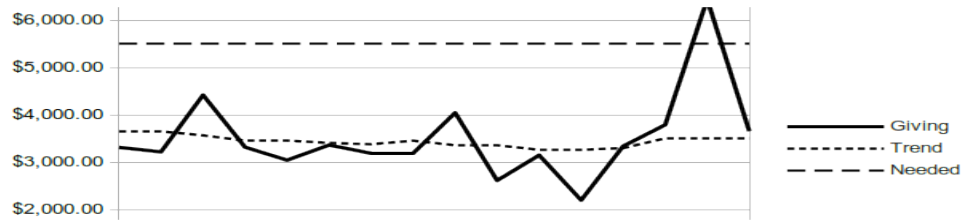


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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Birthdays this week

Monday	John Grant
" "	Johnathon Prestidge
Tuesday	Oskars Stubis
Wednesday	Phillip Gummerson
" "	Ruth Owen



Anniversary this week

Monday	John & Patricia Greenlees
Tuesday	Brett & Donna Davis



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News from Riverstone Community Church

27th November 2022

Topic: *Spiritual Warfare, really?*

Speaker: John Noble

Chairman: Phillip Gummerson

Creche: Jono & Lisa

Next Sunday

Christmas:
*The Christ of
Christmas Past*

Sp: Phillip Gummerson

Ch: Andrew Cowell

The Sunday After..

Christmas:
*The Christ of
Christmas Present*

Sp: Phillip Gummerson

Ch: Andrew Cowell

Ace & Joanne

Ralph & Jess

The Program (D.V.)

10:00am

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

Christmas Lunch Details Sunday 4th December 12pm to 2:30pm
Cost \$15 per adult, \$10 for students/teens, \$5 children, Max \$50 / family
RSVP (Ruth) 0438 448 327

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Praise, prayer & News

- * **Ralph & Jess Hearsey** – A new baby to be born late March.
- * **Rhys & Rhiannan Morsillo** – A new baby to be born in May.
Pray – For safe delivery for the mothers and and their babies.

- * **Dave Ward** – Discharged from hospital with medication. Weekly checkups.
Praise – For the miraculous recovery – an answer to prayer.
Pray – That he recovers fully.
- * **Margaret Kennedy** – Oxygen reduced to 5 hours at night.
Praise – Margaret was able to attend church last Sunday!
Pray – That she continues to gain strength.
- * **Jenny McGechan** – Her eye procedure some months ago is failing.
If the special drops don't work then she'll need a new cornea.
Pray – That the drops are sufficient so that she can keep on nursing.
- * **Heather Davis** – Radio therapy for the lung tumour starts tomorrow.
Pray – That the radiation therapy is helpful.
- * **Andrew Webb** – Radiation therapy and chemotherapy ended last Friday.
Pray – For endurance, courage and a permanent cure.
- * **Christine Scott** – Atrial fibrillation. Observation in Westmead this weekend.
Pray – That she continues to improve.
- * **Mary Crossingham** – Mary had been transferred now back home – Covid-19 in the Mt Druitt Palliative Care Unit.
Pray – For encouragement for Mary and Derek.

Please pray for all the flood victims out West.

(Flood victim fund available through Stewards Foundation.)

Christmas celebration at Kevin Rosolen's

994 Wisemans Ferry Rd, South Maroota on

*****Sunday 18th Dec***** @ 6pm.

Food provided, Lighted garden & Observatory.

Carols & music by Ron Smith.

RSVP (Phillip) 0414 765 200



The Legacy of a Bible Smuggler.

When someone smuggles Bibles into a country hostile to the Christian faith, they can be putting their freedom — and even their life — on the line. As we remember the life and legacy of our founder, Brother Andrew, we can't help but reflect on his boldness and faith as a Bible smuggler.

Brother Andrew had many close calls over his decades of ministry. Nicknamed 'God's Smuggler', he developed a trademark prayer while he smuggled Bibles into dangerous places.

"Lord, in my luggage I have Scripture I want to take to your children. When you were on earth, You made blind eyes see. Now, I pray, make seeing eyes blind. Do not let the guards see those things You do not want them to see."

His stories from smuggling Bibles behind the Iron Curtain at the height of the Cold War encourage and remind us of the importance of delivering Bibles to those without access — even when they must be smuggled and even when the work is dangerous. Just like the time Brother Andrew approached the Romanian Border with his car packed with precious but dangerous cargo: illegal Bibles.

Ahead of him, he saw the guards stop the car at the front of the line. The owners were forced to empty their car's contents for inspection. Each car that followed had to do the same.

All Brother Andrew could do was pray: "Dear Lord, what am I going to do?"

As he prayed, a bold idea came to him. "I know that no amount of cleverness on my part can get me through this border search," Brother Andrew prayed. "Dare I ask for a miracle? Let me take some of the Bibles out and leave them in the open where they will be seen."

So, when the guards ushered Brother Andrew forward, he was ready to put his trust completely in God.

The guard looked at Brother Andrew's passport and abruptly waved him on without inspecting the contents of his car. God had given Brother Andrew a miracle! He safely crossed the border and was able to deliver Bibles to Christians who had no access to God's life-giving Word.

<https://www.opendoors.org.au/frontline-faith/the-legacy-of-a-bible-smuggler/>