

NEWSLETTER



We exist to be a relevant expression of the Family of God, who love one another and our communities with the Gospel love of Jesus Christ.



OVERVIEW:

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(Please note: Wednesdays are
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10.30am Service

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ZOOM meeting details

10.30am Service on Sundays

7am prayer on Wednesdays

You should log in at least 5 min
early.

Meeting ID: **474 053 157**

You can also phone in on
7018 2005

September Sundays on ZOOM

- 6th** Ash Buchanan. Fathers' Day (Dad's the word) ***Romans 4:17; Ephesians 4:3-6; Colossians 3:19-21; Ephesians 6:1-4***
- 13th** Ash Buchanan – Stress Less (Priorities & Perspectives)
Mark 12:18-34
- 20th** Ash Buchanan – Stress even less (Money & Godliness)
Luke 12:29-34; Ecclesiastes 5:8-20
- 27th** David Watts
(Communion will be celebrated on September 13th and 27th)

Here are the details for ZOOM online...

Meeting ID: **474 053 157**

If you do not have internet access you can also phone in using the
following phone number:

PH: 7018 2005 You will then be prompted to enter the Meeting
ID: 474 053 157

The same zoom details can be used to join in the **Wednesday 7am morning prayer** time on ZOOM. You are welcome to join us pray for our Church Family, each other, our Communities and the World. (the meeting goes for approx. 30mins).

A Change in Season

Do you have a favourite time of year? I've heard that some people love winter. I'm not sure why. I love saying goodbye to winter. My favourite time of year is springtime. The very start of spring to be precise. It's the time of year that I look forward to the most! I put up with summer, it's just a little too hot for me and autumn is really where things start to go downhill (weather wise at least). In reality our view on the goodness or badness of weather is mostly subjective. But I have learnt that the seasons will come and go. Every year.

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I love the start of spring because in my opinion it's when people start smiling again and I have observed the birds becoming more active and the blossoms starting to come out. The world starts to smell different too. In a good way. There's a freshness in the air and a sense of newness all around the place. The whole world seems happier, healthier, and simply more alive.

The best part about the changing seasons is that even during the darkest winter, I have complete faith that my beloved spring will come again. Every year. There is a reason that Solomon referred to the activities of life as seasons in Ecclesiastes 3. He realized that just like the bad weather is followed by good, nothing in this life lasts forever either. Good, bad and in between. Everything will pass away. I know this is a pretty sad way to view the world, because most of us have a tendency to want the good times to roll on and we generally despise the tough times. That is natural, who wants to go through bad times? Yet without winter we would not have spring or summer. And we need both the good weather and the not so good. Every year.

We need the different seasons of life too. God uses them to mold us into the people He wants us to be. Unlike the weather, it is often hard to predict just how long these seasons in our own lives will last, good or bad. And while there are some things we cannot control... there are things that we can be certain of. So if you find yourself stressed about things you can't change, remember that this season won't last forever. Remember that God uses these times to prepare you for what's to come. Just as He has used past seasons to prepare you for this one. That's a little bit exciting (isn't it?). Above all take Solomon's advice in Ecclesiastes 12:13 and 'Fear God and keep His commandments' in other words keep following Jesus. Closely. Every Day. And...

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13).

Blessings,
Ash

Offering

Granite Community
Church

BSB: 633 000

Acc: 16 086 8402

Offerings for the building fund can be deposited into the same account with the reference 'building fund'.

Small Groups

During this time of limited social contact and interaction, some people have found it great to get together with a small group of people on ZOOM once a fortnight. They catch up, go through a bible study together and pray for each other.

Getting together in small groups is encouraging and energizing.

You can even telephone into the group if you don't have internet access.

If you would like to be part of a small group please contact Ash.

MONTHLY PRAYER LIST

Sunday September 6th

Missionaries:

OAC Ministries
Phil & Carol Short (SIM Australia)

Locals:

Melinda McEwen
Kyle & Teghan Pearse, Jack & Ted

Sunday September 13th

Missionaries:

MMM
John & Kay Rowse, Asher

Locals:

Sue McLachlan
Ian Pierce

Sunday September 20th

Missionaries:

Rhys and Angela Morrell, Hannah & Ruben (MAF)
Ewen & Elizabeth Cummings, Jemima, Ruth,
Anna, Jed and Keziah (Wycliffe Aust.)

Locals:

Shane & Yvonne Lavell
Laurie & Jeanette Pearse

Sunday September 27th

Missionaries:

Mal & Jenny Watts, Erin & Alicia (SIM)
Peter & Wendy Geldart, James & Benjamin (ESA)

Locals:

Mary Elvey
Jake and Kim Bish, Matilda