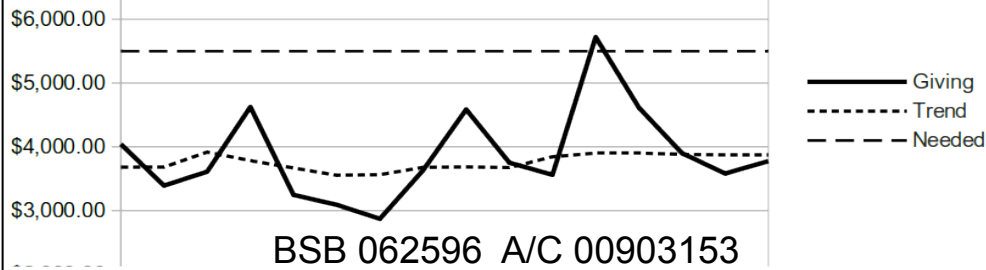


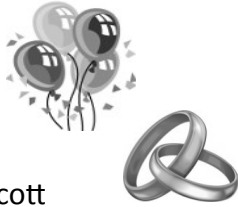
Financials (NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Birthdays this week

Today Jesu Baluyut
Monday Shelby Mayo



Anniversary this week

Monday Ken & Christine Scott



Auden Esias Hearsey
Born 7:16am Thursday 23rd
7.72lbs

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News from Riverstone Community Church

26th March 2023

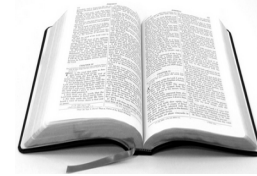
Topic: *Created for community:*

Multiply

Speaker: Phillip Gummerson

Chairman: Rhys Morsillo

Creche: Ace & Joanne



Next Sunday

*A better story:
Full Forgiveness*

The Sunday After..

*The Cross in
Four Words:
Forgiveness*

Sp: Aedan Cowell

Cr: Carol & Faith

Sp: Phillip Gummerson

Cr: Chris & Lina

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.

- * **Rhys & Rhiannan Morsillo** – A new baby to be born in May.
Pray – For safe delivery for the mother and baby.
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- * **Eric Gordon** – Multiple very aggressive metastatic cancers were found only a very short time ago.
Eric Died in Mt Druitt Palliative Care Hospital 10:30pm Friday.
Praise – That Eric lived a godly life and is now rejoicing in Heaven.
Pray – For peace and strength for Dearne and the extended family in this time of sorrow.
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- * **Auden Esias Hearsey born to Ralph & Jess Hearsey** – 7:16am Thursday.
Auden has difficulty breathing because his airway is not clear and this is interfering with his ability to feed properly.
X-rays reveal a possible infection in his lungs.
The doctors are intending to perform a lumbar puncture to check that the infection is not going to his brain.
Pray – That he can overcome these initial difficulties.
- * **Caleb Schulte** – Recent onset of *absence seizures* (aka *petit mal*).
Praise – Caleb is to monitor the frequency of headaches.
- * **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.
- * **Dr Ken Elliott** – Australian missionary held by Islamic Jihadists in Mali.
Pray – That he is returned to his wife and family very soon.

Why Pray? (Continued)

4. Prayer Allows us to Participate in God's Works

Does God need our help? No. He is all powerful and in control of everything in His creation. Why do we need to pray? Because prayer is the means God has ordained for some things to happen.

Prayer, for instance, helps others know the love of Jesus. Prayer can clear human obstacles out of the way in order for God to work. It is not that God can't work without our prayers, but that He has established prayer as part of His plan for accomplishing His will in this world whilst cementing our relationship with Him.

5. Prayer Gives us Power Over Evil

Can physical strength help us overcome obstacles and challenges in the spiritual realm? No, *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms"* (Ephesians 6:12).

But in prayer even the physically weak can become strong in the spiritual realm. As such, we can call upon God to grant us power over evil.

"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." -1 Timothy 4:8

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." – Matthew 26:41

Extracted from Focus on the Family