



Thank you, Jane Keuning, for your photo of Lynette's Baptism.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 29th February 2024

From The Pastor: Live By Faith:

It's not easy to live by faith. We live in a broken world. The weather doesn't work right. Our bodies don't work right. Our relationships don't work right.

When God sent Adam and Eve out of Eden, he told them life would be hard. And it is. There's a cosmic battle for your life going on inside of you and outside of you. You battle with your own sinful nature. You also battle against Satan himself, who wants nothing more than to "steal and kill and destroy". And sometimes it just gets to us. We just want to give up.

But in Hebrews 11, God urges us to hang on because he hasn't forgotten us, and he does fulfill his promises. He promises to give us a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11). He promises to take away our tears (Revelation 7). And he gives us multiple other promises throughout the Bible.

Hebrews 11 mentions a variety of biblical heroes who demonstrated faith in God's promises—Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Rahab, Moses, David, Gideon, Samson, and others. Though they endured many difficulties, they kept going in their spiritual journeys. Hebrews 11:39-40 says, "All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us."

You can trust in God's promises. Don't give up!

Blessings

Pastor David

This Sunday @ 9.30am

We especially welcome Steve and Bek Deal who are planting the new church in the old Ettalong Uniting Church building. Steve and Bek will be sharing their vision for Bloom Co with us, and we will be praying for them.

After the 9.30am service is an opportunity for prayer at the front of the church with Heather, Jane, and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube:

https://youtube.com/live/X_ZEsXn_klc?feature=share

4pm SHOUT Sunday 3rd March. How Is Jesus Different?

This Sunday: How Power Over Nature! **Join us from 3.30pm** for coffee, refreshments, and activities for the kids.

LIFT Lunch tomorrow Friday 1st March:

Friday, 1st March 12.30pm Everglades Woy Woy.

All ladies are very welcome, we would love to see you there to enjoy a time of fellowship together.

Youth Life Prayer and Coffee This Saturday 2nd March:

This Saturday, 2nd March at Woy Woy Holy Apostles Anglican Church Hall, at 8am.

Italian Pasta Making Class this Saturday 2nd March.

Reminder for those who have secured a place in the Traditional Pasta Class. It is to be held in our hall, this Saturday 2nd March 2024, 2.30pm to 4pm. You will not only learn and make your own pasta, from two Home Economists but you will have the opportunity to see a cookery demonstration on some sauces to enhance your Pasta. As a bonus, you will sample a small dish of pasta and sauce and, then take your own Pasta home.

Women's Breakfast:

Saturday 23 March, 8am at Daleys Kitchen at Daleys Point: All women are invited to breakfast. If you would like to come, please RSVP to Margy Gilchrist on 0447431234 before Thursday, 21 March. If you would like a lift let Margy know. You are very welcome to bring a friend if you want to. Special dietary requirements can be catered for.

Greetings From Red Dust Blue Sky:

We partner with John and Angela Wilmot by praying for them, taking an interest in their work, and giving financially. John and Angela live and work in the Pilbara providing employment, support, hope and the love of Jesus to the Martu people. Attached to the email version of this newsletter is a report from John. Please keep the Red Dust Blue Sky Ministry in your prayers.

Greetings From the Webbs:

Attached to this is a newsletter from Clint and Ros Webb. Please pray for their neighbours and friends in Lebanon.

Christmas boxes needed for Samaritan's Purse

Large Shoe Boxes. Heather and Beth would like to acquire some larger than normal size shoe boxes for the Spring Fair, for sale of the Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse. If you have them at home now, or if you purchase boots or large runners this year, please keep and give these boxes to Heather or Beth.

Bible Study at Peninsula Village, Volunteers Needed.

At present, Sheila and Heather lead the group on the first & third Wednesday of each month, 2pm-2:45pm.

Both Sheila and Heather will be away in June and are asking for 1-2 people from the Church to fill in for them whilst they are away. The Village require volunteers to complete paperwork and have Police Record Check (The Village pay for this. Study material is available. Please contact Sheila Hooper.

Thank you from Joan Kershaw

I send my heartfelt thanks to the church for your prayers for my daughter Lindy. I can see your prayers healing and recovering her. "How Great is our God!"

"I think the greatest thing about prayer, is knowing our need of the church ministry and also receiving the grace of God."

Thank you, Joan Kershaw

Thank you from Lynette Tilden

I want to thank all who came to witness my Baptism on Sunday at Patonga. It was truly a glorious day, and I was joyfully surprised by the amount of you that came to celebrate with me. You all helped make this Blessing, a day to remember always. The Lord's presence was abundant, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, many of us not wanting to leave. Thank you, Winda, and Janine, for singing, thank you Bev and Robert for cooking the BBQ, thank you Rick for your 'shuttle' service. Also thank you Jane, Beth and Margy for the fruit and deserts. Thanks Jane, Jeanine, Jessica, Les, and Winda for taking many beautiful photos. Thank you Liesl Tesch for taking time out of your busy schedule to be there. David, I want to let you know that I appreciate the effort you put into making this a day of Blessings and celebration, Many thanks.

New Young Mother's Group:

Please pray about and for this wonderful new group and prayer for both the Ministry leaders and the young mother's that will be involved in the exciting new group that will be commencing in Term three.

Zoom Prayer Groups:

Tuesday morning group 10am

Tuesday evening group 7pm.

See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

Sunday Morning Prayer Group 8.45am to 9.15am:

A small group of people meet to pray each Sunday morning before the 9.30am service at the back of the Downstairs.

Safe Church Records:

Could all Ministry Leaders please give the office all registration forms, membership forms, rolls, etc. from 2023 to be stored (as per our policies and protocols). If you have any questions, please see Pastor David.

Thank you – David and Lynette.

Giving:

As Christians, we believe it is especially important that we give financially to support God's church. Prayerfully consider and budget what God would have you give.

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 for cash or cheques.**

Connect Groups 2024

The new Connect Group list for 2024 is hanging on the downstairs hall notice board. Please contact the group leaders if you are wishing to join a group that has vacancies. Alternatively, you can ring Heather for general inquiries. **Phone:0419 297 496**

Ettalong Baptist Church Safe Church Team:

To report a child protection concern or incident please contact:

Pastor—David Gilchrist (phone 0448 431 234) or Elder—Jane Keuning (phone 0425 263 763)

Note From the Office Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday Morning:

If you would like anything added to future Newsletters, please send any notices to me at this email address office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

I want to thank all of you who regularly send me your posts early in the week, this makes getting the Newsletter out on time easier. Much appreciated, Lynette.

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