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Jonathan will be on annual from January 28th—February 3rd



Café Church is on a break but will return on January 26th 2025.



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.

** Payments can now be made by EFTPOS on Sunday.

Today

Leader— Kathryn

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Barrie

Welcome— Bob

Manager— Neil

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ralph, Tim, James,

Editing— Rykhardt (video)

Morning Tea— Ken and Owen

Next Week

Leader— Jonathan

Preacher— Jonathan

Reader— Sue

Welcome— Cath

Manager— Ray

Musician – Brunetta

Technical Crew— Ruan, Rykhardt

Editing— Jonathan (audio)

Morning Tea— Trevor and Sandy

The Weekly Word

Sunday 12th January 2025



Golden Grove Uniting Church Mission Statement

We are a Gospel-driven, connected, generous church family, mission-minded and outwardly focused.

Today

Preacher—Jonathan

Reader— Barrie

Theme –The Baptism of Jesus

Reading: Luke 3:15-22

SLEEP

Have you ever pondered the enigmatic third of your life spent in slumber? It's a captivating notion, especially when we often overlook this substantial part of our existence. Beyond the occasional vivid dream, we often can't recall what unfolds during those silent, unconscious hours. What could be the spiritual significance of this mysterious state?

Interestingly, the Bible uses the term 'sleep' in various symbolic contexts, each carrying a profound spiritual message. It's equated with laziness, spiritual apathy, being unprepared for Christ's return, and even as a precursor to the resurrection. These references invite us to ponder the deeper spiritual implications of our sleep.

On the other hand, there are passages that speak of God's unique protection over his children as they sleep. The wise man Solomon acknowledged, 'He (God) gives his beloved sleep' (Psalm 127.2). This is the sleep of contentment, knowing that our God never slumbers nor sleeps (Psalm 121.4). How does this knowledge of God's constant vigilance make you feel?



PTO

Interestingly, the New American Standard Bible translates; *For he gives to his beloved, **even in his sleep.*** When we go to bed on a prayer, we find that upon waking, we are refreshed, our minds clearer, our emotions softer, and our courage greater. Sleep tight. Every night. It's only right.

Rev Gordon

Children's Ministry 2025

We are looking for enthusiastic people to assist with our children's ministry at Golden Grove Uniting for when children attend once the school term recommences. There are 'one off' activities in the Kids Connect cupboard to begin with. All resources supplied!

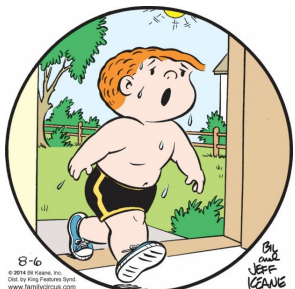
There are, understandably, strict guidelines when working with children:

There must always be two adults in the room, even if there is only one child.

Each adult must also have a "Working with Children" certificate which includes a Police Check. We are asking for volunteers who may already have their "Working with Children Check" or are prepared to apply for one, to help out on a Sunday when children attend morning service.



If you would like to help out with this programme, or just want to know more, please let Tina Stokes, Kathryn Button or Chris Holroyd know of your interest. We hope to develop a team of volunteers.



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"I wish God would turn down the summer a little."
By Jeff Keane



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"Moses wasn't feelin' well, so God gave him some tablets."
By Jeff Keane

See if you can find 3 items from each category in The Bible.

A book starting with M _____

A disciple of Jesus _____

An Egyptian plague _____

A Fruit of The Spirit _____

A Tribe of Israel _____

An animal in The Bible _____

A parable Jesus told _____



Important Dates 2025

Youth 3:16 **HOLIDAY BREAK**

Monday 20th January **Service at Estia Nursing Home** 2:00pm

Sunday 26th January **Australia Day**

* All reports to be complete by conveners ready for the AGM*

Monday 27th January **Public Holiday for Australia Day**

Tuesday 28th January **Beginning of the school year -Term 1**

Saturday 1st February **Working Bee**

Thursday 6th February **Women's Fellowship** 1:00pm

Saturday March 1st **Community Breakfast** 8:30am