

The Weekly News



Dear Church Family,

This week we look at the importance and power of prayer. Prayer for many of us might seem a strange, difficult, confusing, aspect of our relationship with God. Clearly the Bible has many references to prayer – prayers sung as hymns, or recited as poetry; prayers crying out to God for help in times of wars and crisis; prayers as love songs ... prayers as the people entered the Temple for worship; or prayers of Remembrance and even of Deliverance such as at Passover! Perhaps you pray regularly – and your prayer time is a blessing for you, or you might be someone who tries to pray but finds it very difficult – perhaps for you the anxiety of life gets in the way and you begin to doubt that God is even listening!

Tim

POWER OF PRAYER



This Week

FRI | 25 SEP

Men on a Mission | 07:00 - 08:30 | Church Foyer (Every Friday)

Impact Youth | 18:30 - 20:30

SUN | 27 SEP

Traditional Communion Service | 08:00

Family Service | 09:30

WED | 30 SEP

W.A Executive Meeting | 10:00

**Bible Study | 10:30 | Reverend Tim
God's Book**

Prayer Group | 12:00 | Sanctuary

Grief Share | 14:00 | Chapel

***Note: This is not a closed group – Grieving folk are welcome to join
at any time during the course.**

Young Adults | 18:30

THUR | 01 OCT

W.A Meeting | 14:00 | Foyer

The Well | 10:00 - 12:00 (Will Be Open)

LOOKING AHEAD

THUR | 8 OCTOBER

The Well | Pancake Sale | 10:00 - 12:00

SAT | 10 OCTOBER

W.A. Hosting a High Tea | 14:00 - 16:00 | Foyer - SOLD OUT!

WED | 28 OCTOBER

Quiz Evening | 18:00 - 21:00 | Foyer

**Don't forget to invite Tim to your small groups to discuss God's Book
and
FGV Communion Gathering – 1st Tuesday of Every Month**

NOTICE

We are looking for old prescription glasses, reading glasses and sunglasses for people in Bossiesgif.

Please contact Dennis Folkey at 082 735 0619.

**There will be a collection box for them in Church on Sunday
or you can contact Dennis and he will come and collect
them from you.**

**"This is the confidence we have in approaching God:
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us"**



1 John 5:14

DON'T FORGET IN THE CHURCH



Assisting the Offertory Team

If you would like to join the Offertory Team and assist with the collection during services, please contact Lizzy in the office.

Womens' Auxiliary

Please select the link below for the newest information.

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Duty Roster

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Volunteers needed

FESTIVE FAMILY CHRISTMAS MARKET

ST. THOMAS METHODIST
1 MULLER STREET, PLETT

LIVE
MUSIC

ARTS &
CRAFTS

FOOD
STALLS

GIFTS

15 DEC
9AM - 3PM

KIDS
GAMES

FAITH - COMMUNITY - HOPE - LOVE

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Thank you

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Teams
of 4

Save
the
date

Quiz
Night



Wednesday 28 October
18:00 - 21:00



BLESSED ARE THE EMPTY-HANDED

In the stillness of this morning, a blessing from Jesus for the empty-handed.

There is something quietly disarming about the way Jesus begins.
Not with achievement.
Not with strength.
Not with certainty.
He begins with emptiness.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit.” Before those words become softened by familiarity, they catch us a little off guard. Empty-handedness is not something most of us strive for. We are taught to fill our days, build our capacities, and present ourselves as capable and composed. Even in faith, we can feel pressure to arrive holding something worthwhile.

Yet Jesus calls the empty-handed blessed.
Empty hands do not grasp.
They do not prove.
They do not perform.
They open.

To be poor in spirit is not to be weak in character or lacking in faith. It is to recognise, sometimes with relief and sometimes with sorrow, that we are not self-sufficient. Life often asks more of us than we can carry alone. Beneath our efforts, our planning, and our best intentions lies a need that only God can meet.

Many of us resist this place for as long as possible.

We distract ourselves.
We fill the gaps.
We keep moving.

But sooner or later, through loss, weariness, disappointment, or simply the demands of daily life, we find ourselves with nothing left to offer but honesty. And it is precisely there that Jesus says the Kingdom is near.

The Kingdom of Heaven is not earned by having it all together. It is received by those who know they do not. I find that both confronting and deeply comforting. When my hands are full, I tend to rely on what I am holding: my competence, my plans, my sense of control. But when my hands are empty, there is room for grace I did not create, strength I did not muster, and hope I did not manufacture.

Empty hands make space.

They make space for God to give rather than for us to prove.

They make space for receiving rather than striving.

They make space for rest.

This blessing does not romanticise hardship or dismiss genuine struggle. Jesus is not calling poverty itself good. He is naming a posture of the heart, one that stands before God without pretending to be enough.

If today finds you depleted rather than devoted, unsure rather than certain, weary rather than confident, this blessing is not passing you by.

It is finding you.

Blessed are you when you come with nothing impressive to show.

Blessed are you when prayer feels more like showing up than saying the right words.

Blessed are you when all you can honestly offer is your need. The Kingdom of Heaven is already leaning towards open hands.

May you feel no pressure today to clench your fists or gather proof of your worth. May you simply come as you are: empty-handed, unguarded, and fully seen.

And may you discover that this, too, is holy ground.

Matthew 5:3

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sunday to Sunday 27 September - 03 October

Sharmaine Calder

Colleen Nel

Nikki Murray

David Bodill

Andrew Smith

Bobby Rogers

Keri-Ann de Bruijn

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER

Jenni & Alan Batchelor

Yvonne Bath

Ethel & Arnie Bademan

Jo Beveridge

Linda Batt

Wendy Becker

Elma Bergh

Janetha Besselaar & Dennis Folkey

Angela & Richard Bird

When you have a moment, please add a space in your prayers tonight for these people, Thank you.

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups provide a space for all members to share their experiences, encourage one another in faith, and deepen their understanding of the scriptures. Chat to Rev. Tim if you would like to join a group or have a question 082 463 9692

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NOTICES AND INFO

God's Book by Andrew Ollerton, is available at Wordsworth Books in the Checkers Center.

Daughters of Eden Cloth Pads available for sale contact Wendy Pretorius: 083 261 7899

Appeal for disposable sanitary pads contact Sandy Webb: 073 565 5931



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