



A Reading Challenge For You...

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 9th February 2023

Ephesians Reading Challenge:

Over the next 3 weeks in our 9.30am Sunday services we are going to reflect on the 3 great themes of Ephesians; Sit, Walk Stand. Your mission, if you choose to accept it, is to read and reflect on the entire book of Ephesians 3 times in 3 weeks.

The suggested pattern is one chapter per day, Monday through Saturday, and repeat this over the next 3 weeks.

Here are some suggestions to help you with your reflection. Write or draw your answers on a piece of paper or in a journal.

1. Read the chapter for the day. Copy the word, phrase, or verse which catches your attention word for word.
2. What does this word, phrase, or verse reveal about God? Our world? Ourselves?
3. How will your life be different today because of what you have read?
4. What are your next steps in putting this into practice?
5. Speak with God about this. (a written or verbal prayer)

Or read the chapter and just sit with it. No striving for knowledge or answers. Being rather than doing. Listening. Resting. Jesus, I just want to be with you.

Feel free to reply to this email or post the church a note and comment about what God reveals to you in your reading of Ephesians. I look forward to hearing from you.

Pastor David

9.30am Livestream:

Sunday 12th February 9.30am: Live Streamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/9J5agCTx8-0?feature=share>

4pm Service: SHOUT:

SHOUT, our intergenerational worship service, is Sunday afternoon with games and refreshments from 3.30pm, followed by singing, Bible stories and activities at about 4pm. We are learning about the places we can look to Discover God

Men's Breakfast:

Saturday 18 February, 8am at BBF Café in Woy Woy. See Graham Checkley or Ian Makepeace if you would like to join us preferably by Tuesday 14 February. Alternatively reply to this email.

Spring Fair Planning Meeting:

Sunday 19th February in the Downstairs Hall after morning tea on Sunday 19th February. This is for stall organisers and coordinators of activities and stalls. Lunch will be served as part of this meeting. Please rsvp to Heather Crawford (or reply to this email and your RSVP will be passed on to Heather.)

Garage Sale For Missions:

A Garage Sale will be held at 111 The Esplanade, Ettalong Beach, Saturday, 25th February. Donations of saleable items will be gratefully received. Please deliver them by Friday for sorting. If you would like to help please let Bev Wykes know. All proceeds will go the EBC Missions fund.

Any items left over will be dealt with appropriately.

Bev Wykes mobile: 0409 789 676

Quarterly Church Meeting:

All Ministry Partners, Church members and visitors are invited to join us for our quarterly church meeting, 11am to 1pm, Sunday 26 February 2023.

Some important business we will be dealing with includes:

- Approving some updated policy documents to meet our Safe Church responsibilities (see printed copies of the documents on the cupboard in the church foyer.)
- Discussing proposed changes to our church leadership structure.

Advanced Notice from The Mission Committee:

The Mission Committee has two big events coming up later this year:

Mother's Day High Tea on Saturday 6th May 1.30 - 3.30pm. This activity will raise funds for the 10 missionaries we support overseas and in Australia. There will be delicious food, giveaways, entertainment and a speaker. Put it in your diary now. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

Tempo Terrific, a local orchestra, will be playing a concert in June to raise money for missions. More details to come soon.

Counting Offering:

Rick and Jane Keuning empty the offering box after the Sunday morning service each week, but they need someone to help them count the money each week (by law we need two people to count the money). As most of our giving is electronic this doesn't take long but is a very important job. Please see Jane or Rick if you can help. It would be nice to have different people that can help count every week.

The safest way to give is by direct deposit into the Church bank account. If you would like to know more about how you can do this please see Rick Keuning or David Gilchrist.

Lost Property:

A gold chain necklace has been found on the church premises. Please call 0425 749 224.

There is a box of Lost Property kept in the Church Reception office. If ever you have lost something at the church please feel free to enquire about it at the office.

Church Directory:

It is time to update the pdf version of the church Directory. Please send any amendments, additions or deletions to Jean Lynch: jeanelynch@gmail.com by Monday March 6th.

The Directory is password protected, and thus your details will be secure. The password will be emailed separately once the Directory is emailed out.

Jean Lynch

Administration deacon

Ministry Of Leftovers:

Ministry of Leftovers is now open from 9am to 2pm Monday to Thursday. The aim of this ministry is to connect with our community through friendship and care, and to offer a market where people can donate items that will bless and help others. As always we need volunteers to help our ministry. See Caroline for more information and if you are able to help.

Sunday Morning Prayer Group 8.45 to 9.15:

Please see Heather Crawford if you are interested in joining her in praying for our Sunday services on Sunday mornings before our 9.30am service.

Prayer Triplets:

Several years ago, we started this concept at EBC and it has worked well either with people meeting together at specific times or over the telephone as needs be to pray. As it is the start of a new year if anyone would like to become a part of the Prayer triplet, please let Heather Crawford know and she will match you with any other interested persons. Thank you.

Prayer Request Cards:

Prayer request cards are now on the Welcome Table with pencils and a box in which to place the completed card. Prayer requests can also be emailed to the church office: <https://ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au/contact/>

Zoom Prayer Group:

Tuesdays 10am. See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

Website:

Have you ever explored our website? On our website you will find important documents by clicking here:

[Documents](#)

We also have a church meeting page which you can find by clicking on this link: [Church Meeting Page](#)

Giving:

As Christians, we believe it is especially 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 using the bank details below.

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). Use the box at the main entrance door to the auditorium.

Ettalong Baptist Church Safe Church Team:

To report a child protection concern or incident please contact one of these people:

Lead Pastor—David Gilchrist

Elder—Jane Keuning



2023 Launch

You are warmly invited to Baptist Mission Australia's 2023 Launch on Wednesday 15 February. Join online for a prayerful and hope-filled commissioning service. We'll hear from our teams around the world, pray for the year of ministry ahead and celebrate that we serve a God who goes before us.

What: 2023 ministry launch for our mission community

Theme: The God who goes before us

Speaker: Allan Demond

When: Wed 15 February, 7-8pm AEDT

Where: Online: Register for the livestream link at:

<https://www.baptistmissionaustralia.org/Support/Pray/2023Launch>

This will be a special time of celebration and dedication. The service will be held at NewHope Baptist Church in Blackburn North, Victoria and livestreamed around the world. (You are welcome to join us at NewHope Baptist Church if you are nearby!)

Thank you for being part of the team. As supporters, intercultural team members, volunteers and national team members - we can only do it together!

I look forward to gathering with you on the 15th of February for our 2023 Launch. Let me know if you have any questions.

Grace and peace
Scott Pilgrim