



*For Sale 18 Wilkes Avenue, Umina Beach.*

## **Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

### **From The Pastor:**

This week is our second last message from the ministry of Elisha.

War is a terrible thing. Even in Elisha's time war was tragic and inhumane. The people of the city of Samaria were surrounded by the armies of Aram. They were facing a terrible famine and were so hungry adults were even eating their children. The people had lost faith and home. When Elisha prophesied God's deliverance, the king's officer said it couldn't happen. The officer's faith and hope were gone, but God's words came true anyway (see 7:14–16)!

Sometimes we become preoccupied with problems when we should be looking for opportunities. Instead of focusing on the negatives, we should develop an attitude of expectancy. To say that God cannot rescue someone or that a situation is impossible demonstrates a lack of faith.

Blessings,

Pastor David

### **9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 12th October 9.30am:**

Too Good Not to Share: 2 Kings 6:24 to 7:20

Heather, Jane and others will be at the front after the service for anyone who wants prayer.

The service will be livestreamed at: <https://youtube.com/live/LspcK0a7JpM?feature=share>

### **SHOUT!! Resumes This Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October @ 3.30pm:**

SHOUT!! Our 3.30pm all-age service resumes this Sunday 12 October.

We are studying the life of Moses and Exodus.

We start at 3.30pm with afternoon tea and real coffee. The afternoon includes singing, prayers and a Bible Story, finishing by 5pm.

### **Alpha Resumes Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 12.30 – 2.30pm:**

We will be studying the topic of Who Is the Holy Spirit?

Please pray for our Alpha group. Please pray for our guests and for David and Denise as they host the group.

## Religious Education Ministries Christian Education Programme:

As most people would be aware, we have been supporting Religious Education Ministries (REM), for many years, as they provide a Christian education programme at the two High Schools here on the Peninsula - Brisbane Waters Secondary College, Umina Campus and Woy Woy Campus'.

The bimonthly board meeting is held at our church in the Hill Hall. and as one of the supporting churches we have two positions on the board. Paul Hooper has been one representative for the past 6 years and until recently Liz Edmonson was the other one. Liz has needed to stand down and it would be great if someone else from our church could take her place.

If you are interested and able to help, please talk to Paul Hooper or Pastor David Gilchrist.

## Connect Groups:

**It isn't too late to join a Connect Group in term 4 of this year.**

Some groups will be starting new studies. So, if you have ever thought, "I might like to try a connect group (which combines both great bible study and getting to know the folk in our church)", or "I now have time to go back to a connect group", then now is the time to sign up

See Heather Crawford if you need help finding a group that would suit you or check out the notice board in the church hall to find a group near you, that suits your weekly program of activity.

## Operation Christmas Child 2025:



"Time is getting closer for the shoe boxes to be collected. The collection window is 13<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October so it would be good if your filled boxes could be brought in within that time. During the morning service on 26<sup>th</sup> October, we will be praying a blessing over the boxes. We will pray that they arrive safely, that they will bring great joy to the children and many will take the opportunity to participate in The Greatest Journey course which shares the good news of Jesus. Thank you, Beth."

- Boxes for you to fill are available for \$1 each from the church office and church foyer.

If you have any queries, please see Beth or ring Beth on 0431 749 743. Thank you.

## Other Christmas Fundraisers:

- **Angel Tree Gifts** – Gifts to families of parents in NSW Correctional Facilities. Please see Linda Strapps for more information.
- **Baptist World Aid Christmas Gifts and Cards** – Wendy Creamer will be selling these again after church Sunday 19th October and 26th October <https://baptistworldaid.org.au/faith-in-action/better-world-gifts/>
- **Christmas Hampers** – In the last month of November and early December we will again be collecting food items to make up hampers for people the church knows who need some encouragement and blessings at Christmas time. See Pastor David for more information.

## Men's Breakfast @ BBF Woy Woy, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 8am:

The next men's fellowship breakfast will meet on Saturday 18 October 25, at 8am. To be held at BBF Cafe Woy Woy. For information contact Ian Makepeace.ph: 0411 012 125

## Skills for Life Events:

- **18<sup>th</sup> October** – Ferry to Palm Beach
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Games Day and possibly craft at Jan Harris's home.
- **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Sydney, meeting at Town Hall to walk around looking at Christmas decorations, ending at Circular Quay for dinner (we will possibly visit St Andrews Cathedral).
- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January** – A visit to the Art Gallery.

Contact Les for times and all other information, also to RSVP: 0412 866 513

## Bush Picnic Fundraiser for Impact Nations, 8<sup>th</sup> November 12pm:

**A Bush Picnic and a tour of Peter Denton's Photo Gallery and grounds is being organized by Heather, as a Fund Raiser for Impact Nations.**

You may remember that Heather was asked last year to join a group from around the world to go with an Impact Nations team to teach and empower women in the things of the Lord, and also to minister in the various slums near the capital of Uganda. She is holding the fund raiser on 8th November 2025 at 12 noon to raise money to go towards a brand-new Impact Nations project. That is to build a women's and girls' hostel in India. The women and girls work and live in a Brick Factory and Impact Nations have discovered that they are continually abused by the men who also work and live there. All funds raised at The Bush Picnic will go towards seeing that hostel built.

If you would like to purchase a ticket for \$30 or find out more about Impact Nations, then please see Heather Crawford in person or call on 0419 297 496.

## Free Concert 15<sup>th</sup> November, book now to avoid disappointment:

**Combined Tempo Terrific, Brisbane Water Brass and Gosford Music Society Choir.**

There will be an event with Tempo Terrific, Brisbane Water Brass and Gosford Music Society Choir on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Ettalong Diggers at 1.30pm. I hope to see you there. Meg.

**Tickets are free but booking is essential through their online booking system.** Early bird bookings will get seating priority. Book through:

<https://ettalong.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/155293>

## Manse For Sale!

Ettalong Baptist Church is selling the Manse, 18 Wilks Avenue, Umina Beach. After a few slow months, we are putting a refreshed effort into the sale of this delightful property. If you are interested contact Wisebury Real Estate There is an open house on Saturday 11th October at 2pm.

## EBC's Prayer Groups, All Welcome:

- **Sunday Mornings 8.45 – 9.15am. Sunday morning before the 9.30am service at the back of the Downstairs Hall.** You are welcome to join them.
- **Monday mornings 8.30am to 9.30am in the HILL HALL.** This prayer gathering is a time of praising the Lord and dedicating the week's ministries and the guidance of the Church to the glory of God.
- **Tuesday Zoom Prayer groups.** These are held at 10am and 7pm. Please see Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

## Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain:

- If you would like prayer, please send your request to: [ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com)

## Giving:

### Our bank details are:

Account Name: Ettalong Baptist Church – Bendigo Bank

BSB Number: 633 000

Account Number: 225 369 099

You may also give cash or cheque by placing your offering in the box next to the main entrance door in the church auditorium.

## Find Important Church Documents on our Website:

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 Jean Lynch (phone:0425 749 224)

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