

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Gospel and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action, the empowering of the servant leaders and the growing of disciples.

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I am available in the event of emergencies at any time, but other than that would appreciate not receiving calls on Wednesdays, where possible, as this is my day off.

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This Week's Roster

14th August, 2022

Next Week's Roster

21st August, 2022

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Manager: **Neil**
Reader: **Tina**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Ailsa, Chris DeB. & Joy**
Audio Desk (am): **Ralph**
Audio Desk (pm): **Ralph**
Camera : **Tim**
Computer (am): **Ralph**
Computer (pm): **Ralph**
AV Editing **Jonathan**

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Jonathan**
Leaders (pm): **Renée & James**
Manager: **Ray**
Reader: **Trevor**
Musician: **Brunetta**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Peter & Yvonne**
Audio Desk (am): **Rykhardt**
Audio Desk (pm): *********
Camera : **Lucinda**
Computer (am): **Rykhardt**
Computer (pm): *********
AV Editing **Rykhardt**

Have you considered E-giving?

Envelopes with an "E" on the front, prayer requests or thanks can be placed in the offering bags on a Sunday morning.

Our bank details are as follows:

BSB 805-007 Account Number: 00702729 Credit Union SA

Please speak to Chris Holroyd if you require more information.

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Sunday, 14th August, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher:: **Jonathan**

Theme: **The Importance of Being Offended**

New Testament Reading: **Galatians 6: 11-18**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ



and nurture them through our church
our church

The Importance of Being Offended

These days in the West we are not supposed to offend anyone's sensibilities. So, we socially "tip-toe" around, not expressing what we really think. Although the censure of the offended may be much less tolerant of the views of the offender, and much more severe than the original offence!

Paul said that there is one offence that may never be removed from human society: the offence of the cross (Gal 5:11; 1Cor 1:18a; 23). The death of Jesus Christ on the cross for the salvation of every human being means that every human being is sinful and lost, and must be saved by the grace of Christ alone.

In other words, the message of the cross *offends everyone!* The morally upright take offence at the idea that they are not good people; the liberals take offence that God would judge anyone as not acceptable as they are. Yet, the cross of Christ says that those who know that they are sinful are made truly holy, and those who know that they are not acceptable as they are, are truly included, by the superabundant grace of Christ.

Only if the offence remains are we guaranteed salvation and fullness of life. When we 'get that', we will not only accept the offence of the cross, *we will love it!* As Paul said, "May I never boast in anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Gal 6:14).

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The Grace of God

Theologians point out that there is a sharp distinction between the use of the word 'grace' in the Old and New Testaments.

In the Old Testament, it can be used to designate kindness and graciousness in general, with no particular tie or personal relationship between the individuals involved. It is also used to signify a specific kindness that gives pleasure to both giver and receiver, thereby implying some sort of special relationship between them.

In the New Testament, grace indicates quite specifically God's redemptive love, which is always active to save a person to keep them in relationship with him. It implies God's continual, unfailing faithfulness both to his covenant and to his people forever.

Think of grace in terms of a statement: 'You are accepted.' You and I are accepted, fully and totally accepted by God, now, always, without condition, without deserving, without question. To be accepted in this way means to be cherished, to be loved, to be guarded from ultimate evil. It means that who we are is valued, honoured and respected. We are saved by grace through faith in Christ.

Grace is God's initiative. It is an expression of God's love for us, of God's desire, of God's unconditional acceptance, an expression of the very nature of who God is. Such amazing grace!

Reverend Gordon Crabb: 28th June, 2019

Notices

- **Reverend Jonathan will be absent on a week's leave from 28th August to 5th September.**
- **There will be another Mission Planning / Church Council meeting on Saturday, 17th September, at 10.00 am.**
- **Thank you so much to our church family for continuing to support recycling by supplying used stamps, aluminium ring pulls and pre-loved metal.**

REMAINING AUGUST DIARY DATES

- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 14th August: 10.00 am (Gideons)**
- **OCC Afternoon: Sunday, 14th August: Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 14th August: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 15th August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Estia Worship Service: Monday, 15th August: 2.00 pm**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 18th August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 21st August: 10.00 am**
- **Café Youth: Sunday, 21st August: 6.30 pm (DIY Pizza)**
- **KYB: Monday, 22nd August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**
- **Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 25th August: 8.00 am to 9.00 am**
- **Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 28th August: 10.00 am**
- **Café Church: Sunday, 28th August: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm**
- **KYB: Monday, 29th August: 10.00 am to 11.30 am**

Gideons International: Retiring Offering

Today we welcome our speaker from Gideons International who will take part in our morning service. As we probably already know, Gideons International is an Evangelical Christian association for men, founded in 1899 in Janesville, Wisconsin. Their primary activity is "encouraging each other to do the work of the Lord, focussing on who they are before God, and strengthening the power of their personal testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ".

As is our tradition, there will be a retiring offering that can be placed in the bowl at the rear of the sanctuary after the service.



Operation Christmas Child

As October fast approaches, we need to remember that we cannot fill a Samaritan's Purse shoebox at the last minute. Coral will soon be asking us all to participate in this truly wonderful venture of making Christmas happier for children who are living in dire poverty. Coral will also be asking for people to help pack boxes at a state level. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

