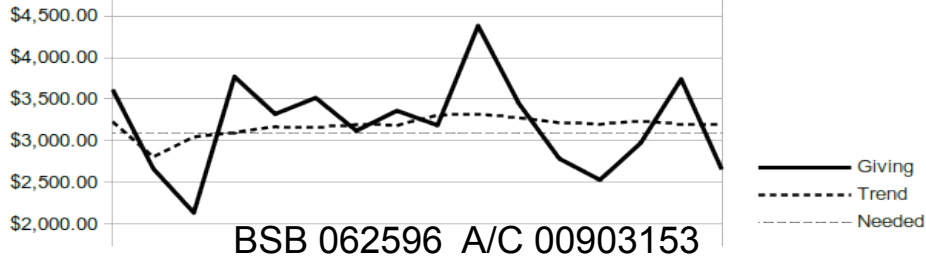


Financials

(NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

* Birthdays this week

Monday	Jacob Gross
Thursday	Ted Davis
Saturday	Warwick Gummerson



* Anniversaries this week

Today	Andrew & Donna Cowell
Monday	Mitchell & Kiah Cavens



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News from Riverstone Community Church

5th December 2021

Topic: God is Love
Speaker: Linc Marlow
Chairman: Nathan Fredericks

Next Sunday
 God is Sovereign

Andrew Cowell
(Nathan Fredericks)

The Sunday after...
 Not Long Now
 Expecting Christ's Birth

Mitch Cavens
(Andrew Cowell)

The Program (D.V.)

10:00am
 Church which includes:
 Prayer and Praise
 Kids' Spot
 Communion & Preaching

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Prayer, Praise & News

Babies – on the way.

- * Oskars and Lucy Stubis
 - * Chris and Lena Barrington
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General Praise & Prayer

- * **Belle Camilleri** – Corrective spinal surgery due 13th December.
– Pressure sore is preventing her using the wheel chair.
Praise – That she can attend Year 6 farewell.
- * **Monica's brother, Paul** – Recovering from meningitis.
Praise – Paul came home from hospital on Thursday.
– He can't walk yet and needs to use a wheelchair.
Pray – That he continues to improve.
- * **Azar & Eghbal** (John Grant's friends – Iranian Christians in Turkey).
– Their application for asylum was refused, their Health Insurance won't pay her medical expenses and she was robbed of all their savings.
Pray – That they can overcome hurdles and continue treatment.
- * **Ted Davis** – Major spinal surgery. Metal plate in left hip was relocated.
Praise – That Ted is home again!
Pray – That this is a permanent cure.
- * **Margaret Kennedy** – In the Palliative Care ward at Hawkesbury Hospital.
– Chronic lung condition plus Bronchial Pneumonia.
Pray – That she continues to have peace in this difficult time.
- * **Heather Davis** – Tumour has stopped growing – Next scan in January.
Pray – For complete healing.
- * **Stuart & Carol Thomson** – Coming to Riverstone soon.
Pray – For a stress free transition.
- * **Our church** –
Praise – That we can meet again today.

Separating Truth from Error



Jesus said: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

The farmer's workers went to him and said, "*Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds!*"... "*An enemy has done this!*" the farmer exclaimed. "*Should we pull out the weeds?*" they asked. "*No,*" he replied, "*you'll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds.*" Matthew 13:24-30.

There are two important lessons here.

1. We must know God's Word so well that error, regardless of how convincingly it's presented, can't mislead us. Paul warned the Ephesians: "*Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard!*" Acts 20:30-31.
2. We must stay spiritually awake and alert. Notice, the weeds weren't noticeable until they could not be uprooted. One degree off course may seem harmless enough. But if we stay on that trajectory long enough, spiritually speaking, we will end up far from where God wants us to be and realise "*An enemy has done this!*" So what is the answer? "*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*" Acts 2:42