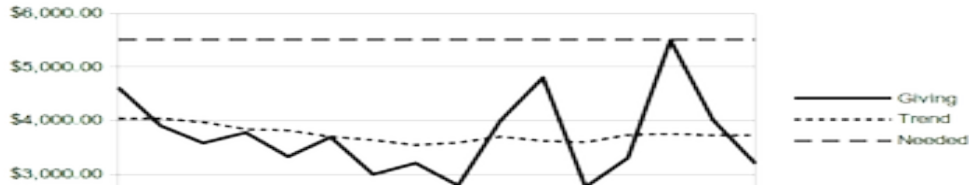


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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Birthdays this week

Thursday	Linda Schulte
Saturday	Russell White
" "	Margaret Cowell
" "	Faith Thomson



AS YE HAVE THEREFORE RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS THE LORD, SO WALK YE IN HIM: ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM, AND STABLISHED IN THE FAITH, AS YE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT, ABOUNDING THEREIN WITH THANKSGIVING.
COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 KJV

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News from Riverstone Community Church

25th June 2023

Topic: *Ezra:*
Returning again
Speaker: Phillip Gummerson



Creche: Oskars & Lucy

Next Sunday
A Better Story:
Full Contentment

The Sunday After..
Ezra:
Reformation

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

Sp: Linc Marlow
Ch: Mitch Cavens
Cr: Estelle and Maybelle

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.

- * **GLO Mission conference – Malaysia.**
Praise – For safe return of the GLO team.
Pray – For Andrew’s safe return tomorrow.
- * **Faith Connell** – Painful lump suddenly appeared on her hand.
Praise – The fluid has been drained – Awaiting pathology result.
- * **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 unsettled but improving.
Pray – That he can be more relaxed and calm.
- * **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.
- * **Sport’s Centre, Emmaus Ministry,
Billy Graham Online, & School Scripture.**
Pray – That many more are saved through these channels.

Teenage Struggles & Destructive Behaviour.

A global study of teenagers has found that ‘destructive thoughts’ are far more common in those without any faith “who express that they don’t believe in anything spiritual, are uncertain about their beliefs, or believe in God, but don’t believe in Jesus.”

The researcher Dr Arnie Cole told Faithwire he was shocked by the spiritual and mental struggles and self destructive behaviour of 4,700 young people aged 14-17 surveyed in nine countries surveyed including Australia.

He said the results offer some ominous signs that parents and faith leaders must address.

Dr. Cole has long explored how people become “spiritually formed,” with the focus turning to young people in recent years.

“We’ve been very concerned about young people walking away and how they’re targeted by algorithms and social media leading them down “rabbit holes” to destruction,” he explained.

He said the current mental health crisis and the general move away from faith has set off alarm bells, and the data provides a real reason to worry.

“The further away they get from Jesus, the more lost they are. There’s no basis, then, for anything; nothing really makes sense. They become much more confused,” the researcher observed.

Dr. Cole believes a key solution is to build up a biblical worldview in young people to prepare them to deal with this messaging.

<https://vision.org.au/faith/shocking-study-of-teenage-struggles-and-destructive-behaviour/>