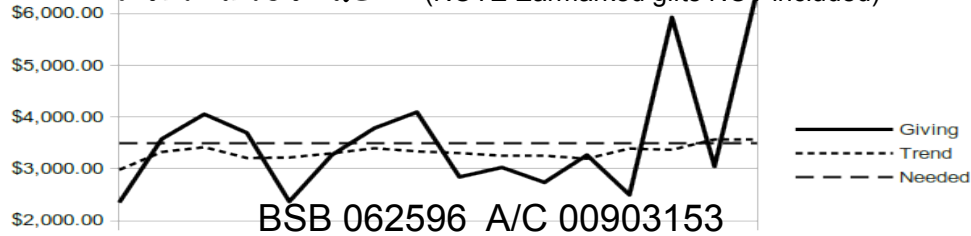


# Financials

(NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

## Birthdays this week

Tuesday Catherine Speirs  
 Wednesday Kiah Cavens  
 Saturday Kirralee Morsillo



## Anniversary this week

Monday Ben & Estelle McNaught



### You can 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

10<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Topic: *Meek not Weak:*

*Despair & Joy*

Speaker: Shane Bywater

Chairman: Linc Marlow

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Next Sunday

The Sunday After..

*Meek not Weak:*  
*Give Generously*

*Meek not Weak:*  
*Give Purposefully*

Phillip Gummerson  
 (Nathan Fredericks)

Ken Harding  
 (Linc Marlow)

## The Program

(D.V.)

10:00am

Church which

includes:

Prayer and

Praise

Worship

Communion

Preaching

**Preparation  
 for  
 Holiday Club**

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## Pray For Holiday Club



## Prayer, Praise & News

- \* **Daniel & Robyn Morsillo** – A baby girl due to be born in September.  
**Pray** – For a safe delivery for Robyn and the baby.
- \* **Daphne Harding** – Much improved but tires easily.  
**Praise & pray** – For steady recovery.
- \* **Margaret Kennedy** – Now home after weeks in hospital – on oxygen.  
Suffering from autoimmune attack on various organs.  
**Pray** – For her to be encouraged and strengthened.
- \* **Mary Crossingham** – Multiple tumours.  
**Pray** – That the treatments work.
- \* **Lionel Sardar** – (We prayed for him last year.)  
One kidney removed. Cancer has re-appeared on his lungs.  
**Pray** – That it is treatable.
- \* **Ron King** – Severe back pain.  
**Pray** – That he can get relief.
- \* **Azar & Eghbal** (John Grant's friends – Iranian Christians in Turkey).  
**Pray** – For their Visa application  
– For effective medication for Azar.
- \* **Monica's brothers** – **Pray for them to come to salvation.**  
**Paul** – Now in palliative care.  
**Joe** – **Pray** that the kidney surgery enables dialysis.
- \* **Heather Fredericks** – Had serious infection in her leg – treated with IV antibiotics.  
**Pray** – That the skin graft scheduled for Tuesday can go ahead.
- \* **Warwick Gummerson** – Cataract surgery Wednesday.  
**Pray** – That all goes well.
- \* **Australia** – **Pray** for those with Covid and for those whose homes are flooded.
- \* **Ukraine** – **Pray** that the situation leads people to Christ.

## God Forgives!

*"He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" 1 John 1:9*

The story of David and Bathsheba is the stuff movies are made of—lust, adultery, premarital pregnancy, murder, and cover-up.

It looked like David was getting away with it, except for one important detail: *"The thing that David had done displeased the Lord."* (2 Samuel 11:27). In the Bible, God refers to David as *"a man after His own heart"* but the same Bible says, *"Be sure your sin will find you out."* (Numbers 32:23). So God sent the prophet Nathan to tell David, *"I anointed you king... Why then have you despised the Word of the Lord?"* (2 Samuel 12:7-9).

Then God passed sentence: *"I am going to bring calamity on you... before all Israel."* (2 Samuel 12:11-12). From that day on, tragedy and turmoil plagued David's family. On many levels, *"the way of transgressors is hard"* (Proverbs 13:15), not the least of which is that sometimes God takes away our peace so that we will acknowledge our sin.

It took an unplanned pregnancy, the murder of an innocent man, a child's death, a prophet's persuasion, and the conviction of the Holy Spirit before David's heart softened and he admitted, *"I have sinned against the Lord."* (2 Samuel 12:13). When he prayed those words, God treated David's sin the same way He treats ours: *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:9).

As long as we keep excusing, defending, and rationalising our sin, God can do nothing for us. But the minute we confess it to Him, He will forgive us. Isn't that wonderful?