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24 November & 1 December

Front and Centre

Worship

Sunday 24 Nov

8am, 9.30am

Acts 27

Brigades Church Parade

Dom Chan

Sunday 1 Dec

8am, 9.30am

Acts 28:1-10

Glenn Mulcahy

Sunday 8 Dec

8am, 9.30am

Ephesians 6:10-18

Dom Chan

Coming Events

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
8 December

Relationships, Stepping out, and Being Church

Barry Jardine recently shared a message on the story of Eutychus, a young man who died and was raised to life again. Within his sermon, Barry highlighted three major points: the importance of relationships in discipleship, the need for a church in action to step outside its doors, and the reminder that God still performs miracles and chooses to work through people.

Relationships are so important to discipleship, and it helps to find ways of building relationships that resonate with our passions. One of the examples that Barry gave was to build relationships around the meal table, and share in the joy of good company and food. Some find that sports are the means through which they connect, and for others it's the opportunity to collectively be creative. As we consider the importance of relationships, it is helpful to remember that, sometimes, it is not a matter of starting something new, but seeing an opportunity where relationships already exist. Pray for the people who listen to you, help you, and like you yet do not yet know Jesus. You might find yourself in a space where you are struggling to identify people to share Jesus with, in times like these, we are reminded that the church in action is called to step outside its doors.

Stepping outside the doors of the church building, to be a people who are the church, can be daunting. Part of the answer is to be consistently authentic in our expression of faith throughout our lives. In doing so, we are able to express a distinct reason for our behaviour. It is easy to see that generosity is not "owned" by the church community, however should anyone question a Christian's reason

for their generosity, the answer should point to Jesus. Similarly, kindness has been displayed to me by people who are not believers in Christ, but if someone were to question a Christian as to why they express kindness the answer should point to Jesus. When we step outside the doors of the church building and participating in the world, the people who are the church are doing so with the love of God propelling them, the sacrifice of Christ inspiring them, and the Holy Spirit empowering them. This is because what we do as a church, is joining what God is already doing in the world, we just need to remember that God makes the choice to use us in his mission.

As Barry reminded us, "God continues to be miraculous and he works through us." At times it can be difficult to see what we can do to help God, our reach seems so short, but God is always speaking into our lives and leading us. We need to remember to listen to his prompting and have the courage to step out in faith.

How have you responded to Barry Jardine's challenge to pin up the question mark in your home? If you've found a place to pin it up to help you to remember that God works miraculously and works through us, may I encourage you to take a photo of it and post it to the Emmanuel Facebook page or send it via email so we can post it to Facebook.

Grace and Peace

Dom Chan



Follow-Up Questions

24 November

Paul Encourages Others During a Shipwreck - Acts 27

Here's what happens...

Paul is a prisoner on a ship when a violent storm threatens to sink the ship. But God encourages Paul, letting him know that no one on the ship will die. Paul passes on that encouragement, and everyone gets safely to shore.

Talk About This...

- When have you felt like your life circumstances had you in a 'storm'? What happened? What did you learn from the situation?
- In crisis, Paul reacted with urgent forewarnings, maintaining hope, counselling common sense, giving thanks, remaining calm and persevering to the end. In comparison how do you react in a crisis?
- What's the greatest pressure situation you're facing now? What is your part and what is God's part in resolution to the storm?
- When have you been tempted to bailout of a stormy situation, to sneak away in a lifeboat? What happened and what did you learn?
How has someone else encouraged you in a difficult time? How can you encourage others?

1 December

God Protects Paul From a Snakebite - Acts 28:1-10

Here's what happens...

Shipwrecked on an island, Paul is gathering sticks to build a fire when a poisonous snake comes out of the sticks and bites Paul's hand. Because God is our protector, Paul is unharmed and shakes off the snake.

Talk About This...

- What worries you? Are there places associated with those worries? What can you do to not allow those worries to take over and control your life?
- Look up Philippians 4:6. With that in mind how do you respond?
- Do you feel that God has ever used a disaster (in yours or someone else's life) for a ministry purpose? Did you realise at the time, or only after? What did you learn in that?
- Since God wanted Paul to get to Rome, why do you think he allowed all the events of Acts 27:1-28:10 to happen? What stories do you think the centurion would tell his fellow officers once they arrived in Rome?
- What is your key take-away about God, discipleship and spreading the gospel from this part of Paul's life?

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

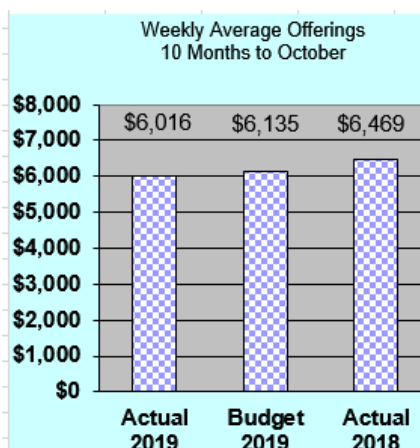
Pastoral Care & Prayer Team

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 \$370/week or approx. \$19,000 per annum).



Notices & Coming Events

Brigades News This year the Brigades Display Night will be run a little differently. 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 about Brigades please contact the respective captains Noel Pinkerton 0431 288 758 and Sonya Cornwell 0438 210 877

Found A bag of boys clothes was found outside the foyer glass doors last week. If anyone knows any information about these could you please contact me. Thanks Helen Smith

Day Fellowship meets on Wednesday 4th December Meet at church at 11 am for a short time then leaving for Stafford City for breakup lunch at Rostettas Sunshine Cafe at noon. Note a Christmas donation will be collected for Christine Bryant. Phone queries phone Carolyn 33534551.

Newsletter We would like to extend a huge thank you to Margaret Douglas for her countless hours of volunteer service over many years organising the Newsletter roster and also helping with the folding of our Emmanuel Newsletter. Thank you Margaret

In 2020 we are looking for a new Newsletter champion. Someone to work with Helen in the office to coordinate a team of volunteers to fold our fortnightly newsletter. If this sounds like you, please contact Helen Smith in the office. Thank you.

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.

CHH. HELP WANTED! We are seeking one more person to pack food bags for distribution for next year. This would entail up to an hour once a month for 10 months of the year. If you are willing to be on this special roster, or if you are vaguely interested and just want to check out what the CHH team does, please contact Roslyn

CHH News Nov 2019 Thank you to all the kindly people at Emmanuel who help the outreach of CHH. There are a lot of people out there needing some help as our team of food bag packers will attest when it is their turn to pack the bags with food. Each week bags are packed to fill the shelves in Helen's office. Helen is the important person who greets the recipients and brightens their day with her friendly welcome, and distribution of food bags. The CHH cupboard is stocked with food purchased each week from Foodbank at Morningside. Two purchasing teams take turns to visit Foodbank to select suitable food items. Foodbank is a busy place and it is often necessary to queue before a carpark is available there. People come from all over Brisbane and beyond to visit Foodbank for their charity needs. Most food items must be purchased but free fruit is offered for schools. We collect bananas for Chappy Sarah to give to students at Enoggera State School. An extra bonus for CHH this year has been the help given us by 2 more volunteers who assist when an occasional need arises, helping from time to time with packing bags, sorting the food shelves, and giving out the food-bags. The CHH team is special. And of course thanks go to supportive members of Emmanuel who help with their positive encouragement and prayers, and put money in the CHH kitty. Many thanks to you all.

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.