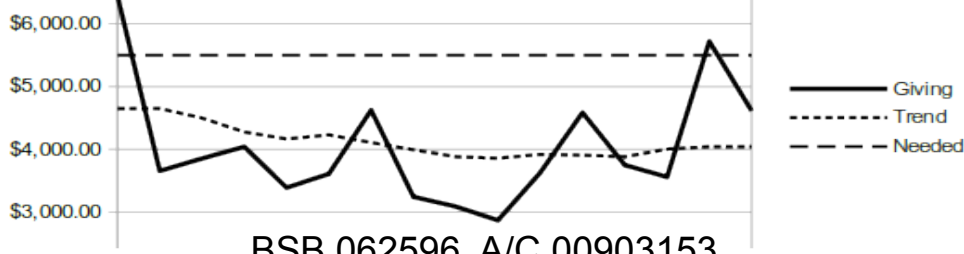


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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Baptism

Belle Camilleri

2:30pm Sunday 19th March

At the Camilleri home
RSVP via SMS to Phillip

KYCK

Youth Convention

21st - 23rd April

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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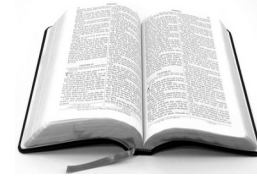
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Connect

News from Riverstone Community Church

5th March 2023

Topic: *A better story: Total Freedom*
Speaker: Rhys Morsillo
Chairman: Phillip Gummerson
Creche: Stu & Faith



Next Sunday
Created for community: Grow

The Sunday After..
Created for community: Serve

Sp: Phillip Gummerson
Ch: Rhys Morsillo

Sp: Mitch Cavens
Ch: Rhys Morsillo

Cr: Jono & Lisa

Cr: Estelle & Emilia

The Program (D.V.)

10:00am
 Church which includes:
 Prayer and Praise
 Kids' Spot
 Creche
 Worship
 Communion
 Preaching
NO LUNCH

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Prayer, Praise & News.

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

- * **Dave Ward** – Small fragment of previous blood clot still near his heart.
Pray – That the blood thinners dissolve the clot safely.
Pray – That the procedure to correct heart arrhythmia can go ahead.
- * **Christine Scott** –
Pray – It means a lot to her that we continue to pray for her health.
- * **Andrew Webb** – Battling cancer – Latest scans show that the cancer has metastasised throughout the chest, lungs and abdomen.
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 and that it doesn't disrupt his study at the GLO CrossConnect course.

- * **Mark, Sarah, Samara, Cherise Abraham.**
Pray as they fly back to Australia this week. For a safe trip and that Mark is able to work again.
- * **Ken Harding** – Preaching at Blacktown this morning.
- * **New Zealand** – **Pray** for those devastated by the recent cyclone.
- * **Turkey** – **Pray** for those in Turkey & Syria mourning the lives lost.

Birthdays this week

Tuesday	Rebecca Speirs
Thursday	Kristie Prestidge
Friday	Kevin Rosolen
Saturday	Lucy Owen



Belle Camilleri's Baptism

Sunday 19th March, 2:30pm At Camilleri's
Please RSVP via SMS to Phillip

Why Pray? (Part 1)

1. God's Word Calls Us to Pray

One key reason to pray is because God has commanded us to pray. If we are to be obedient to His will, then prayer must be part of our life in Him. Where does the Bible call us to prayer? Several passages are relevant:

"Pray for those who persecute you" - Matthew 5:44

"And when you pray ..." - Matthew 6:5

"This, then, is how you should pray ..." - Matthew 6:9

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."
Romans 12:12

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." - Ephesians 6:18

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6&7

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." - Colossians 4:2

"Pray continually" - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone ..." - 1 Tim 2:1

From Focus on the Family

**When we work,
we work,
but when we pray,
God works.** (Quoted by Bill Hybels)

