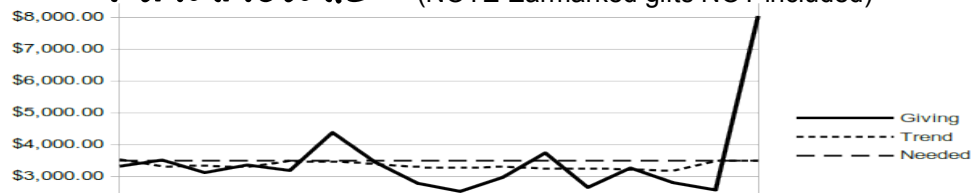


# Financials

(NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

## \* Birthdays this week

Today	Margaret Finlay
" "	Vivienne Speirs
" "	Kaylen Marlow
Monday	Heather Fredericks
Tuesday	John Greenlees



## \* Anniversary this week

Monday	David & Julie Ward
Saturday	Douglas & Beatrice Smith



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2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

Topic: *Second Nature*

Speaker: Phillip Gummerson

Chairman: Ralph Hearsey

Next Sunday

*Forgiveness*

Phillip Gummerson  
(Brett Davis)

The Sunday After..

*3 Ways to Live*

Andrew Cowell  
(Brett Davis)

## The Program (D.V.)

10:00am

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

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# Prayer, Praise & News

## \*\* Babies \*\*

- \* Lucy Stubis
- \* Lena Barrington

- \* Troy & Catherine Camilleri's new grandchild;  
Mason Troy Camilleri.  
Praise – Born 4:50am on Boxing Day to Thomas & Haley (8lb plus).



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## General Praise & Prayer

- \* **Azar & Eghbal** (John Grant's friends – Iranian Christians in Turkey).  
– Azar still has the tumour as surgery was halted when the health fund refused to cover her medical expenses.  
Praise – A gift was given that enabled them to re-book the surgery, the exact date to be determined early in January.  
Pray – For a successful surgery; that they can come to Australia.
- \* **Daphne Harding** – Hospitalised with a stroke and released Wednesday.  
Praise – Daphne has come through this stroke with speech and mental faculties unimpaired.  
Her right arm and right leg are steadily gaining strength.  
Pray – That she recovers without lasting effects.
- \* **Eden; Johanna's grand-daughter** – In hospital with breathing difficulty.  
Pray – That the antibiotics continue to work.
- \* **Heather Davis** – Tumour has stopped growing – Next scan in January.  
Pray – For complete healing.
- \* **Margaret Kennedy** – Recovering from bilateral pneumonia.  
Pray – That she regains her health.

# Walking with a Limp



Concerning Jacob, the Bible tells us: A man came and wrestled with him until... dawn began to break... He touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. Then the man said, *"Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!"* But Jacob said, *"I will not let you go unless you bless me."* *"What is your name?"* the man asked. He replied, *"Jacob."* *"Your name will no longer be Jacob,"* the man told him. *"From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won."* "...Jacob named the place Peniel (which means "face of God"), for he said, *"I have seen God face to face"*... The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel, and he was limping. (Genesis 32:24-31 NLT)

Imagine the importance of a hip bone to a farmer like Jacob. It was something he leaned on every day, and now he was weak in an area where he had prided himself on being strong. As a result, he had to depend on God as never before. God has children like Jacob who walk with a limp, and you may be one of them.

God loves to use flawed people because, when they become successful, they're rarely as arrogant as others who think they deserve it. They're a little warmer, a little more willing to reach out and embrace others. They understand that without God they wouldn't have made it. When you have struggles, you have to depend on God more, and that's not a liability—it's an asset!