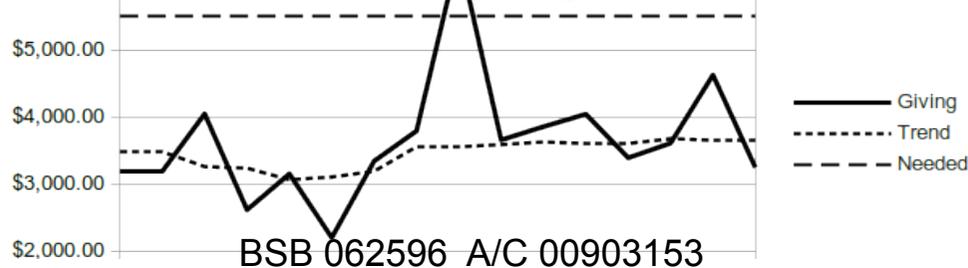


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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Birthdays this week

Monday Mitchell Cavens
Wednesday Kat Jackson



Anniversaries this week

Today Douglas & Beatrice Smith
Friday Linc & Felicity Marlow



Memorial service for Christine Bell's father is Tuesday 10th @ 12noon
Campbelltown Christian Community, cnr Townson & Alderney Sts Minto.

It also will be livestreamed on youtube at www.youtube.com/@c4minto81
or for SmartTV's with access to YouTube, search for "C4MINTO"

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News from Riverstone Community Church

8th January 2023

Topic: *Sabbath Work*
 Speaker: Phillip Gummerson
 Chairman: Ralph Hearsey
 Creche: Ace & Joanne

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| Next Sunday <i>The Missing Ingredient of Modern Day Christianity- Part 1</i> Sp: Andrew Cowell Ch: Ralph Hearsey | The Sunday After.. <i>The Missing Ingredient of Modern Day Christianity- Part 2</i> Sp: Andrew Cowell Ch: Ralph Hearsey |
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Rhiannan & Donna

Stu & Carol

The Program (D.V.)

10:00am
Church which includes:
Prayer and Praise
Creche
Worship
Communion
Preaching

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* **Ralph & Jess Hearsey** – A new baby boy 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 babies.

* **Dave Ward** – Weekly checkups.
Pray – That he recovers fully.

* **Jenny McGechan** – The eye procedure appears to be failing.
Pray – That it heals so that she can keep on nursing.

* **Heather Davis** – Praise God she's now completed her therapy.
Pray – For a good result from a scan in the new year.

* **Andrew Webb** – Battling cancer.
Pray – For endurance, courage and a permanent cure.

* **Christine Scott** – Atrial fibrillation and chronic lung problem.
Pray – For improving health.

* **Dr Ken Elliott** – Australian missionary held by Islamic Jihadists for more than six years in Mali.



Pray – That he is returned to his wife and family very soon.

Why is God so different in the Old Testament than He is in the New Testament?

At the very heart of this question lies a fundamental misunderstanding of what both the Old and New Testaments reveal about the nature of God. Another way of expressing this same basic thought is when people say, “The God of the Old Testament is a God of wrath while the God of the New Testament is a God of love.”

The fact that the Bible is God’s progressive revelation of Himself to us through historical events and through His relationship with people throughout history might contribute to misconceptions about what God is like in the Old Testament as compared to the New Testament. However, when one reads both the Old and the New Testaments, it becomes evident that God is not different from one testament to another and that God’s wrath and His love are revealed in both testaments.

Even though the Bible is 66 individual books written on two (or possibly three) continents, in three different languages, over a period of approximately 1500 years by more than 40 authors, it remains one unified book from beginning to end without contradiction. In it we see how a loving, merciful, and just God deals with sinful men in all kinds of situations.

Truly, the Bible is God’s love letter to mankind. God’s love for His creation, especially for mankind, is evident all through Scripture. Throughout the Bible we see God lovingly and mercifully calling people into a special relationship with Himself, not because they deserve it, but because He is a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness and truth. Yet we also see a holy and righteous God who is the Judge of all those who disobey His Word and refuse to worship Him, turning instead to worship gods of their own creation (Romans chapter 1).

Because of God’s righteous and holy character, all sin—past, present, and future—must be judged. Yet God in His infinite love has provided a payment for sin and a way of reconciliation so that sinful man can escape His wrath. We see this wonderful truth in verses like 1 John 4:10: *“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”*

(There is much more at – <https://www.gotquestions.org/God-different.html>)