


Birthdays this week

Today	Derek Finlay
Friday	Ken Harding
" "	Mike Ratumu
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Lunch at church today

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7th May 2023

Topic: *A Better Story: Real Family*
Speaker: Brett Davis
Chairman: Nathan Fredericks
Creche: Oskars & Lucy



The Program (D.V.)
10:00am
 Church which includes:
 Prayer and Praise
 Kids' Spot
 Creche
 Worship
 Communion
 Preaching
LUNCH

Next Sunday

Mother's Day

Sp: Linc Marlow
Ch: Andrew Cowell
Cr: Volunteer

The Sunday After..

Ezra: Returning

Sp: Oskars Stubis
Ch: Brett Davis
Cr: Jono & Lisa

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Prayer, Praise & News.

* **Rhys & Rhiannan Morsillo** – A new baby to be born soon.
Pray – For safe delivery (currently in breach position).

* **Heather Davis** – (to be monitored every 3 months).
Praise – Treatment has shrunk the tumour.

* **Andrew Webb** – Battling cancer – 3rd immunotherapy last week.
He has difficulty eating, is on prescription pain medications.
Pray – For a miracle recovery.

* **Dave Ward** – Small fragment of previous blood clot near heart.
Pray – That the blood thinners dissolve the clot safely.
Pray – That the procedure to correct arrhythmia goes ahead.
Pray – That Dave is able to have good support for depression.

* **Playgroup, Kids' Church, Kids' Club, & Impact Youth.**
Pray – That these will be used by God to grow the family.

* **Scripture in school** –
Pray – That this opportunity remains open to share the Gospel.

* **Riverstone Sports Centre** –
Pray – That this continues to be a witness in the community.

* **Emmaus Correspondence school & Billy Graham Online evangelism**
Pray – That many more are saved through these channels.

* **Church finances** –
Pray – For resources to do the Lord's work here and abroad.

* **Dr Ken Elliott** – Australian missionary held by Islamic Jihadists.
Pray – That he is returned to his wife and family very soon.

I AM The Bread Of Life

In Jewish culture, bread was a central part of every meal dating back to the time of Moses. In Exodus, God shows himself to an enslaved Israel who needed rescue. He first reveals himself to Moses in a burning bush, and He calls Himself I AM. Then He brings plagues, He parts the sea, and He sends bread from heaven daily as they travelled through the wilderness.

God gave the people the Passover meal as a way to taste and recall the signs that pointed beyond themselves, to a God who delivered them. Bread played a significant part in the imagery and narrative of the gospel message.

When Jesus was first tested in the wilderness, Satan used bread. He said, "if you are the Son of God, turn these rocks into bread." In John 6, when Jesus declared to the people, "I am the bread of life, it had significant cultural meaning."

In Matthew's gospel, the feeding of the 5000 is followed by an almost identical miracle. It's the same sign but in a new place among new people. It's an identical scene, except for one important detail. Jesus has crossed the lake. In between the feeding of the 5000 and the 4000, Jesus walked on water across the sea. And in doing so, He's now in Gentile territory.

Surrounded by a massive crowd of people who were considered second-class citizens and outside of Yahweh's providing hand, Jesus performs the same sign.

Jesus is saying, "I am the bread of life for all people. I am the one who gives life to every last person, to the most forgotten, the most marginalised, the most unqualified, the most dismissed."

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