

Birthdays this week

Today	Donna Cowell
" "	Lucy Stubis
Monday	Rhys Morsillo
Tuesday	Wayne Speirs
Thursday	Christine Scott



Anniversary this week

Tuesday	Mike & Pauline Ratumu
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You can support the Emmaus Prison Ministry
 Transfer \$5/week (or \$20/month) to Emmaus Correspondence School for booklets and postage allowing a prisoner to study God's word.
 We are seeing many being saved through this ministry:
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27th August 2023

Topic: *Portrait of a Healthy Church: Multigenerational, Active Members*

Speaker: Brett Davis

Chairman: Peter Gordon

Creche: Ratumu Family

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

Next Sunday...
Father's Day Breakfast
9-11am !!!!
Sp: Phillip Gummerson
Ch: Rhys Morsillo
No Creche

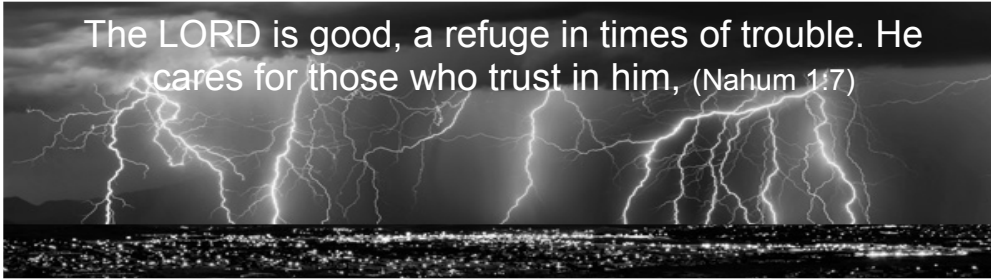
The Sunday After..
Portrait of a Healthy Church: Godly Living promoting Christlikeness
Sp: Phillip Gummerson
Ch: Rhys Morsillo
Cr: Carol & Maybelle

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Prayer, Praise & News.

The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him, (Nahum 1:7)



*** Pray for all those grieving lost loved ones – they need comfort now.**

...we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
2nd Corinthians 4:14 & 18

(Accurate as at 8:00am 26/8/23)

- * **Paul Volkart** – Home from hospital last Thursday.
Praise – For the great improvement.
- * **Ron Siao, Ace's friend** – Home from hospital.
Praise – Bone marrow transplant not needed.
- * **Johanna Skelly** – Cardiac ablation successful but some complications including stroke like symptoms.
Praise – Now returned home.
Pray – That she can overcome the general weariness.
- * **Tejal, Jahi Patel's aunt (In India)** – cervical cancer. Not a believer!
Praise – For a good prognosis.
Pray – That this prompts her to accept Jesus as her Saviour.
- * **Steve Young, Heather Davis' Niece's husband** – Pancreatic cancer.
Operation cancelled and further chemotherapy scheduled.
Pray – For peace for the family.
- * **HSC Students** – Cate, Josh, Kaylen and Zac.
Pray – That they will be rewarded for their studies.

Difference – Christianity and Islam.

Islam teaches a works-based salvation and in this way is similar to other man-made religions. A Muslim must keep the five pillars of Islam: he must confess the shahadah (“there is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet”); he must kneel in prayer toward Mecca five times a day; he must fast during the daylight hours one month of the year (Ramadan); he must give money to the poor; and he must make a pilgrimage to Mecca sometime in his lifetime. Islam teaches that the day of judgement will involve a person’s good and bad deeds being weighed in a balance—so the standard for judgement is one’s own actions (Surah 7:8-9; 21:47). The Qur’an forbids anyone from bearing another’s burden of sin (Surah 17:15; 35:18) and pointedly denies the death of Jesus (or Isa) on the cross (Surah 3:55; 4:157–158). If you will be saved, you must save yourself.

Christianity teaches a grace-based salvation. A person is saved by the grace (the undeserved gift) of God, through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8–9; Romans 10:9–10). The standard for judgment is absolute perfection—the righteousness of Christ. No one can measure up to perfection (Romans 3:23), but God in His grace and mercy has given His Son as the substitute for our sin: *“When you were dead in your sins . . . God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross”* (Colossians 1:13–14). We cannot save ourselves, so we turn to Christ, our sinless Saviour, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

Islam and Christianity, having different beliefs on essential doctrines such as God, Jesus, Scripture, and salvation, are irreconcilable. Both religions cannot be true. We believe that Jesus Christ, as presented in the Bible, is the true Son of God and Saviour of mankind. “Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17).

Lots more at <https://www.gotquestions.org/difference-Christianity-Islam.html>