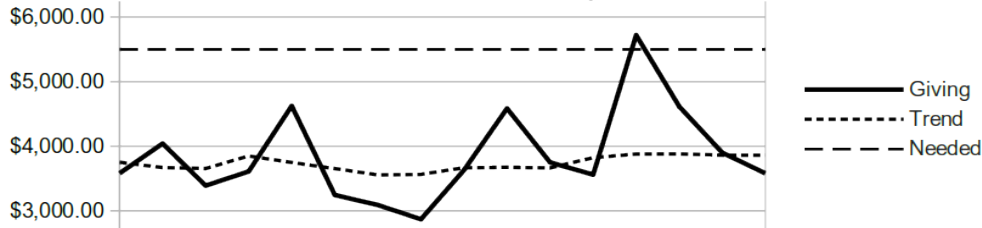


Financials (NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Baptism

Belle Camilleri

2:30pm Sunday TODAY

At the Camilleri home RSVP via SMS to Phillip

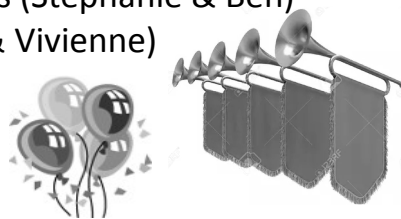
New Birth



Last Tuesday Ebony Jane Hargans (Stephanie & Ben)
(new grand-daughter for Wayne & Vivienne)

Birthdays this week

Tuesday Terry Fredericks
Wednesday Estelle McNaught



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News from Riverstone Community Church

19th March 2023

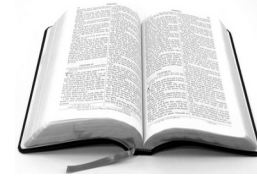
Topic: *Created for community:*

Serve

Speaker: Mitch Cavens

Chairman: Rhys Morsillo

Creche: Estelle & Emilia



Next Sunday
Created for community: Multiply

The Sunday After..
A better story: Full Forgiveness

Sp: Phillip Gummerson
Ch: Rhys Morsillo

Sp: Aedan Cowell

Cr: Ace & Joanne

Cr: Carol & Faith

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 very soon.
- * **Rhys & Rhiannan Morsillo** – A new baby to be born in May.
Pray – For safe delivery for the mothers and babies.

- * **Caleb Schulte** – Recent onset of *absence seizures* (aka *petit mal*).
Praise – Caleb given “all clear” from the doctor.
- * **Eric Gordon** – Multiple metastatic cancers; spine, lungs and his brain.
Praise – That the surgery to ease pressure on his brain was successful.
Pray – That radiation treatment on hips and spine lead to recovery.
- * **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** – Ken and Christine had to cancel the May Seniors Camp.
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.
- * **Malawi & Mozambique** – Cyclone “Fred” is causing terrible devastation.
Pray – For the many affected by this cyclone which is one of the strongest ever recorded in the Southern Hemisphere.
- * **Dr Ken Elliott** – Australian missionary held by Islamic Jihadists in Mali.
Pray – That he is returned to his wife and family very soon.

NSW State Election NEXT Saturday!

Please pray that the upcoming NSW election results in a government that is sympathetic to Christian values and the freedom to worship and to the Gospel being preached.

For a summary of where some parties stand with Christian values:

<https://christianvalues.org.au/checklists/current-elections/>



Why Pray? (Continued)

3. Prayer is How We Communicate with God

Prayer allows us to worship and praise the Lord. It also allows us to offer confession of our sins, which should lead to a genuine repentance. Prayer grants us the opportunity to present our requests to God. All of these aspects of prayer involve communication with our Creator. He is personal, cares for us, and wants us to communicate with Him through prayer.

“... if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” -2 Chronicles 7:14

Isaiah wrote, *“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint”* (Isaiah 40:29-31).

Hebrews 4:15-16 reads, *“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

Prayer is not just about asking for God’s blessings – though we are welcome to do so – but it is about communication with the living God. Without communication, relationships fall apart. So, too, our relationship with God suffers when we do not communicate with Him.

Extracted from Focus on the Family