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10 November & 17 November

Front and Centre

Worship

Sunday 10 Nov

8am, 9.30am

Acts 14:8-28

Communion

Glenn Mulcahy

Sunday 17 Nov

8am, 9.30am

Act 20:7-12

Barry Jardine

Sunday 24 Nov

8am, 9.30am

Acts 27

Brigades Church Parade

Dom Chan

Coming Events

Nov 19 Friendship Group Lunch

Nov 20 Boys Brigade Display Night

Nov 23 Tiny Town Portrait Fundraiser

Nov 24 Brigades Church Parade

Nov 30 Men's Open Invitation Breakfast. 7am

Nov 30 Girls Brigade Display Night 4pm

Dec 19+20 Holiday Club

Dec 22 Christmas Carols

Next newsletter
24 November

Last Sunday, Nathan Robertson encouraged us to engage in a culture of asking:

"Can you pray with us?" and "Can I pray for you?"

As we have been reigniting the passion for fervent prayer at Emmanuel I have been reflecting on what it means for us to pray and have come to an understanding that prayer is primarily about surrender.

Prayer sometimes feels like the "most and least we can do". On one hand, it feels like the "least" we can do: in today's society, some of us find it difficult to believe that it is responsible for us to let go of control and "let someone else" take the reigns. On the other hand, it is the very most we do: bringing to the almighty creator our burdens and entrusting the most powerful one with our cares. These two aspects of "most" and "least" however have a commonality: they recognise that within prayer is surrender. Even as we break down prayer into Worship/Praise/Thanksgiving, Confession, and Intercession/Petition/For Others we can see that prayer, at its core is about surrender.

When we consider what we are doing through Praise, Confession, and Intercession, we can see that our prayers should be geared towards surrender.

Through Praise we are surrendering to the glory of God, and recognising the greatness of our lord. Often, we will also include thanksgiving as we recall that God's goodness is not separate from us but is in fact experienced by us daily.

As we Confess, we are surrendering to God as we bring our sins before Him and repent, an action made possible through the

overwhelming grace of God. We are surrendering our own self-centredness to God and inviting Him to transform us to become more like Him.

When we Intercede or bring forward our Petitions we are surrendering to God as we put our trust in Him. The tension of the "most and least we can do" often pops up here as we grapple with our desire to take matters into our own hands, and recognising that we have to trust God. Part of this is that we sometimes put "action" and "prayer" on opposite ends of the spectrum. However, action and prayer do not oppose one another, and are instead intertwined.

It feels like so much of our language surrounding prayer is about speaking to God, however it is helpful to be reminded that we must also listen to God, and act accordingly. When we believe that prayer is only about speaking then we ignore the relational nature of God. Paul Jones, in the Trinity Unplugged reminded us that God does speak to us personally, but we have to recognise that our self-centred thoughts are what gets between us and hearing from God. Essentially, we have to surrender our self-centredness and put God first.

So as we engage in the culture of asking "Can you pray with us?" and "Can I pray for you?" may we allow the space to listen to God.

May we set aside our self-centred and put God first.

May we pray with hearts of surrender to God.

Dom Chan
Worship Pastor



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— Writing Church —

Follow-Up Questions

10 November - People Think Paul and Barnabas Are Gods - Acts 14:8-28

Here's what happens...

Paul and Barnabas travel around, preaching and healing people. When they heal a crippled man in Lystra, the people think Paul and Barnabas are gods! Paul and Barnabas quickly point people to the only true God.

Talk About...

- What does Paul emphasise about God in his speech?
- Why is it important to know that there's only one real God?
- The people Paul and Barnabas encountered interpreted the gospel through their own lenses, even calling them Hermes and Zeus (Greek Gods). How do people you know interpret the gospel by their own prejudices and beliefs?
- Seeing Paul and Barnabas' courage, faith and endurance, how are you challenged to serve the Lord more completely?

What is something you have achieved that you are proud of? How could you point others to God when you talk about that?

17 November – Eutychus is raised from the dead – Acts 20:7-12

Here's what happens.....

God performed an amazing miracle through Paul. A young man named Eutychus, fell asleep during a particularly long "sermon" from Paul and fell to his death from a 3rd Floor window. Paul rushed outside, threw his arms around Eutychus and he was miraculously brought back to life. Do we continue to witness miracles in this day and age?

Talk About...

- What's one of the funniest things you've ever seen happen in church?
- What did Paul and the believers in Troas share prior to his extra-long preaching stint? (NB: Verse 7). Has the modern church "lost" something which those early Christians had?
- Why may Eutychus have become weary (other than Paul's long-windedness!!).
- How can you be sure that Eutychus was really dead when he fell to the ground? Does Luke's presence, occupation and writings give you any clue?
- Paul threw his arms around Eutychus and was able to proclaim, "He's alive". What other "miracles" can you recall which Paul, or the other apostles carried out? From whom, or where, did they get the power? Is it available to us?
- Today's video concludes with the words "Do you think God has anything amazing in store for me?" How can we know whether or not God has something amazing in store for us?
- Tell about a time you felt like God wanted you to do something amazing, and you didn't know why. Did you do it and, if so, how did it work out?

Explore Groups

Explore groups are a great way to Explore faith as a growing disciple by meeting regularly with others to study God's Word, and spend time in prayer and reflection. Explore groups also build relationships and promote pastoral care.

How can I join? Speak with one of the Ministry Team Members, or one of the Church Council Members.

I'm interested, but not available when existing groups meet? Please let the church office know. We may be able to start a new group at a different time.



Solfa

2nd & 4th Mon 9:30am

KYB

Tues 9:45am

Wednesday Morning

Wed 9:15am

Wednesday In the Word

Wed 7:30pm

Bunnies Explore Group

Tues 7:00pm

Wednesday Wonderers

Fortnightly Thurs 7:00pm

Thursday Thinkers

2nd & 4th Thurs 7pm

Women's Bible Study

Mon 12.45pm

Pastoral Care

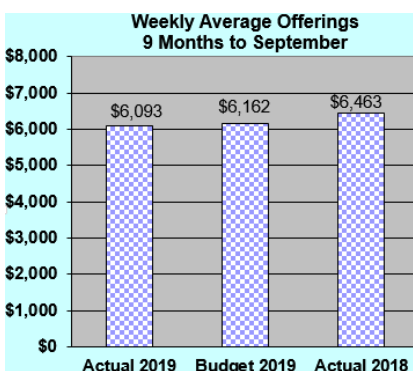
Pastoral Care & Prayer Team

At Emmanuel, pastoral care is **"for everyone by everyone"**. What does this mean? It means that we care for each other in our family, this often happens within our Explore Groups. We also have a dedicated Pastoral Care team lead by Bronwyn Kelly if you want to know more about how this works or to get connected with meal support or the want to connect with others with prayer you can contact who can be contacted in the first instance on 3354 4961 or pastoralcare@emmanueluca.org.au

Prayer Points

- ✝ For the JNC, as they seek to find a new minister.
- ✝ For the potential new minister, that they will have a real sense of calling.
- ✝ For end of year preparations and for energy and excitement and God's guidance.
- ✝ For our fringe community at Tiny Town and at Enoggera State School.

Finances Thanks to a wonderful Thanksgiving Offering response, the Weekly Average Offerings for 2019 are now closer to Budget. However, they remain substantially below the Offerings received last year (down \$370week or approx. \$19,000 per annum).



Notices & Coming Events

Operation Christmas Child.

Thanks to your generosity 70 children, probably in the Philippines, will have the joy of opening a shoe box.

Thankyou and God Bless. Regards Heather

Family Portrait Fundraiser Tiny Town

Saturday 23 November 2019 Do you need to update your family portraits? Why not book in to the family portraits day at Tiny Town. Your \$15 sitting fee will go straight to Tiny Town and you will receive a 10x13 print. Other packages are available to purchase as well. Head to www.borderstudios.com.au click book sitting and find Tiny Town in the list of groups.

Christmas Hampers Campaign is in its final days

Emmanuel will be providing Christmas hampers to needy families through school Chaplains and Community Helping Hand. Any donations of appropriate foodstuff or goods can be left in the labelled boxes in the foyer. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted so that we can purchase extra items where needed. Items not used for hampers will be passed to Community Helping Hand Project. If there is someone in need in the community that you believe would also benefit from receiving a hamper this Christmas please let the Helen in the office know by 17th November . Thank you.

Leprosy Mission

Thank you to all those who supported the Leprosy Mission during October. *Day Fellowship*

House Keeping

There seems to be a number of table clothes missing, especially the smaller ones. If anyone has taken them home to kindly wash them could you please return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP will conclude the year's activities with LUNCH at The Gap Tavern. Please meet at 11.30am at the Tavern on Tuesday 19th November. If you require transport please ring Carol Perry on 33517799. Regards, Carol.

Brigades' Church Parade Our Boys' & Girls' Brigade invite you to share with them on November 24th during the 9.30am Service their final Church Parade for 2019. During this service some of the awards that they have earned will be presented.

This year the Brigades Display Night will be run a little differently also with the Boys' having theirs during their normal Brigade night on Wednesday 20th November and The Girls' having theirs on Saturday 30th November at 4pm. Both groups would like to extend an invitation to all of the congregation to come along and see what they have been up to in 2019. For more information please contact the respective captains Noel Pinkerton 0431 288 758 and Sonya Cornwell 0438 210 877

Christmas Events

Holiday Club Save the Date: December 19th and 20th

Community Christmas Carols 22nd December.

If you can help with either event by being a leader/helper, first aid officer, helping with craft, set up and clean up, cooking or even with general pre event prep like making name tags or laminating etc (some of which can be done in the comfort of your own home) Please contact Jess Pinkerton she would really appreciate your help. Thank you.

Everyone
Invited

Cost
\$5

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 30th November

7am here @ Emmanuel
Barber Shop Quartet
featuring

Johnathon Hargreaves

RSVP 24 November

Final
MB Event
for 2019



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A hearing aid loop is installed on the car park side of the church.

Banking Information

This is for anyone who would prefer to use Internet Banking for their Offerings, Special Appeals or payments for events e.g. Lights Camera Christmas, Community Helping Hand etc.

BSB: 334 040 Account Number: 553 839 228

Account Name: UCA – Emmanuel Uniting Church Enoggera

Note: Please ensure that you include name and a brief reason for the payment.