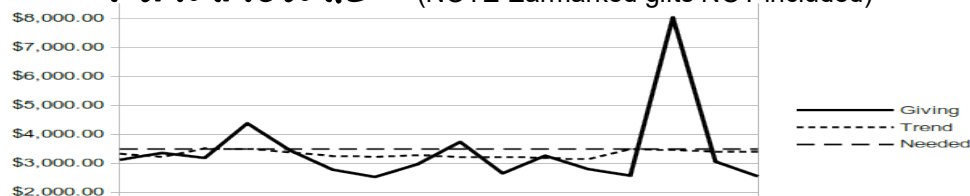


Financials

(NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

* Birthdays this week

Today	Ian Linton
Monday	Adelaide Jackson
Thursday	Marilyn Volkart



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News from Riverstone Community Church

16th January 2022

Topic: *3 Ways to Live*

Speaker: Andrew Cowell

Chairman: Brett Davis

Next Sunday

*Let's try not
to repeat history*

Linc Marlow
(Brett Davis)

The Sunday After..

*The World, The
Word, Our Worth*

Dave Ward
(Brett Davis)

The Program (D.V.)

10:00am

Church which includes:
Prayer and Praise
Kids' Spot
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Prayer, Praise & News

** Babies **

- * Lucy Stubis
 - * Lena Barrington
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General Praise & Prayer

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 NKJV

- * **Azar & Eghbal** (John Grant's friends – Iranian Christians in Turkey).
Azar's surgery postponed due to high blood pressure.
Pray – About HER and also about their asylum application.
- * **Daphne Harding** – Atrial Fibrillation has returned.
Pray – That she recovers quickly without another stroke
- * **Heather Davis** – Tumour has stopped growing – Next scan 24th January.
Pray – For complete healing.
- * **Margaret Kennedy** – Recovering from bilateral pneumonia.
Pray – That she regains her health.
- * **Doug McNaught** – Had shingles and then developed Bells Palsy but is now recovering at home. He still has difficulty walking.
- * **Ian & Margaret Hamilton (Mary Crossingham's friends)** – Family has TB.
Pray – For a miracle.
- * **Rachel-Ruth (Billy Graham's grand-daughter)** – Rare type of heart attack.
Pray – For the Graham family at this time.
- * **Charlise Mutton** – Missing in Blue Mountains since Friday.
Pray – That she will be found alive soon.
- * **Kevin Rosolen** – Preaching at Kurrajong Baptist.

Use Your Key.



To open a locked door, you need the right key. It's the 'how-to' that enables you to get inside and get what you need. Praise is like a key that enables us to come into God's presence. *"Those who have learned to acclaim You... walk in the light of Your presence."* (Psalm 89:15). Praise isn't simply a reaction to coming into God's presence; it does much more. It opens the door through which God enters your life and goes to work on your behalf. In other words, praise brings God's presence along with His direct intervention.

The name Judah means 'praise the Lord', and when the twelve tribes of Israel travelled, Judah led the way (see Judges 20:18). On one occasion when Judah's enemies arrayed against them, Jehoshaphat, their king, sent a choir to the front line ahead of the army to sing the praises of God. It may sound like a strange strategy, but it brought a supernatural victory. The Bible says, *"As soon as they began singing, the Lord confused the enemy camp... Then they turned against each other."* (2 Chronicles 20:22-23). Praise is an expression of faith; an affirmation that you believe God is in control of the situation.

The Bible speaks of 'the sacrifice of praise.' (Hebrews 13:15). That means you should praise God even when you don't feel like it. When it doesn't come naturally, choose to do it anyway. Nehemiah said, *"The joy of the Lord is your strength."* (Nehemiah 8:10). Praise can heal your emotions and lift the weight of negativity you're under. Go ahead Try it! Use the key of praise!