



Looking across the bay from the point at Ettalong Beach.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 26th September 2024

From the Pastor:

There are many things that Ettalong Baptist Church value, but we are passionate about:

- The Bible – Knowing God through his word
- Prayer – Communicating with God
- Community – Loving people and making disciples.

This Sunday in our 9.30am service we are considering our third value, “Community!” We will be looking together at 1 Peter 2:9-25.

As believers in Christ, we are Christ’s body, his community, and we are to love each other as his people. Christ has placed us in the communities of our families, in the community of the Central Coast, in the community of our nation and in the community of our world. We are also called to by Christ to share God’s excellencies with the communities of our world. We are his feet that go to the darkest places, and his mouth to speak the gospel.

But we can’t be Christ’s community in our world, and we can’t share the gospel if we don’t have the integrity to back it up. If we’re polluted by the world around us, there will be war. And a defiled conscience will keep us from being free in Christ. So, we need to do whatever we must to remain pure so that we can live passionately for Christ.

To live passionately for Jesus is to live like he lived: no sin, no deceit, no threats, and never return an insult. We need to commit ourselves to the Father, and we need to be willing to be inconvenienced so that we can impact our communities for Christ.

You may recall I announced last week that Steve Farr, the CEO of Prison Fellowship will be joining us in our service this week. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances he is having to reschedule. Hopefully he will be with us early in 2025.

Blessings
Pastor David

Don’t Miss Ettalong Baptist Christian Comedian Show:

Uncle Nath is coming 19th October 5:30pm

Join us for a FREE 1-hour Clean Stand-Up Comedy Show in our Auditorium Saturday 19th October.

We would also love a volunteer to get up at the start of the show to tell a joke and invite the audience to share a joke as well. Let David Gilchrist know if you would like to volunteer!

Invite your family and friends to hear Uncle Nath as he shares a very funny, clean, family friendly show. Everyone welcome.

Sunday Morning Service 29th September at 9.30am:

We are Passionate about the Community – Loving people and making disciples!

Bible Passage: 1 Peter 2:9-25

Prayer is available at the front of church, after the service, with Kerrie, Peter and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/djeZrn11eq8?feature=share>

SHOUT!! will be in recess until Sunday October 13th:

Please come and join us on Sunday 13th October when SHOUT!! resumes in 2 weeks' time.

Church Council:

Last Sunday we had a very encouraging meeting with many of the leaders of our church. Thank you to everyone who joined us. It was special to be able to hear what God is doing in our various ministries and to praise him for all his blessings upon us.

Newsletter from the Webb's:

Clint and Ros Webb are living and working in Lebanon. They have sent us a newsletter explaining the situation there. Copies of the newsletter are in the church foyer. Please pray for them during this volatile time.

Pastoral Care in Hospitals, a Message from Melanie:

I am aware people are admitted to Gosford Hospital at various times and I would like to advise the church, that I am available and very happy to make pastoral care visits. However, I would prefer the patient has been asked if they would like a pastoral care visit from me first, and then that request can be passed on to me. Thank you, Melanie.

Thank you for helping with our Property Maintenance:

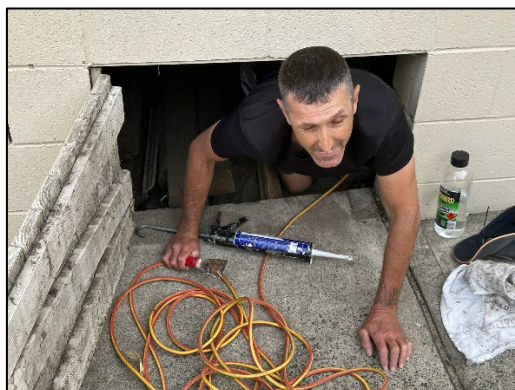
So many are helping and we are truly grateful for ALL your efforts, Thank you.

We don't currently have a property manager. Therefore, we are asking everyone to work together to look after the property. Lynette Tilden our office manager is coordinating our property maintenance. If you see something that needs fixing, and you can't fix it, please let the office know.

If you are able to help in a particular area, let Lynette know so she can add your name to our property contact list.

Jimmy Chamberlain is managing our property on behalf of the Deacons. If you need to pay for something, please see Jimmy and he will speak with the Deacons about it. If you need to be reimbursed for property expenses, please also see Jimmy Chamberlain.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



Darran in a 'tight' spot. Thank you.

LIFT Lunch at 'The Ettalong' Friday Oct 4th, 12:30pm:

We're trying a new venue, and we welcome new faces to join us for lunch and fellowship at 'The Ettalong' hotel, (on the roundabout and next door to IGA in Ettalong shopping centre), 12:30pm on Friday 4th October.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Contact: Marion, 0401 344 814

Men's Breakfast, Saturday 19th October 8am at BBF Woy Woy:

All men are welcome!

Please contact Ian Makepeace for further information. Phone: 0411 012 125. Thanks, Ian.

Jacaranda Festival Grafton: Fund Raiser for the Ford Family:

Grafton Uniting Church will be holding a street stall this year at the Grafton Jacaranda Festival, the first weekend in November i.e. Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd November to raise much needed funds for Andrew and Oksana in Ukraine. If anyone is interested in joining Heather, to support the stall and encourage the church at the same time, please chat to her. Thank you. Heather Crawford.

Better World Gift Cards on sale in October:



Veggie Patch - \$20

A thriving family is one that can grow their own food, beat malnutrition, and maintain their health. Your Better World Gift keeps on giving every time a hungry child receives a meal.

It plants a veggie patch for a family in Bangladesh, Nepal, or Kenya, and teaches them how to make it thrive with fertiliser and drought-resistant seeds.

Envelope included Includes information on how your gift helps families living in poverty.

This card and more to be sold in the downstairs hall in October. Cash or Card. Thanks Wendy Creamer

Ending in 5 days - The Long Run, please help Robert Mead:

Hi again, it's Robert Mead and I would like to thank all those who have prayed for me over the last 18 months since I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. God has been so good throughout this time revealing to me that He was going to heal me. After 20 doses of radiation last November and December my PSA dropped to less than 0.01 and the cancer is as good as gone, Praise God.

Although I am doing well there are hundreds of men out there that are doing it tough with their treatments so that is why I'm fundraising again this month with a walk to raise much needed funds for research & special nurses. <https://www.thelongrun.org.au/fundraisers/robertmead/the-long-run-2024>

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.

Zoom Prayer Groups every Tuesday at 10am and 7pm:

See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

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)

We would love to have your photos for the Newsletter please:

Our weekly Newsletter is looking for more of your beautiful photos. Please send them to Lynette at: office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

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.

Items Needed for Mainly Music and SHOUT!! Craft:

Mainly Music & SHOUT!! need Wafer roll tins and pringles containers please for their craft projects: If you are able to help, please see/contact, Jane Keuning phone: 0425 263 763

Thank you to those that have donated, Jane.



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

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