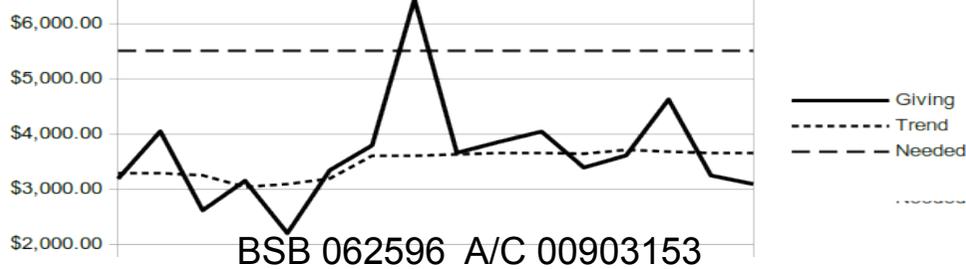


## Financials (NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

## Birthdays this week

Monday	Ian Linton
Tuesday	Adelaide Jackson
Friday	Marilyn Volkart



All classes were on board the Titanic; wealthy people, famous people, educated people, illiterate people, and poor people. But when they posted the list in the New York shipping office there were only two classes of people.

LOST and SAVED.

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# Connect

News from Riverstone Community Church

15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Topic:** *The Missing Ingredient of Modern Day Christianity- Part 1*  
**Speaker:** Andrew Cowell  
**Chairman:** Ralph Hearsey  
**Creche:** Rhiannan & Donna

**Next Sunday**  
*The Missing Ingredient of Modern Day Christianity- Part 2*

**Sp:** Andrew Cowell  
**Ch:** Ralph Hearsey

Stu & Carol

**The Sunday After..**  
*Kickstart*

**Sp:** Linc Marlow  
**Ch:** Ralph Hearsey

Estelle & Maybelle

## The Program (D.V.)

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

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# Prayer, Praise & News.

- \* **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.

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- \* **Ron King** – Ron had a farm accident at the end of December.  
Several fractures put him in hospital for a while.  
Ron is now back home, being looked after by the family.  
**Pray** – That he recovers fully from this mishap.
- \* **Dave Ward** – Weekly checkups.  
**Pray** – That he recovers fully.
- \* **Jenny McGechan** – The eye procedure appears to be failing.  
(Specialist followup at the end of the month)  
**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 near future.
- \* **Andrew Webb** – Battling cancer.  
**Pray** – For endurance, courage and a permanent cure.
- \* **Christine Scott** – Atrial fibrillation much improved.  
**Pray** – For improving health.

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- \* **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.



## Living for 900 years.



In the book of Genesis, the Bible routinely records human lifespans which seem outrageously different from our experience today. Adam lived to 930 years; Noah even longer, to 950 years. These long lifespans are not haphazardly distributed; they are systematically greater before the Flood of Noah, and decline sharply afterwards.

Many people are quick to scoff at such ages, claiming they are 'biologically impossible'. Today, even if they avoid all fatal diseases, humans will generally die of old age before they reach much past 100. Even the very exceptional cases don't make it much past 120 years.

The idea that the environment became so much more 'toxic' after the Flood as to slash our lifespans by nearly eight centuries, to one-ninth of what they were, stumbles at one important point. Noah was already over 600 years old when he stepped out of the Ark. But this allegedly much more hostile environment did not cause him to rapidly wither and die in a few decades. Instead, he lived for another 350 years, outstripping the age of even his ancestor Adam.

Of course, the ultimate reason for all ageing and death is the Curse on all creation recorded in Genesis chapter 3. Adam was told that if he disobeyed God, 'dying, you shall die' [lit. Hebrew]. Adam immediately died spiritually, and began to die physically on the very same day, just as we are all dying today.

Modern genetic research shows that we all inherit the inevitability of ageing and death. When we look at our encroaching wrinkles in the mirror, it should remind us of the awfulness of sin in the sight of a holy God. And it should cause us immense thankfulness that God has provided a way of escape from His own righteous judgement on sin, through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the 1960s, a middle-aged lawyer in France struck a deal with a lady client in her 90s.... He gained ownership of her apartment, in return for a handsome monthly stipend. She could live in it rent-free all her life. Because of her advanced age, he would surely end up with a very cheap purchase, and she would live out her meagre allotment of remaining years with a high income. To the lawyer's great misfortune, his client, Jeanne Calment, was destined to become the longest living person in modern history. She died in 1997 (with all faculties intact) at the age of 122 years, 164 days. Her lawyer died of old age long before she did. He (and his estate) ended up paying her the price of her apartment many times over.

(There is much more at – <https://creation.com/living-for-900-years>)