



*Thank you, David Gilchrist for photo of 'Footsteps of Paul' tour group. Turkey.*

## **Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, Thursday, 4 July 2024:**

### **From the Pastor:**

Margy and I have just returned from a wonderful break. Thank you so much to Phil and his wife Heather for pastoring here at Ettalong Baptist Church while I was on Long Service Leave. It has been a joy to hear stories from many of how much they enjoyed Phil's ministry amongst us. Thank you also to so many others who filled in for me in various ways while I was on leave.

Margy and I had an awesome break. We travelled during the first 3 weeks with 13 others from Ettalong through Rome, Turkey and Greece in the "Footsteps of Paul."

We spent 3 weeks travelling around Germany and the Netherlands. We also caught up with family and friends both in Germany and back here in Australia.

A special blessing for all the family was getting together in Bowral for my niece's wedding.

As we walked in the footsteps of Paul we were challenged by his example. Together we visited many places that we have only read about in Scripture. We have seen with our eyes the places Paul travelled. We have walked with our feet the roads Paul walked. The cities where he preached were and are real cities. The people Paul befriended and loved were real people.

Paul said, "I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace."

Are you willing to walk in Paul's footsteps and to do everything to complete the task the Lord has given you?  
Blessings, Pastor David

### **Sunday Morning Worship 7th July at 9.30am:**

Join us this Sunday as we welcome back our Pastor David Gilchrist.

9.30am, This Sunday we are starting a new six-week series on the Apostle Paul, "The Challenge of a Changed Man." This week we are looking at Acts 9, Confronted by Christ. We will be sharing in communion during this service, and as it is school holidays we will have a special time for the children which will be on the Live Stream, so you can show it to any children who won't be at the service.

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

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/TulixaJq1fy?feature=share>

## SHOUT!! Is In Recess until Sunday 21st July:

4pm, SHOUT is in recess this week and next week due to the school holidays. Instead, we will have a short children's spot in the 9.30am service. This will be Livestreamed with the rest of the service. Activity sheets are also available that relate to the children's spot. See Pastor David for a copy of the activity sheets.

## Thank you, Wendy Creamer:

This thank you note is way overdue. Ever since I started working on the Newsletter with David, Wendy has been working quietly in the background. During David's absence, I have found Wendy's assistance invaluable. Nothing is ever a problem for her, as she comes in wearing her smile, quietly, and efficiently doing her job.

Many Thanks Wendy.

## LIFT Lunch this Friday 5th July 12:30pm at The Everglades Woy Woy:

Ladies In Fellowship Together, will be having their monthly meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 12:30pm. All ladies are welcome, no rsvp needed, just turn up & enjoy yourself! Any enquiries call **Marion 0401 344 814**

## Administration Announcement, ANNUAL REPORTS DUE BY 31ST JULY:

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

**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)

## Skills For Life Fundraising 20th July, BYO BBQ at Lions Park:

Skills For Life is having a fundraising event planned to raise important funds for Mango Tree Academy in Kisii Kenya. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of July, BYO BBQ at Lions Park. Please give a donation on the day. RSVP, see Les Baker or phone: 0412 866 513.

## Praise God, from Heather Crawford:

Heather is praising God as she has experienced an amazing Impact Nations Outreach in Kampala. Uganda. Heather writes,

"The team that I was on, through God's leading and the Spirit's work, saw 200+ lives given over to the Lord. 89 of these were in one school alone. Some were at the rehab and training centre for young pregnant single women and others from general outreach sessions. All who have accepted Christ will be followed up. What an amazing God we serve! Thankyou. Heather"

Please continue to pray for Heather who is now in Jinga and is speaking at two 1/2-day conferences this week. One for wives of ministers and female missionaries, the other for female workers.



## Tempo Terrific Band Concert 3 August 2:30pm. Tickets on sale Sunday:

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.

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

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

## Please contact Jane about Women's Retreat August 16 – 18 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.

## Spring Fair Countdown has begun, under 3 months until our Spring Fair

- 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.
- We need 1 more volunteer to run a new stall with Winda for the Spring Fair. The EBC tour group have discovered in Rome quite a different range of ice creams we could sell. Heather would organise the store, food etc. just needs someone to sell them. 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/>

## 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.

## Roadworks on Maitland Bay Drive:

Roadworks on Maitland Bay Drive and Memorial Avenue, and the Gravel Car Park behind the Church:

The roundabout next to the church, which connects Maitland Bay Dr, Memorial Ave and Barrenjoey Rd, and its approaches, is to be widened, with a slip lane added closer to the mountain, and a shared pedestrian path track added on the church side, alongside the gravel car park used by the church.

This will cause some minor disruptions and temporary restrictions to some parking spaces in the gravel car park during utility relocation. The church will be kept informed of these works and fenced off areas during construction. The work is planned to take place from early July until approximately the first half of 2025, weather permitting.

## Zoom Prayer Group are in recess until 23rd July:

Tuesday morning group 10am,

Tuesday evening group 7pm.

See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

## 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:

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