### **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.

Reverend Jonathan Button can be contacted at j.button@bigpond.com.

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.

### Church Telephone Number: 8251 4298

This Week's Roster  11th September, 2022	Next Week's Roster  18th September, 2022
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# 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 805-607 Account Number 00702729 Credit Union SA

# Golden Grove Gazette

Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

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Sunday, 11th September, 2022

Preacher:: Reverend Jonathan

Theme: The Greatest of Sinners

New Testament Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Mission Statement: To draw people





to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

# **The Worst Human Being**

The Psalm writer says, 'The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile:....', and that these same ones are 'evildoers who know nothing'. (Ps 14:1,4) We might be tempted to say to ourselves, "that's about what we'd expect from atheists"!

But - get ready to choke on our words! - the Psalm writer goes on to say, 'All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one'! (v3) The Psalmist is talking about everyone - including God's people, the church, us! Saint Paul calls Himself, "the worst of sinners"! (1Tm 1:15)

This doesn't mean that no one does anything that is good; many people do much good, and all people – even the worst – do some good. What it means is that, even so, every human being has a wilful resistance to God and what He wants at their core; and even when we do good this wilfulness is still at work in us (Is 64:6).

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Martin Luther said that when Jesus Christ became our sin in His death on the cross, "He became just as though He were the worst sinner on earth"! Why?...to trade places with us and make us 'the righteousness of God' (2 Cor 5:21). He became the worst human being, so that we can become the best!

This means that, for all your failings, by faith in Jesus Christ, nonetheless you are the son, the daughter, that God the Father has always wanted!

Grace and peace, Jonathan.

### A Gentle Reminder from Sandy and Trevor

September is now with us. That means that the next round of sponsorship payments has been set in motion. Hence, the gentle reminder from our illustrious Philippines sponsorship coordinators. In the meantime, they would like to thank our church family for its continuing generosity via the Philippines jars and the sponsorships, some of which come from outside our church. Luciano is indeed most grateful for what we do.

### **Recycling News**

Thank you to all of those people who contribute to our church's recycling efforts. Apart from the bottles, cans, stamps and aluminium ring foils, we now have a request for tea bag tags (the strings and the labels). Thank you for your help.

## Mission Planning and Church Council Workshop

For those people who will be involved, please do not forget that we are meeting this Saturday, 17th September, at 10.00 am. Thank you.

# DATES TO PUT A SPRING IN OUR STEPS

- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 11th September: 10.00 am
- Café Church: Sunday, 11th September: 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm
- Conclusion of Royal Show: Sunday, 11th September
- KYB: Monday, 12th September: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 15th Sept: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Mission Planning / Church Council: Saturday, 17th Sept: 10.00 am
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 18th September: 10.00 am
- Café Youth: Sunday, 18th September: 6.30 pm (Night Hike)
- KYB: Monday, 19th September: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 19th September: 2.00 pm
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 22nd Sept: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- Vernal Equinox: Thursday, 22nd September
- Sunday Morning Worship: Sunday, 25th September: 10.00 am
- Café Youth: Sunday, 25th September: 6.30 pm (Night Hike)
- KYB: Monday, 26th September: 10.00 am to 11.30 am
- Thursday Morning Prayers: Thursday, 22nd Sept: 8.00 am to 9.00 am
- End of Term Three: Friday, 30th September



Working Bee 7th December, 2019