



Thank you, Jane for this beautiful sunset photo.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 24th October 2024

From the Pastor:

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way for Australians to bless children in need around the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and other fun gifts. We donate the gift-filled shoeboxes, and they are distributed to children in over 100 countries in the Name of Jesus Christ. After receiving a shoebox gift, many children have the opportunity to enrol in The Greatest Journey – a 12-lesson Bible study course that guides children through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In our 9.30am service we will be praying over the boxes of gifts that we have collected, and praying for those who will receive the boxes, that they will be blessed by the gift, and know the love of Jesus Christ that is sent with the gift.

We will also be hearing about the work of Skills for Life in our 9.30am service. Skills For Life is an organisation that raises money to support Mango Tree School in Kisii, Kenya. We look forward to hearing of the work they do.

Blessings, Pastor David

Sunday Morning Service 27th October at 9.30am:

Prayer is available at the front of church, after the service, with Denise, Joy and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: https://youtube.com/live/xckPYe8_wzY?feature=share

Please join us at SHOUT!! this Sunday October 27th at 3:30pm:

Please come and join us this Sunday for afternoon tea, games and activities for the children, at SHOUT!! held in our Hill Hall. This is our intergenerational Service, **everyone is welcome**.

This Sunday we will be continuing to talk about: *Prayer: Praying Anywhere, Anytime*.

26th October is Collection Time for - Operation Christmas Child:

Please bring in your filled boxes NOW!

"The collection time for the Operation Christmas Child boxes **will conclude on 26th October**.

On Sunday, 27th we are going to pray over the boxes before sending them on their journey.

Please join us for that special time." Thanks Beth.

Sunday 27th is the last day to purchase Better World Gift Cards:



\$15 Disaster Kit

This Sunday will be the last opportunity to purchase Baptist World Aid cards sold by Wendy Creamer after service in lower hall. Product info: Card size: 148x105mm Envelope included.

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

Purchase this or other cards after morning service this coming Sunday from Wendy Creamer.

This Sat 26th Oct Simply Scrappy Christmas Tags Workshop:

Saturday 26th October 9:30am to 12:30pm:

Christmas is coming!

Pastimes is pleased to offer this workshop with Margaret Crawford that is suitable for all – children must be accompanied by an adult. Phone: 0409 578 538

The workshop costs \$25, which includes kit, instructions and Morning Tea, this money will be **fully donated to Pastimes for their continued work with mission support.**

There will also be a craft sale table with 50% of sales being donated to Pastimes.

Thank you from Ruth and John MacFarlane – Philippians 1:3.:

“John and I would like to say a very big thank you to our amazing church family for your kindness, love, care and prayers.

We have been overwhelmed by you all and can’t thank you enough. We have both felt immense comfort from our pastor David and other folk who have provided meals, prayers, cards and flowers.

God Bless you all. Ruth and John **Philippians. 1:3. I thank my God every time I remember you.**

LIFT Lunch Friday 1st November 12:30pm Lunch at The Ettalong:

Ladies, you are invited to join us for lunch at ‘**The Ettalong**’ (next to IGA, in Ettalong shopping centre), on Friday 1st November at 12.30pm. All ladies are very welcome. Contact: Marion 0401 344 814

EBC Welcome Lunch, Sunday 17th November-after Morning Tea:

Everyone is invited to our ‘Welcome Lunch’. We especially want to welcome everyone new to our church over the last 6 months. Please see or call Sheila phone:0414 790 690

Are you able to help with our Ministry of Leftovers Free Café:

Acts 20:35. *In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*"

You may have heard David mention in the notices on Sunday, that our café is needing more help. We are needing both people that can just be in the kitchen/lower hall to welcome people and serve them hot drinks and food, and people to bake food, make sandwiches or even bring in bought biscuits, cakes etc Any help given, will be greatly appreciated. Please see Caroline.

Youth Life Warehouse Woy Woy Welcomes you to join them:

Volunteers are needed at the warehouse to help sort out goods. Everyone is welcome. Please see Sheila

Mainly Music needs Volunteers please:

Our successful Friday morning pre-school aged program, Mainly Music, is needing more volunteers.

If you are interested in assisting in this exciting program, please contact Joy. Ph: 0417 443 372.

Are you Willing and Able to help those in need? - 1 Timothy 5:5:

We had a request for a new ministry, that we are calling, **'Willing and Able'**.

1 Timothy 5:5 *The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help.*

In our church, we have many people in need of assistance to do small jobs around the home, like changing a light bulb. This is a job easy for many, but impossible for others.

If you are in need of this kind of help, please contact Lynette at office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

Anyone wishing to offer their services to do small jobs, please also contact Lynette phone: **43431237**

We have three generous people come forward to assist and we are very grateful to them, **thank you**.

'Coffee, Tea & A Movie' is an exciting New Connect Group Starting:

A more informal Connect Group is about to start, it will be called **Coffee, tea and a Movie**. This will be held at Maria Janos's home on a Monday morning. There will be opportunity to watch a Christian Movie and chat about it over Coffee or tea. Please contact Heather Crawford to register interest.

If you are interested in joining such a group, please chat to Heather. Phone: 0419 297 496

Exciting Christmas Dates for Your Diary:

Children's Gingerbread Man Decorating Day, Saturday 30th of November 2.30pm

Women's Gingerbread Making Night, Monday 2nd of December 6.45pm

Family Nativity Service, Community BBQ and Community Carols, Sunday 22nd of December

Christmas Day Service, Wednesday 25th of December 9.30am

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

Please see Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

Prayer requests are available at - EBC Prayer Chain, link below:

These requests are looked after by Lynette Tilden at: ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com

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.

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)

Please see our New Property Maintenance List hanging in office:

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, you can either place your name on the '**Job List**' or let me know so I can. I have also attached a copy of the job list to this Newsletter email.

If you need reimbursement for property expenses, please see Jim Chamberlain. Ph:0412 448 744

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

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.

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.

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