

Birthdays this Week

Monday	Daniel Morsillo
" "	Emily McNaught
Tuesday	Stuart Waller
Saturday	Nicolette Woldhuis



Emmaus Prison Ministry:

(A video)




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News from Riverstone Community Church

24th September 2023

Topic: *Portrait of a Healthy Church: Godly Workers*

Speaker: Oskars Stubis

Chairman: Linc Marlow

Creche: Estelle and Rhiannan

Next Sunday...

*A Better Story:
Complete Acceptance*

The Sunday After..

*Tackling Sin:
Sin's Power Exposed*

Sp: Andrew Cowell
Ch: Nathan Fredericks
Cr: Carol and Emilia

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Ch: Nathan Fredericks
Cr: Ace & Joanne

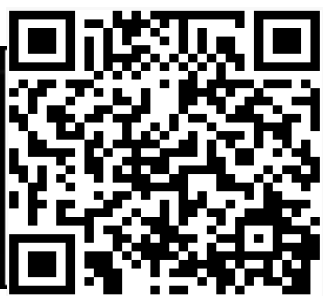
The Program (D.V.)

10:00am

Church which includes:

- Prayer and Praise
- Creche
- Worship
- Communion
- Preaching

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Prayer, Praise & News

- * **Andrew & Rhonda Southwell – Brand new grand-daughter, – 18th Sep**
Praise – For the safe delivery of **Connie Alice Acheson** to **Wes & Lauren**.
 - * **Allan Woodley** – Attended at Rivo some years ago. Has lung cancer.
Pray – That the treatment which he is now starting works.
 - * **Paul Volkart** – Paul is greatly improved, though some questions still remain to be answered from a medical point of view..
Praise – For the great improvement.
 - * **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.
 - * **Nicolette and family – Nicolette's mum died Friday 15th.**
Praise – That she is now with her Lord and Saviour.
Pray – For comfort for Nicolette and the family at this time.
 - * **Alison White** – Breast cancer – surgery last Thursday – No visitors please.
Pray – That the surgery and following treatment will prevent any further cancer.
 - * **Toukley Primary Camp** – Pray that:
 - Phillip's talks are well received.
 - The kids' hearts are open to the Gospel message
 - That the Holy Spirit will be active in the camp.
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A matter for prayer re the Emmaus Prison Ministry:

Faith Connell reports that the Victorian government has instructed the prison Chaplains in Victoria to remove the offer of a free Emmaus course from the calendars prior to distribution. It seems that prison system does not like the prisoners "clogging" the mailing system with requests for courses. This is very serious as it stops prisoners requesting these courses.

She has been in contact with the Chaplains and will request an exemption. Please pray that we will be granted this exemption.

God's Amazing Love for You.

Paul writes: *"I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand ... how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete ..."* (Ephesians 3:16-19 NLT).

In spite of our best intentions, we still sin. As a result, we feel bad about ourselves. And Satan uses our feelings of guilt and condemnation to make us doubt God's love for us. But if God loved you enough to send His Son to die on your behalf while you were a full-blown sinner, you can be sure He won't change His mind about you when you're His redeemed but struggling child.

Feeling bad about sin is actually proof that you truly are God's child. When you were born again, you became a regenerated spirit living in an unregenerated body. So when you permit sin to enter your life, your regenerated spirit rises up and says, 'Get that out of here. It's incompatible with who I am.'

It's not that God doesn't love you when you sin, but that sin is an unwelcome guest that makes you feel bad about yourself and robs you of confidence towards God. So if you have sinned, repent, receive God's forgiveness, and move forwards stronger and wiser.

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