



*Photo of 'Our Tour Group' Visiting Thessalonica*

## **Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, Thursday, 25 July 2024:**

### **From the Pastor:**

Paul suffered persecution for the gospel of Jesus Christ, just as Christ said his believers would. Since the time of Christ, Christians have been persecuted in their own lands and on foreign mission fields. Though you may be safe from persecution now, your vision of God's Kingdom must not be limited by what happens only to you. A glance at a newspaper will reveal that many Christians in other parts of the world daily face hardships and persecution. Paul knew that persecutions are an opportunity for Christians to witness for Christ to those opposed to him. God's desire is that the Good News be proclaimed to everyone in spite of persecution.

Jesus was teaching the kind of attitude we should have when we must take a stand for the Good News. We don't have to be fearful or defensive about our faith because the Holy Spirit will be present and give us the right words to say. Always remember Injustice does not hinder God's purposes.

Paul was brought to trial before King Agrippa and Festus. He wasn't fearful. He trusted Christ's promise. Being an obedient witness, he seized the moment and told his story to the rulers, ushering them into the presence of Christ. Despite being in the darkest of situations, his witness was ultimately for God's glory.

Blessings, Pastor David

### **Sunday Morning Worship 28<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am:**

This Sunday 9.30am we continue our series on Paul:

#### **The Challenge of a Changed Man, This week On Trial For Christ.**

From Acts 26

At the end of the service, we will also be hearing from Craig Hunter, Chaplain of Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus.

Prayer will be available to you at the front of church, after the service, with Paul, Sheila and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/ntpysFAEaAI?feature=share>

### **SHOUT!! this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 3:30pm:**

Please come and join us at SHOUT!! this Sunday from 3:30pm for great coffee, afternoon tea and activities and games for the children. At 4pm our Past David Gilchrist will be talking to us about how to apologise.

## Pastimes Craft Group resumes tomorrow Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 8am:

Our craft group will resume tomorrow morning at 8:00am

Thank you, Sheila Hooper.

## Mainly Music resumes tomorrow at 9:45am:

For preschool children and their parents, grandparents and carers meeting in the Auditorium.

Children are introduced to music in a fun, interactive way, session runs for thirty minutes with refreshments and play time afterwards.

\$5 per family

Coordinator: Joy Watt **Phone: 0417 443 372**

## 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY – 6 days left until ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE:

### All Church Leaders & Ministry Leaders / Coordinators:

Only 6 days remaining to send in your Annual Reports. Thanks to those who have done so, however, there are quite a number still to be received. Please send the report in a WORD document, or in the body of an email, thanks Jean.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** are now due. Please send your reports to me by the **31st of July** for compilation of the Annual Reports booklet. Thanks to all those who have already sent reports through.

Please describe what your ministry is, who you minister to, a review of the past 12 months, and plans and visions for the future or what is specifically applicable for your ministry.

Thank you. **Jean Lynch** Administration Deacon [jeanelynch@gmail.com](mailto:jeanelynch@gmail.com)

## LIFT Lunch 12:30pm Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at YI AN Chinese Woy Woy:

You are invited to join the LIFT Ladies for lunch at YI AN Chinese restaurant, Woy Woy, on Friday 2nd August at 12.30pm. For info: Marion Edwards **Phone:0401 344 814**

**All ladies welcome.**

## Tempo Terrific Band Concert 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2:30pm. Tickets on sale now:

Due to popular demand, the Missionary Committee has asked the Tempo Terrific band to return to put on another concert to raise funds to support our 10 Missionaries here and overseas.

Come along and enjoy the music and the lovely afternoon tea. For catering purposes please purchase tickets as soon as possible. Some extra tickets will be available on the day.

Tickets available now from Kerrie and Peter from this Sunday 30th June, in the lower hall after church on Sundays (Phone 43244412 or 0438477567)."

**Ticket prices are: \$15 adult \$10 - concession**

**\$5 - school student \$30.- family ticket**

## Bring a Plate - Special guest to our Sunday service. Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August.:

Dr Gordon Reid was so impressed by the work our church does for the community, that he wants to come back. He is going to attend our morning service and stay for morning tea afterwards. This is a great opportunity for him to learn more about our church and our ministries.

**If you are able, could you please bring a plate for this special Morning Tea**, no need for it to be homemade.

## Annual Church Meeting - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 11am to 1pm:

We believe that every true member of God's church is a Priest. Four times we meet to make decisions about the business of the church here at Ettalong. One of these meetings, every August, is our annual meeting when we affirm people to lead our church.

### This year we need to affirm:

- **A Church Secretary.**

The church secretary is a Church Deacon (church leader) who keeps minutes of meetings, looks after correspondence and liaises with our office manager to correctly file and keep meeting records.

- **A Property Officer.**

Geoff Toon is retiring from this role. The property officer can be a Deacon or can be represented by one of the Deacons. We have many people who can help with the day-to-day maintenance of our church property, but the property officer manages them and makes sure our buildings and property are maintained.

- **A Deacon with no portfolio.**

It would be wonderful to have another Deacon who can help us practically lead the church and help the Pastor, Elders and other Deacons make important decisions for the day-to-day smooth running of the church.

- **A Nominations Committee member.**

After serving in this role for 6 years Sheila Hooper needs to have a year off from the Nominations Committee. The nominations committee calls for nominations and identifies volunteers to fill various roles in the church, which are affirmed by the church meeting.

If you believe God may be calling you to volunteer in one of these positions, or to find out more information, please see Pastor David, or a member of our nominations committee, Helen Brooks, Sheila Hooper or Wendy Creamer.

### Also, at the annual meeting we need to update some of the church's child safe policies.

All Ministry Partners who have an email address will receive an email about these updates in the next few days. Printed copies will be available next Sunday.

## Please contact Jane about Women's Retreat August 16 – 18<sup>th</sup> 2024:

Yes, amazingly it is that time of the year again. Women's Retreat @ Bethshan, we realise the need for deep discussions, sharing of lives, connections with like minds, relevant Bible teaching, great food and contagious laughter. If you need a break from life, a recharge of spiritual batteries and a safe place to share, this is the retreat for you. **Registration: 01/06 - 26/07/24**

**Retreat Date: 16-18 August 2024. See Jane Keuning for details or phone: 0425 263 763. Jane has asked that you let her know if you are going,** and if you are staying or doing day visits, please.

## Men's Breakfast at BBF Café Woy Woy Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 8am:

Please join us for our men's breakfast. All men welcome. Contact Ian Makepeace for details: **0411 012 125**

## Items Needed for Mainly Music and SHOUT!! Craft:

Mainly Music and SHOUT!! are in need of these items for their craft projects:

### Paper roll bases and Wafer roll tins

If you are able to help, please see/contact Jane Keuning phone: 0425 263 763

## Spring Fair is getting close, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September:

*Flyers have been printed!*

**Don't forget that we will be needing homemade cakes, slices etc, for the cake stall.**

- Please continue to keep this activity in your prayers for all the preparation that is happening now and in the future.
- Christmas Samaritans Boxes will also be on sale, ready to be sent. All you have to do is purchase one already filled. There will be a stall selling these so think about supporting this well recognized outreach and mission activity at the Spring Fair this year.
- It is not too early to sign up for duties, see the chart on the notice board in the large hall, you won't be expected to do the tasks if your plans change nearer the time, it's just that Heather wants to go away knowing that there is enough support for the fair.

Please email her [heatherlcrawford@bigpond.com.au](mailto:heatherlcrawford@bigpond.com.au) if you can help. Thank you, Heather. **0419 297 496**

## 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 Hall. You are welcome to join them.

## Crossroads Counselling with Meg Toon:

Just a reminder of this service available to everyone. Phone: 0414 238 614

## Ettalong Baptist Church Safe Church Team:

To report a child protection concern or incident please contact:

Pastor—David Gilchrist (phone:0448 431 234) or Deacon—Jean Lynch (phone:0425 749 224)

## Find important Church Documents on Website Documents page:

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

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

## Zoom Prayer Group resumes this Tuesday 23rd July:

Tuesday morning group 10am,

Tuesday evening group 7pm.

See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

## 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.



## Photo of Thessalonica, taken by the groups travel guide:



### **Note from the Office. Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday Morning:**

If you would like anything added to future Newsletters, please send notices to the email below:

[office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au](mailto:office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au)

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## TEMPO TERRIFIC BAND

### Concert

**Saturday 3rd August, 2:30pm**

Raising support for our Mission Partners both locally and overseas.

Enjoy the music and a delicious afternoon tea.

**Ticket prices: \$15 adult, \$10 concession, \$5 school student and  
\$30 family ticket**

For tickets phone Ettalong Baptist Church office on **43431237**  
between 9.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday, or  
message EBC on Facebook Messenger and we will be in touch.

**8 Barrenjoey Road, Ettalong Beach (at roundabout).**