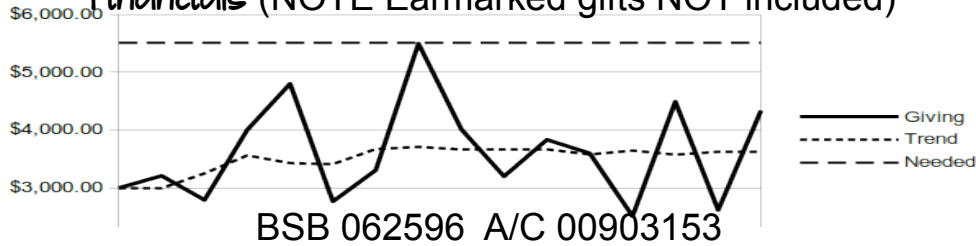


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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Birthdays this week

Today	Robyn Linton
Tuesday	Sarah Gummerson
" "	Aimee Southwell
Saturday	Rhiannan Morsillo

Anniversaries this week

Monday	Terry & Heather Fredericks
Tuesday	Ace & Joanne Baluyut



"Sound of Freedom"

showing at Hoyts Penrith

Thursday 24th, Friday 25th, Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th August
10am (Standard format) -- 3:30pm & 6:30pm (Large screen)

<https://www.hoyts.com.au/movies/sound-of-freedom>

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News from Riverstone Community Church

6th August 2023

Topic: *Vision Sunday: Eternal Life*
Speaker: Elders
Chairman: Peter Gordon
Creche: Oscars & Lucy

The Next Sunday
Portrait of a Healthy Church: Eldership excursus 1

The Sunday After..
Portrait of a Healthy Church: Eldership excursus 2

Sp: Andrew Cowell
Ch: Peter Gordon
Cr: Robyn & Emilia

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Ch: Peter Gordon
Cr: Chris & Lina

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

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Prayer, Praise & News.



*** Pray for Julie Ward on the loss of her mum and all those grieving lost loved ones.** ...Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1st Thessalonians 4 15-18

We know that they will meet again but comfort is needed now.

- * Kristie Prestige's dad** – Pain following knee surgery preventing exercise.
Praise – A considerable improvement in movement and pain level.
 - * Ace's friend - Ron Siao** – Hospitalised with possible leukaemia.
Pray – For the families involved.
 - * Johanna Skelly's sister-in-law** – Palliative care, blood clots & cancer.
Pray – For her to come to salvation and for her health issues.
 - * Johanna Skelly** – Cardiac ablation treatment this Thursday.
Pray – That it cures her atrial fibrillation.
 - * Richard Speirs, Wayne's dad** – Recovering from pneumonia.
Pray – For Wayne & Vivienne as they support him at home.
 - * Paul Volkart** – Was in Hawkesbury hospital with low haemoglobin level.
Currently undergoing test whilst at home.
Pray – For wisdom for the doctors and peace for Marilyn.
 - * HSC Students** – Cate, Josh, Kaylen and Zac.
Pray – That they will be rewarded for their studies.
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A big big thank you to all who helped us move into our new home last weekend. What a blessing you were to us. Looking forward to having visitors over once we're settled.

Thank you once again. Love, David and Julie

Jews for Jesus

"They surrounded me, called me 'dirty Jew,' and then they beat me up." This did not happen in Nazi-occupied Europe. It happened in Switzerland, just a few years ago—to a girl named Shoshi, a child of Jewish believers in Jesus. Shoshi's parents sought help from the school and were told, *"Well, there is not much we can do... and anyway, if Israel wasn't attacking Palestinian children, you wouldn't have this problem, would you?"* When they went to their minister for support they were told, *"Well, you're not really Jewish anymore, are you?"*

Feeling unsafe at school and misunderstood at church, Shoshi did what many in her shoes might have done: she walked away from the Lord—at least for a while. Nonetheless, Shoshi remembered a good experience she'd had at a *Jews for Jesus* Camp, where faith in Jesus and Jewish identity were both affirmed: a leader, Joshua Turnil had sung a biblical blessing over her and the other children. She'd recorded it on her phone and sometimes listened to it when she was feeling in a dark place.

It brought a little light into Shoshi's heart, as God watered the gospel seeds that she had received as a camper. Eventually, Joshua had the privilege of seeing Shoshi turn to Jesus and also baptizing her. He also officiated at her wedding to a young Christian man whom she had led to the Lord!

We praise God for the work He has done in Shoshi's life and in the lives of so many other Jewish children.

From "Jews for Jesus" newsletter