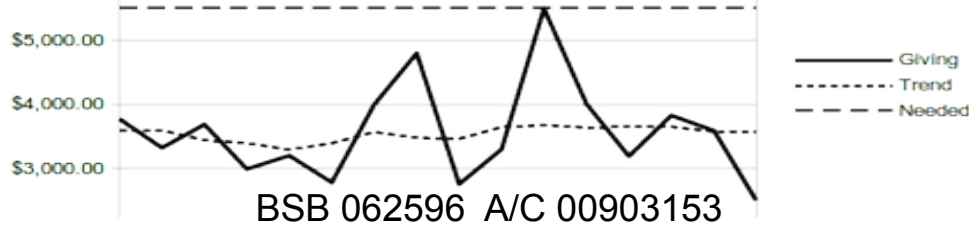


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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Birthdays this week

Today	Kirrilee Webb
Thursday	Paul Gummerson
" "	Nahara Hearsey
" "	Steve Jackson
" "	Heather Davis
Friday	Anna Gummerson
Saturday	Rhonda Southwell



Anniversary this week

Wednesday	Troy & Cathy Camilleri
Thursday	Nathan & Susan Fredericks



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News from Riverstone Community Church



16th July 2023

Topic: *Portrait of a Healthy Church:*

Founded upon God Alone

Speaker: Andrew Cowell

Chairman: Mitch Cavens

Creche: Stu & Carole



Next Sunday

Missions Sunday

The Sunday After..

*Portrait of a
Healthy Church:
Shepherded by
Godly Pastors*

Sp: Jim Gillette

Ch: Mitch Cavens

Cr: Rhiannan & Donna

Sp: Allan Driver

Ch: Mitch Cavens

Cr: Ace & Joanne

The Program (D.V.)

10:00am

Church which includes:
Prayer and Praise
Creche
Worship
Communion
Preaching

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Prayer, Praise & News.



"Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." John 11:25 NLT

- * **Andrew Webb** – Passed from Sydney Adventist Hospital to be with his Lord and Saviour Monday 10th July.
Service: Wednesday 19th 1pm for 1:30pm start @ Church.
Pray – That the family is comforted at this time.
- * **Julie Ward's mother** – Passed away last Wednesday evening.
Pray – For Julie and the family.
- * **Pray for those grieving lost loved ones.**
We know that they will meet again but comfort is needed now.
- * **Kristie Prestige's dad** – Blood clots following knee surgery two weeks ago.
Improving with physiotherapy.
Nurse comes daily to treat the thrombosis.
Praise – "God is good ... as I'm not working, I can help look after him."
- * **Medieval Holiday Club** –
Praise – For a very successful event.
Pray – For the many families reached last week.
- * **HSC Students** – Josh, Kaylen and Zac.
Pray – That they will be rewarded for their studies.

How Are We All Like Straying Sheep?

Isaiah 53:6 does not show us a flattering image of ourselves. As the first part of the verse says, *"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way."* Because of our sinful nature, we do not want to submit to God and follow Him.

As Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, *"All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one"* (Romans 3:12).

Therefore, the image of sheep running off and going astray gives us a convicting image of human sin. We are like sheep because we choose to wander further into our lost condition, often ignoring the danger that surrounds us.

While humans are lost in sin by following the desires of their sinful nature, Jesus promised that He came to find the lost sheep and bring them home (Luke 15:4-6).

God's Word does not present us with the image of our lostness like stray sheep to keep us in guilt and hopelessness. Instead, the fact that we have all gone astray and followed our own way should show us that we need rescuing.

Jesus took our sins in His body (Isaiah 53:4, 6). He was nailed to the cross and pierced for our transgressions to die in our place and give us salvation (Isaiah 53:5; Romans 4:25; Hebrews 9:28).

We can all receive His gift of salvation, by placing our faith in His death and resurrection to save us from our sins (Romans 3:22). When we put our trust in Christ, we become His precious flock. No longer are we the sheep who wander astray on a path that leads to death.