



Thank you, David Gilchrist, for your photo at Kiddies Corner, Umina.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 7th March 2024

From The Pastor: Live By Faith

I love stories, and this Sunday in our 9.30am service we are considering a story that Jesus told that is not so well known. It's from Luke 16:1-15, the story about a dishonest, yet shrewd manager. Before being dismissed from his job, this manager wisely gave away some of his boss' money.

Through this story Jesus teaches that our use of money is a good test of how committed we are to Christ. We are reminded that (1) Money belongs to God, not us; let us use our resources wisely. (2) Money can be used for good or evil; let us use ours for good. (3) Money has a lot of power, let us use it carefully and thoughtfully. We must use our material goods in a way that will foster faith and obedience.

On Sunday, I will show you four Biblical principles of money management found in this passage. These principles apply to you whether you have a job, whether you've lost a job, whether you've got lots of money, or whether you've got no money. They are universal principles that come from this parable that help us to get some insight as to what we should do also during this time when money is so tight and there are many struggling with financial hardship.

As always, the Bible is as relevant today as it has always been.

Blessings
Pastor David

This Sunday @ 9.30am

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

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube:

<https://youtube.com/live/Ddm9N4B7D3E?feature=share>

This Sunday @ 11am to 1pm Sunday: Church Council:

An opportunity for all the leaders of our church (Elders, Deacons, and Ministry Leaders) to talk together about the ministry of our church, share what God is doing in our church and pray together for our church.

This Sunday @ 4pm: SHOUT: Jesus Has Power Over Sickness.

Join us from 3.30pm for coffee, refreshments, and activities for the kids.

Easter Services:

Put these dates in your diary now. Flyers, and Social Media Posts will be available next week to invite your family, friends, and neighbours.

Thursday 28th of March, 8pm: Service of The Shadows. An opportunity to read through the passion of the cross and reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Friday 29th of March 9.30am: Christ's Compelling Love. Includes communion.

Sunday 31st of March 9.30am: Christ's Compelling Love – A love that changes the world!

Skills for Life: This Afternoon!!!

1:30pm Today Thursday 7th March

Then 1st Thursday every month. Contact Les Baker for further information. phone: 4326 1968.

Condolences:

Our condolences to Helen Aspland whose husband Mick passed away this week. We are praying for you at this difficult time.

Welcome Lunch: Sunday 7th April:

In the Downstairs Hall. A great opportunity for new people to get to know our church family.

Twice a year the Church Fellowship joins together to share a meal and to welcome anyone who has recently started worshipping with us.

If you are a Ministry Partner there is a list in the church foyer for you to write down if you are able to contribute to the meal. **Sheila Hooper. 0414 790 691**

EBC Maintenance Day: Saturday 13th April:

Our buildings, just like our homes, need regular care and attention to keep it looking good and everything working well. We have a big list of jobs that need attention. If you can do a task at home, there is something similar for you to do at EBC!

We are planning to have Saturday 13th April as a collective working day. Please talk with Geoff face to face or phone to pick your task and work mates. We will have a brief meeting after morning church on Sunday 7th April to ensure everyone knows what they will be doing and can bring necessary tools and materials the following Saturday.

Geoff - mobile: 0405 020 649

Women's Breakfast Saturday 23 March, 8am:

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.

Spring Fair Preparation.

Spring Fair Plants. Autumn is here and it's time to trim up those plants, bushes in the garden, and divide and repot. ***Don't forget cuttings can be struck from those trimmings, ready for the Spring Fair!***

If you need any help with pots or potting mix, just contact Joy on 0417443372, and/ cuttings into water and bring to Church and Joy will strike them. Thank you for your support. Joy

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.

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.

"The Bible with Nicky and Pippa Gumble" From Meg Toon.

I admit that in 2023 my Bible reading had become spasmodic and without any real direction or structure. So, I asked The Lord what He would have me do, and He led me to The Bible App, in which I saw The Bible in a Year with Nicky and Pippa Gumble. Having been a part of the Alpha Course that Nicky Gumble wrote, and which has changed multitudes of lives, this stood out for me.

I'm now on Day 30 and am finding it clear, sound Biblically, and easy reading or even listening! Each day has Psalm / Proverb, New Testament and Old Testament readings - yes Chronologically! Best of all each day starts with the devotion which gives the day's theme, which is amazing, and is focussed on our i.e. my (!) daily walk with our Lord Jesus and explains and gives context to what I am about to read! An unusual but very helpful order. I now look forward to my daily Bible reading and highly recommend this free App to anyone who wishes to read the whole Bible this year in a way that is do-able! Blessings, Meg. 0414238614

For more info on "The Bible with Nicky and Pippa Gumble" and to download the app to your device, go to <https://bible.alpha.org/en/> (or [click here](#)).

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.

Find important Church Documents on our Website Documents page:

If you haven't already go to our documents page on our website at:

You can download and print documents, or simply read and fill in documents online!

<https://ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au/documents/>

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)

Photos For the Newsletter:

Do you have any photos you would like to share in the newsletter? Many of our readers (including me) love photos, and we enjoy seeing the photo at the top of the newsletter each week. If you have photos you would like to share for the newsletter, please email them or give them to Lynette Tilden for sharing in the newsletter.

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 'Peace be with you', Lynette.

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