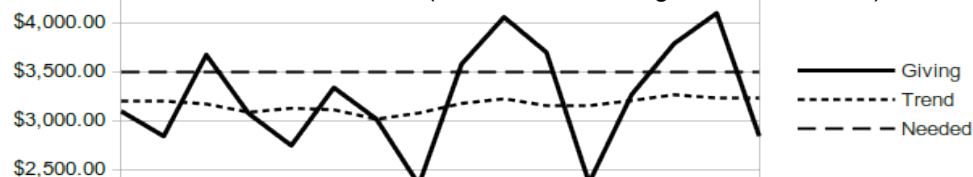


# Financials

(NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

## Birthdays this week

Wednesday	Ron King
" "	Jade Cowell
" "	Isabelle McNaught
Thursday	Jono Jackson
Friday	Monica Wallace
" "	Alyssa Hearsey



### Please support the Emmaus Prison Ministry

Transferring \$5/week (or \$20/month) pays for Emmaus Correspondence School booklets and postage allowing a prisoner to study God's word.

We are seeing many being saved through this ministry:

Emmaus Correspondence School BSB 032087 Account 123703

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# Connect

News from Riverstone Community Church



22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

Topic: *2nd Corinthians - Meek not Weak: Repentance & Restoration*

Speaker: Phillip Gummerson

Chairman: Peter Gordon

Next Sunday

*2nd Corinthians - Meek not Weak: Stone & Spirit*

Stuart Thomson  
(Peter Gordon)

The Sunday After..

*The Gospel*

Peter Gordon  
(Oskars Stubis)

## The Program (D.V.)

10:00am

Church which includes:  
Prayer and Praise  
Kids' Church  
Worship  
Communion  
Preaching

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# Prayer, Praise & News

## \*\* Babies \*\*

Please pray for safe delivery for the mother and baby.

- \* **Robyn Morsillo** – A girl due September; still experiencing some nausea, but otherwise improved.



## General Praise & Prayer

- \* **Pray** – For the Holiday Club.

- \* **Ted Davis** – Rehab at Westmead Rehab Hospital, South Wentworthville.  
**Pray** – For him to be back on his feet soon.

- \* **Daphne Harding** – Easily exhausted. Cardiologist says 3 to 6 months recovery.  
**Pray** – For encouragement after stroke and heart surgery.

- \* **Monica's brothers** –  
**Paul** – Hospitalised for meningitis, now with cancer on his head and lungs.  
**Pray for him to come to salvation.**  
**Joe** – Kidney failure but his body can't tolerate dialysis.  
**Pray for his salvation** and for a medical intervention.

- \* **Robin Bathurst** – Friend of **Ace & Joanne**. – Skull Injury.  
**Pray** – For recovery from surgery.

- \* **Neville Kerslake** – Rhonda & Ellen's uncle – (goes to St Clair.)  
Has inoperable brain tumour and has just caught Covid.  
**Pray** – For rapid recovery from Covid.

- \* **Mary Crossingham** – Mary is seriously ill with cancer.  
**Pray** – For Mary and Derrick at this time.

- \* **Australia** – Please pray for wisdom and godliness to guide the leadership.

- \* **Ukraine** – Pray that the situation leads people to Christ.

## The Pharisee and the Prostitute.



One day, Jesus was eating at the home of a Pharisee when a prostitute came in. *'The woman kissed His feet and poured perfume on them. The Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this and said to himself, "If this man really were a prophet, He would know what kind of woman is touching Him!"'* (Luke 7:38-39)

But Simon the Pharisee got it wrong. It wasn't that Jesus didn't know, it's that He cared about her! That day, He forgave her sin and sent her away redeemed, restored and redirected.

This story confirms what we already know; Jesus came to save sinners on the street and hypocrites in the church. No one is beyond the reach of His grace. With that in mind, think this way:

1) Never forget what God saved you from! Note what Jesus told Simon the Pharisee: *'Anyone who has been forgiven for only a little will show only a little love.'* (Luke 7:47). Remembering the sins of his past, David wrote: *'He... brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay... set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps. He has put a new song in my mouth—praise to our God; many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.'* (Psalm 40:2-3)

2) Remember that Jesus isn't looking at your past but at your future. The crowd saw this woman as a weed, but Jesus saw her as a rose, and He watered it.

Bottom line: if you need forgiveness today, come to Jesus. And if you have been forgiven, pour out your heart to Him in praise.

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