



Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 17th June 2021

The Book Of Ruth:

For the next four weeks in our 9.30am services, we will be looking together at the beautiful story of Ruth. The book of Ruth is a story of God's grace in the midst of difficult circumstances. Ruth's story occurred during the time of the judges. It was a period of disobedience, idolatry and violence. Even in times of crisis and deepest despair God is faithful and working through his people. No matter how discouraging or antagonistic the world may seem God is in control. He will use anyone who is open to him to achieve his purposes.

Ruth was a Moabite. The Moabites were enemies of God! Boaz was a descendant of Rahab. Rahab a former prostitute from Jericho. Nevertheless, their offspring continued the family line through which the Messiah, Jesus Christ came into the world.

Be encouraged! God is at work in the world and he wants to use you.

3rd Church Family Forum – This Sunday, 20 June, 11.30am to 2pm.

Please plan to join us. Includes lunch.

We will meet after morning tea at 11.30am for the first part of our Church Family Forum. We will then break for lunch for about half an hour. We will then continue our forum finishing by 2pm.

Lunch will be Soup and Rolls. Sheila needs help with lunch. Phone 0414 790 691

You may join us on Zoom. Please contact Johnny to join the Zoom group. Phone 0450 955 811 or email:

johnny.sharpe@gmail.com

9.30am Worship Service & SHOUT!!:

Our 9.30am service is also livestreamed at:

This Sunday "SHOUT!!" is running during our 9.30am service. SHOUT!! is church for the whole family and all children and parents are very welcome. "SHOUT" is also on Facebook!

Song Playlist. Unfortunately we are unable to Live Stream all our singing, but the same songs we are singing in the service are on our YouTube playlist:

5pm Worship:

We are continuing our new series tonight, "Pot Luck Worship"! See Johnny if you have a Bible Passage or a topic that you'd like to study in our 5pm worship service.

Giving:

As Christians we believe it is very important that we give financially to support God's church. You may give your weekly offering using the following methods:

1). Through direct electronic transfer. You can do this using online banking or ask your bank teller to set up an electronic transfer for you.

2). Deposit your offering directly into the church account at any branch of the Westpac Bank.

Our account details are:

Account Name: Ettalong Baptist Church

BSB Number: 032 527

Account Number: 350 062

3). You may give during the 9.30am service through our RED offering box, located near the sound desk.

Sunday Morning Prayer:

More than ever our world needs us as Christians to be praying. Every Sunday morning at 8.30am a few very dedicated people meet to pray in the downstairs hall before the morning service. You are very welcome to join us. Some people who would value our prayers include Margaret Gallagher and Dennis Arkapaw.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Sunday 27 June:

Our church will be holding a Biggest Morning Tea on Sunday 27 June after church to help raise money for cancer research. It would be great if we could have some contributions of food from people already cut into serving size pieces dropped off to the church kitchen prior to our 9.30 service and SHOUT!! commencing that morning.

Morning tea will be served in a covid safe way. Barista made coffees and hot chocolates will also be made from our coffee machine! There will be donation boxes available at morning tea for you to make your donations for this worthy cause. Margy Gilchrist can also give tax deductible receipts if you need one. Margy Gilchrist



Key Audit:

There are a lot of people who have keys to our building. From time to time we do a key audit to make sure we know who has keys, and that none have been mislaid.

Beth Wykes will be completing our Key Audit.

If you have a church key please show your key to Beth so she can check it.

If you no longer require your key please take this opportunity to return it to Beth.

Leadership Positions:

In August a number of our leaders will finish their term of leadership and will need to have a well earned break. For this reason the Nominations Committee are prayerfully seeking people for the following positions:

- Deacon / Property Officer
- Deacon / Standards Officer
- Deacon / Chairperson
- Group Leaders for Men's Ministries, Women's Ministries and Welcome.
- We also have need for a volunteer to coordinate our Welcome Roster and Welcome Table.

Please be praying about this. To find out more information or if you know of people who might be suitable or interested in these positions please speak with the Nominations committee, Wendy Creamer 0431 071 558, Sheila Hooper 0414 790 691 or Helen Brooks 0419 613 098.

The Rock Collection: by Caroline Murphy

Last year a rock collection was donated to Ministry Of Leftovers which looked to me initially like just a bunch of rocks and nothing special so I put it aside as something for me to sort out later.

After moving stock around and seeing the box of rocks again I realised I needed to make a decision on it, stay or go. I took a closer look at the collection and noticed that there was potentially some value in amongst them so I decided the collection could stay and I set it aside until it could be properly evaluated which was something I know nothing about, but I do know God and I asked Him to send me someone that could help me sort out the rocks by identifying and evaluating them and this week God answered that prayer.

He came into the Market looking like 'someone who knew something'. He had a look around and almost left empty handed until someone asked him a question, which led to another question and then a brief conversation. It was through this brief chat that it was revealed, this man knows about rock collections and thus my prayer was being answered.

"I've got a rock collection here!"

"I don't know anything about rocks or what to do with it. I'll get it out for you to have a look." Swiftly I retrieved the rock collection from the store room and I set it down on a chair by the table where the man was standing. Immediately he set to work sorting through the collection. Then he began to put them into groups. When he had finished he began to tell my assistant and I of the varying names and types of rocks that were present as well as their worth. Tumble Stones, Crystal clusters, Amethysts, Smokey Quartz, Moss Agate, Opalite, Adventurine and so on went the information which was both interesting and uplifting. I had no idea that this box of seemingly ordinary bunch of 'rocks' could be so varied and valuable. Once properly sorted, identified and valued the rock collection took on a whole new image. The helpful gentleman didn't leave empty handed either. He met new people and we made a connection and he also purchased two new rock specimens for his own collection. Our collection at the end of the day was now attractively displayed in bowls and on the table clearly labelled and valued ready for people to purchase and enjoy.

This has greatly reminded me that God is teaching me the importance of knowing who I am in Christ so that I am able to identify myself as valuable and worthy to be included in God's kingdom forevermore.

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities, all things were created by him and for him." Colossians 1:15 -16

Caroline M.O.L

Do you have an item for the newsletter?

Do you have a short testimony to share in the newsletter? Do you have a photo that you can share with us? Please email it to David Gilchrist at david@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au or drop a note into the Church Office by Wednesday afternoon each week.

AN INVITATION FOR YOU FROM CENTRAL COAST FRIENDS OF GLOBAL INTERACTION (FOGIA)

WHERE: Green Point Baptist Church in the Jacaranda Room

WHEN: TUESDAY 29th JUNE at 10am, commencing with Morning Tea

OUR GUEST SPEAKER will be Mel D'arcy who is going from our Police Service into God's Service. What an encouragement it would be to Mel to have folk from Ettalong Church being here to hear her Story...

For further Information please don't hesitate to contact Pam Alexander 0424901726 or Natalie Williams 0400320098 or Jean Cawley 0438692856.