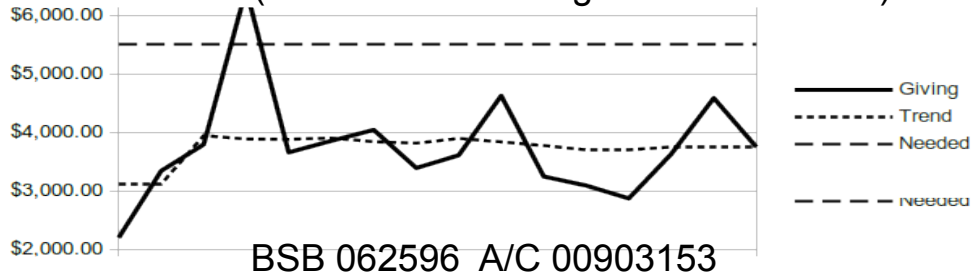


**Financials** (NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

**Sunday Night**

**Lights**

26<sup>th</sup> Feb

Riverstone Community Church

**And God Said**

*Better Together*

Saturday 18th February

Riverstone Community Church

**Sponsor a child through Compassion.** Through their Child Sponsorship Program, more than 2 million children are currently being released from poverty in Jesus' name.

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**Connect**

News from Riverstone Community Church

12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

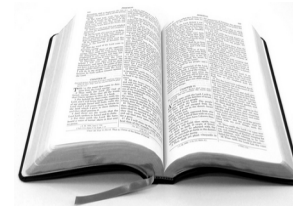
Topic: *Created for community*

*Connect*

Speaker: Andrew Cowell

Chairman: Linc Marlow

Creche: Daniel & Robyn



**Next Sunday**  
*Created for community*  
 Trust

**The Sunday After..**  
*Created for community*  
 Worship

Sp: Phillip Gummerson  
 Ch: Linc Marlow

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 Ch: Linc Marlow

Cr: The Ratumu Family

Cr: Oskars & Lucy

**The Program (D.V.)**

10:00am

Church which includes:  
 Prayer and Praise  
 Creche  
 Worship  
 Kids' Church  
 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 babies.

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- \* **Max; Ken Scott's; sister; Ruth's husband** – Fell causing a brain bleed.  
**Praise** – He is on the mend, following complicated brain surgery.
- \* **Margaret Kennedy** – Another round of chemo & antibiotics.  
Little strength.  
**Pray** – That she recovers from this setback.
- \* **Dave Ward** – Weekly checkups.  
**Pray** – That he recovers fully.
- \* **Christine Scott** –  
**Pray** – She has requested that we continue to pray for her health.
- \* **Heather Davis** – Praise God she's now completed her therapy.  
**Pray** – For a good result from a scan tomorrow.
- \* **Andrew Webb** – Battling cancer – difficulty eating much.  
**Pray** – For endurance, courage and a permanent cure.
- \* **Caleb Schulte** – Recent onset of *absence seizures* (aka *petit mal*).  
**Pray** – That a satisfactory resolution is soon found.
- \* **Monica Wallace** – Her brother-in-law; Peter passed away 7<sup>th</sup> February.  
**Pray** – For the grieving family and especially for Monica as she tries to witness to other family members.

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- \* **Kahramanmaras earthquake in Turkey and Syria.**  
According to an *Open Doors* partner in Syria, “The earthquake affected many cities in Syria, like Aleppo, Latakia, Tartus, Homs and Hama. It was very scary, I live in an apartment building; thank God our building did not collapse.”  
**Pray** – For many families affected by the earthquake.

## Sponsoring in Ethiopia through Compassion.

**How are the child development centres using their resources to help children and their families?**

Goodness, patience, and self-control are being modelled through the child development centres. Quite a few of the parents in this area have difficulty nurturing and protecting their children. Local partners help bridge that gap with child-protection awareness training. As community awareness grows, early marriage, female mistreatment and child neglect are declining. It is encouraging to see parents provide excellent love, care and basic necessities for their children even though they struggle to put food on the table. Naturally, inflation makes this even more challenging. Compassion's partners work tirelessly to coordinate government resources and provide income-generating activities.

**How have program activities been affected over the last two years?**

Pandemic-related restrictions imposed by the government proved very challenging to our child development centres. For example, the number of children in each class was severely limited. This required tutors to deliver many more small, socially distanced sessions. While this created a burden for staff, it gave each child individualised attention. There were also increased demands on staff to make home visits to help meet the needs of children in the program. Local partners and Compassion employees delivered numerous food packs and hygiene kits, which was helpful to families but left little time to mentor children in their letter writing. Thankfully, youth are able to gather in small groups again and receive mentoring, so they are replying to letters more quickly.

**How can we pray for the churches, children and youth you serve?**

Some regions in Ethiopia are experiencing drought, which has a huge impact on the economy and the day-to-day lives of families in our communities. We would appreciate it if you would pray for the peace, stability and economic progress of our nation, as well as the holistic life changes of the children in the program. Finally, I want to express my gratitude and pray that God abundantly rewards you as you serve the kingdom of God and the young ones with all your heart.

**Warmly, Deborah Yihdego – Partnership Facilitator Ethiopia.**

## Birthdays this week

Today	William Prestidge
Wednesday	Cherise Abraham
Friday	Joshua Thomson



## Anniversary this week

Saturday	Oskars & Lucy Stubis
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