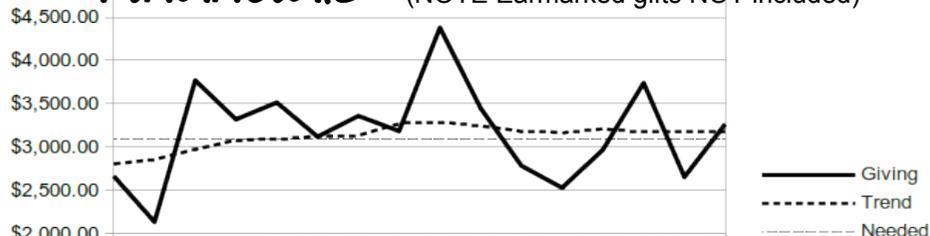


Financials

(NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

* Birthdays this week

Monday Caleb Schulte
 " " Samuela Ratumu



* Anniversaries this week

Tuesday Ralph & Jessica Hearsey



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News from Riverstone Community Church

12th December 2021

Topic: God is Sovereign
Speaker: Andrew Cowell
Chairman: Nathan Fredericks

The Program
 (D.V.)
 10:00am
 Church includes:
 Prayer and Praise
 Kids' Spot
 Communion Preaching

Next Sunday
Not Long Now:
Expecting
Christ's Birth
 Mitch Cavens
 (Andrew Cowell)

Christmas Day
 9:30am
Not Long Now:
What were they
thinking?
 Phillip G
 (Andrew Cowell)

The Sunday after...
Not Long Now:
Expecting
Christ's Return
 Kevin Rosolen
 (Phillip Gummerson)

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Prayer, Praise & News

Babies – on the way.

- * Oskars and Lucy Stubis
- * Chris and Lena Barrington

General Praise & Prayer

- * **Terry Fredericks** – Knee surgery last Thursday.
Praise – That the operation went very well.
- * **Margaret Kennedy** – Is back home! Recovering from bilateral pneumonia.
Praise – That she is on the mend.
- * **Belle Camilleri** – Corrective spinal surgery due tomorrow.
– Pressure sore is preventing her using the wheel chair.
Praise – That she can attend Year 6 farewell.
Pray – That the surgery helps.
- * **Monica's brother, Paul** – Recovering from meningitis.
Praise – Is home from hospital but needs to use a wheelchair.
Pray – That Monica can get to talk with him.
- * **Azar & Eghbal** (John Grant's friends – Iranian Christians in Turkey).
– Their Health Insurance won't pay Azar's medical expenses and she was robbed of all their savings.
Pray – That they can come to Australia 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.
- * **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.
- * **Ken Harding** – Speaking at Waitara this morning.

Caring sometimes means getting involved.



Many people have no one who loves them enough to tell them the truth. That's because it's easier to say nothing but it's not necessarily the loving thing to do! The Bible says, *"Giving an honest answer is a sign of true friendship"* Proverbs 24:26.

Usually we know what needs to be said, but fear keeps us from saying it. However, if the brakes on a car weren't functioning properly, would we allow a loved one to drive it? No? Well, in a similar vein, Paul writes, *"If someone in your group does something wrong, you who are spiritual should go to that person and gently help make him right again."* Galatians 6:1. That's what spiritual people do!

More often than not, when an issue arises that might cause tension, it's glossed over to preserve the peace. We don't want to ruffle any feathers, so it never gets resolved. Here is how Paul addresses this: *"Stop telling lies. Tell each other the truth, because we all belong to each other in the same Body."* Ephesians 4:25.

Frankness doesn't give licence to be rude and say whatever we want. Thoughtless words can wound people. *"Never use harsh words when you correct an older man... talk to him as if he were your father. Talk to younger men as if they were your brothers, older women as if they were your mothers, and younger women as if they were your sisters."* 1 Timothy 5:1-2. Bottom line: when a difficult issue comes up, caring means getting involved in an honest and loving way.