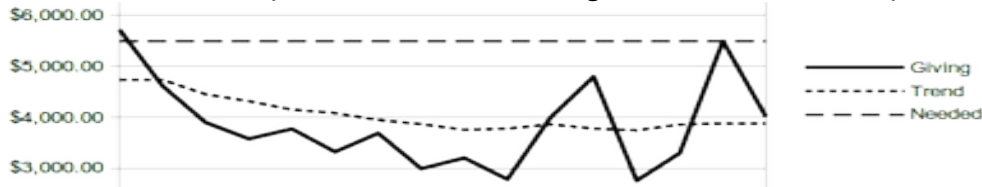


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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Birthdays this week

Today	Josiah Davies
Monday	Rachel Harding
Wednesday	Belle Camilleri
" "	Elijah Marlow
Thursday	Cathy Camilleri
Saturday	Stuart Thomson



Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

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News from Riverstone Community Church

18th June 2023

Topic: *Ezra:*
Renewal

Speaker: Shane Bywater

Chairman: Nathan Fredericks

Creche: Ratumu Family



Next Sunday

Ezra:
Returning again

Sp: Phillip Gummerson
Ch: Brett Davis
Cr: Chris & Lina

The Sunday After..

A Better Story:
Full Contentment

Sp: Ralph Hearsey
Ch: Mitch Cavens
Cr: Tamika & Emilia

The Program (D.V.)

10:00am
Church which includes:
Prayer and Praise
Kids' Church
Creche
Worship
Communion
Preaching

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Prayer, Praise & News.

- * **Kristie Prestige's dad** – Knee replacement surgery last week.
Praise – Surgery had no complications.
- * **Faith Connell** – Painful lump suddenly appeared on her hand.
Praise – Much better now that the fluid has been drained.
- * **Andrew Webb** – Progressing through cancer treatment each month.
Thanks for the ongoing love and prayers.
Pray – For relief from ongoing pain and nausea.
- * **Auden Hearsey** – Still has some cold and flu symptoms but improving.
Pray – That he soon recovers.
- * **Ashton Morsillo** – Home again from hospital.
Pray – For full recovery from effects of the RSV.
- * **Margaret Kennedy** – In the Gold Coast hospital with breathing difficulty.
Pray – That a solution to this recurring problem is found.
- * **Marie Davies' neighbour – has cancer – Family has asked us to pray.**
Pray – For the opportunity to present the Gospel.
- * **Nigel Hughes** –
Pray – That he can find suitable, affordable housing nearby.
- * **Playgroup, Kids' Church, Kids' Club, & Impact Youth.**
Pray – For the leaders and helpers who run these activities.
- * **Medieval Holiday Club – 10th to 13th July.**
Pray – That this outreach will be mightily used by God.
- * **GLO Mission conference – Malaysia.**
Pray – For safety in travel and blessing in their interaction with local and overseas GLO mission personnel. (Andrew Cowell, Lisa-Marie Cassar, Stuart Thomson, Rachel Harding, Brett Davis, & students).
- * **Sport's Centre, Emmaus Ministry, Billy Graham Online, & School RE.**
Pray – That many more are saved through these channels.

Rahab's Lie

And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out. Joshua 2:1-7

(Rahab chose to follow Israel's God and became Jesus' ancestor.)

There is disagreement amongst Bible scholars about Rahab's lie to the soldiers – was her act sinful or was it ok?

The two viewpoints are expounded here. Both well worth reading:
Not OK – <https://www.riverviewbaptist.net/pastor-joels-blog/303-point-why-rahabs-lie-was-sinful>

OK – <https://www.riverviewbaptist.net/pastor-levis-blog/302-counterpoint-rahab-didnt-sin>

As it is likely that the "OK" viewpoint is the one least familiar, a very brief extract of this position is printed below:

"In fact, Rahab is morally obligated to help those spies in any way she can. This was a military exercise and what Rahab did was to submit to Israel and Israel's God. In the process, she did deceive her opponents, but she deceives in the same way the Israelite spies attempt to deceive Jericho. The very act of sending spies both here and in the book of Numbers is a military act of deception but that does not make it a sin. Spy-work necessitates deception."