

Connect



News from Riverstone Community Church

10th October 2021

Today

Continuing in faithfulness

Speaker: Dave Ward

Next Sunday

Eschatology – Part 1 →

Speaker: Kevin Rosolen

Eschatology (“End Times”) Parts 2 – 5 will be uploaded to the Web, probably over the following 4 days.

Strive for Excellence

Excellence requires two things: extra time and extra effort. It calls for going 'above and beyond' what is required of us by others, because we consider it a matter of character and integrity.

Now we're not talking about striving for perfection. That can drive you crazy, as well as everybody else around you. Perfectionism can be self-centred. It seeks approval and applause. Our goal should be to perform every assignment or endeavour as if God Himself required it and will reward the performance.

The old adage, “*Out of sight, and out of mind,*” does not apply to God; He is mindful of our every activity. “*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ*” (Colossians 3:23-24 ESV).

That means doing the best possible job, even when the boss is not around. And here's an important thought: avoid people with poor work habits, or who denigrate your efforts to be excellent.

Since God is our heavenly Father, then we carry His name. “*O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth.*” (Psalm 8:1 NKJV)

A prayer: “*Father, give me the desire for excellence in all my endeavours. Help me to live with a constant awareness of Your loving eye, so that I may do everything as unto You and not unto man. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*”

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Birthdays this week



Wednesday

Tracey Morsillo

Thursday

Nigel Hughes

Prayer, Praise & News.

- * **Ted Davis** – Recovering from major spinal surgery. Still on crutches.
Pray – For healing from hip pain and resolution to right leg functionality & possible hernia.
- * **Heather Davis** – Has had her fifth round of chemotherapy without any severe side effects.
Pray – That the chemo is successful and the tumour is reduced.
- * **Kirsten - Ace & Joanne's Baluyut's neighbour.** Diagnosed earlier this year with MS and serious lesions.
Praise – That Jesu is sharing his faith with the 8 year old son.
Pray – For the chemotherapy to reduce the lesions and for the family to come to know Jesus.
- * **Russell White** – Ongoing surgeries for multiple skin cancers.
Pray – For pain relief and that all the skin cancers are located and removed.
- * **Robyn Logan's Grandmother – Pauline** – In South Africa.
Praise – That the major bowel surgery went well.
Pray – For recovery and freedom from complications.
- * **Marie's son's dad; Joshua** – Heart problem needing emergency double valve replacement.
Pray – For access to medical care in Queensland in spite of Covid-19 restrictions.
- * **John Lee** – Preemptive heart valve surgery.
Praise – That the surgery went well.
Pray – For a speedy recovery.
- * **Oscars and Lucy** –
Praise – For the new pregnancy.
Pray – For successful growth of their new baby and for a safe delivery (mid next year).
- * **Jono Jackson** – Needs open heart surgery, currently scheduled before Christmas.
Pray – That he and Kat will be given calm assurance whilst waiting for the operation.
- * **Cowell Family** – Following Laurie's passing.
Pray – For peace and comfort for Margaret and the family.
- * **HSC Students** – Ben, Amity, Elijah, Georgia and Chloe.
Pray – That they can overcome the difficulties of lockdown and have clear thinking.
- * **Our church** –
Praise – For the ability to enjoy church online each Sunday.
Pray – That we would lean on Jesus and be united, connected and be light and salt in the world.
Pray – For the elders to have wisdom in making difficult decisions.
- * **Afghanistan** –
Pray – For those in Afghanistan – Especially for Christians that they will be protected.
- * **Australian Governments – Federal and State.**
Praise – That Covid infections are reducing and restrictions are lifting.
Pray – That they make wise decisions.
- * **Ken Harding** – Preaching at Blacktown this morning, India by Zoom on Saturdays.
Pray – For receptive hearts and minds to hear God's word.