummerson</b> (Brett Davis)

## The Program

(D.V.)  
10:00am

(includes Kids' Spot)

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## Praise, Prayer & News.

- \* Sarah Gummerson's friend, Alissa's dad – terminal illness.  
Praise – He became a Christian so is now Heaven bound.  
Pray – For relief from suffering in the meantime.
- \* Patricia Gummerson –  
Praise – Greater mobility.
- \* Andrew Webb –  
Praise – 3 months between dilations (was 4-6 weeks), & biopsy was all clear regarding another lump in throat, & putting on weight, staying active and encouraged.  
Pray – Good result from the CAT scan end Sept.
- \* Ted Davis – Recovering from major spinal surgery.  
Pray – For encouragement as he gains mobility.
- \* Heather Davis –  
Pray – For minimal side effects from chemotherapy.
- \* Interstate family –  
Pray – For the mother as she cares for three children.
- \* HSC Students –  
Ben Gross, Amity Jackson, Elijah Marlow & Georgia Owen.  
Pray – For God's blessing during this difficult time.
- \* Persecuted Christians – In many countries around the world.  
Pray – That they will know God's presence.
- \* Our government – Australia wide and New South Wales.  
Pray – That they will have access to wisdom and knowledge regarding health decisions. For the lockdowns to end soon so that we can meet again for praise and worship.

### \* Birthdays this week

Today  
Wednesday

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Basil Connell



## Build Others Up

The apostle Paul writes, *“Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”* (Ephesians 4:29)

Think of the people we most enjoy spending time with. How would you describe them? Grumpy? Bitter? Negative? Of course not! They're celebrators, not complainers. They're passionate about life. As we live this day, realise that everyone we meet, we will leave: (1) better off; or (2) worse off; or (3) unaffected. The way to build others up is to see them as opportunities instead of obstacles or obligations. John Maxwell writes: “One of the best things you can do for people—which also attracts them to you—is to expect the best of them. It helps others think more highly of themselves, and at the same time it also helps us.”

Benjamin Disraeli, one of Britain's finest prime ministers, put it this way: “The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own.” And we do that by appreciating, encouraging, and helping others to reach their potential. Napoleon described leaders as “dealers in hope”.

He understood that hope is one of the greatest of all possessions. If we can be people who bestow that gift on others, they'll not only be attracted to us, they'll be forever grateful.

*“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”* Hebrews 10:24-25

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