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28 SEPTEMBER 2023

From the Archives

Ever tried to run away from God? It didn't work, did it?

I am intrigued by Paul's paradox... Philippians 3:12 *I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.* Who's holding who? Bit like the young man in the spring whose fancy turns to romance and he pursues his lady-love until she catches him. Or, is it more like the chicken and the egg paradox?

In Stavropol, Russia there was a warehouse crammed full of Bibles that Stalin had confiscated during the purge of believers in the 1930's. Many years later, permission was granted for these Bibles to be redistributed and a team of workers came in to move them.

Among the workers was a young agnostic man who had come only for the day's wages. As they were loading Bibles, someone noticed that the young man had disappeared. Eventually they found him in a corner of the warehouse, weeping.

He had slipped away in order to take a valuable Bible for himself. What he found shook him to the core!

On the inside page of the Bible he had picked up was the handwritten signature of his own grandmother. It had been her personal Bible. Out of the thousands of Bibles in the warehouse, he stole the very one belonging to his grandmother, a woman, who throughout her entire life, was persecuted for her faith.

The 'Hound of Heaven' had tracked him down.
I FLED Him, down the nights and down the days;
I fled Him, down the arches of the years;
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways
Of my own mind; and in the mist of tears
I hid from Him, and under running laughter.
Up imagined hopes I sped;
And shot, precipitated,
Adown Titanic glooms of chasmèd fears,
From those strong Feet that followed, followed after.
But with unhurrying chase,
And unperturbèd pace,

The Hound of Heaven – Francis Thompson 1859 – 1907

Glenn Cranston, Helensvale Campus

Join us this

Sunday

All Campuses

Pre-Service
Prayer

Family
Celebration
Service

@

930 am



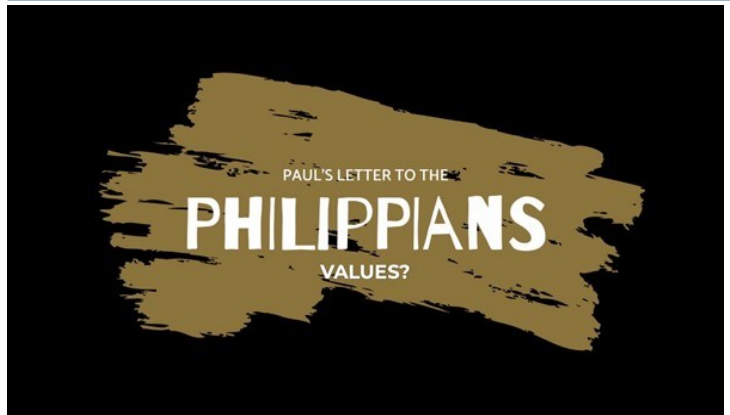
SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Philippians 3:1-11

Helensvale: James Picton-Warlow
Pre Service Prayer | 9am Auditorium

Upper Coomera: Stefan Maslen
Pre Service Prayer | 8:45am Crèche

Southport: Matt Hunt
Pre Service Prayer | 9am Blue room



As we walk through Philippians we would also like your feedback on what you see in the passages as we explore them in regards to **what our values at Crosslife should be**. This past Sunday this was Philippians 2:1-11 and you can click the link [HERE](#) to access the online form.



There is also [THIS SERIES](#) available for LifeGroups or individuals to follow on RightNow Media as we walk through Philippians to help us go **deeper during the week**.

What are you valuing?

CROSSLIFE - A BAPTIST CHURCH



Combined Family Celebration

SOUTHPORT CAMPUS
9:30am | 29 October



**Save
the
Dates**

Annual General Meeting

**Save the Date
Tuesday
21 November**

Appointing CrossLife Elders
for the next two year period



**PLAN
TO
BE
THERE**

The following documents are available at your campus

**Elders Recommendation Team update | Elders Position Description
A Biblical Profile for Elders | and Elders nomination forms**

Giving Youth Everywhere The Opportunity To Be Followers Of Jesus Christ



Equip your high-school-aged teen to confidently share their faith and establish an effective Discovery Bible Study in their school.



FOR PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL AGED TEENS

**Could there be a grassroots movement of teens coming to Christ
and discipled in Australian schools?**

**One of the missionaries from Youth For Christ will be running a series of live
ZOOM sessions with parents and their teens. During these sessions your teen will
be equipped to reach the lost in schools with a simple Discovery Bible Study.**

SESSION DATES & DETAILS



Join other passionate young followers of Jesus for **four free online coaching sessions** with an experienced disciple-making missionary from Youth for Christ Australia.

Tuesday 3rd October Introduction to DBS and Running a Study

Tuesday 10th October Practice and Feedback

Tuesday 31st October Troubleshooting and Advice

Tuesday 14th November Continuation and Accountability

- Each session starts at 8:30pm AEDST and last for about 1 hour.
- Sessions take place over Zoom.

For Christian high-school students in Australia

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK NOW](#)

Providing quality schooling for Displaced refugee children



OUR VISION

Mae Sot, on the Thailand-Myanmar border, hosts many thousands of refugees from Myanmar who have fled the violent conflict that has been ongoing since the 2021 military coup.

Crossroad Learning Centre is seeking to provide quality schooling for these displaced families.

OUR HOPE

Our prayer and hope is that generous supporters abroad will help with this project, and so make a huge difference in young lives in years to come.

TO HELP ...

THROUGH ONE-OFF GIFTS OR SPONSORSHIP

NOTE: If donating to this project via the TtN account below, please insert in the reference line:

'Building Appeal' or 'Refugee Schooling'

OUR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

BSB: 034-204 (Westpac)

Account Name: TtN Promise Schools Account

Account Number: 375029

Donations to Crossroad / Promise Schools Projects through Transform the Nations are tax deductible in Australia and New Zealand.
Tax receipts are issued if requested.

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THE PROJECT

Most refugee families can contribute only a little to the cost of schooling. Early in our second year of operation there are currently 299 fulltime students - with others in our weekend English Language classes. Enrolment waiting lists grow daily. We aim to provide a pathway for these students who have very limited life prospects.

THE PROGRESS

Thanks to the generosity of friends abroad, 5.8 acres of suitable land has been purchased to establish a larger, permanent school facility. The current premises are rented, too small, and generally unsuitable. The plan now is to raise funds to construct Stage 1.

THE PLAN

Stage 1 will consist of 6 large classrooms, an administration centre, a toilet block, a covered playground and a caretaker's residence. The main building is estimated to cost \$500,000 AUD, the covered playground and toilet block \$185,000 AUD and the residence a further \$60,000. On completion, the secondary years students will relocate to the new site, followed by the rest of the students as further stages are constructed.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Car Boot Sale



THE WELL
58 HIGHLAND WAY,
UPPER COOMERA
SAT 30 SEPTEMBER
7AM - 10AM

JOIN US ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FOR A CAR BOOT SALE
COFFEE & BREAKFAST AVAILABLE ONSITE AT THE SOCIAL 3 CAFE



SATURDAY

11

NOV, 2023

4PM - 7PM

Christmas Twilight Markets

Family fun day including stalls, food vendors,
petting zoo, FREE jumping castle,
crafts, carols, Santa and much more

FREE JUMPING CASTLE





UPCOMING EVENTS



Upper
Coomera



Men's Manly Male Meaty Meetup

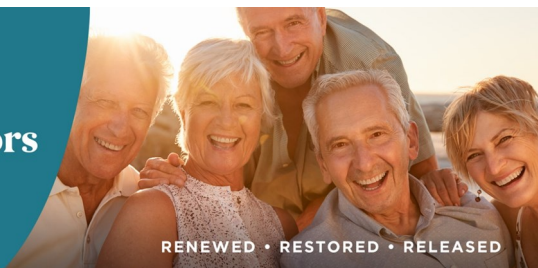
Good burgers,
fun times and some
sharing and walking
together before the
Lord...



register
now!



Sat 28 Oct @ 6pm | RSVP by 26 Oct
@ Helensvale Campus



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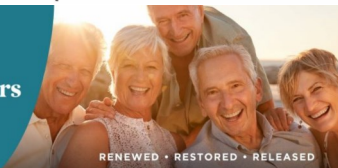


LAST FRIDAY OF
EACH MONTH
10AM

"WISE ONES" MONTHLY COFFEE GET TOGETHER

Join us at Cafe Two
25 Rose Valley Dr
Upper Coomera
29 September

Contact Anne Meehan
Ph: 0410 001 468



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HELENSVALE SENIORS MORNING TEA

**HELD: FIRST
WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
10AM**



Guest speaker: Russell Hinds
founding pastor of Helensvale Baptist Church

**For Info contact
Maureen Cranston 0408 186 031**

Join us 4th October
23 Discovery Drive
Helensvale

Once a
term we
go on an
outing



Queensland Seniors Month is celebrated from **1 to 31 October** each year. It celebrates the valuable contributions seniors make to our city as well as encouraging community connections and participation. Info will be in our next Seniors Quarterly magazine. Keep a eye out next week for our 3rd Seniors Connect magazine for 2023. These will be emailed to our seniors. A small number of the Seniors Quarterly will be available at your campus for pickup.

Spiritual
Enrichment
Nutrition
Intergenerational
Outreach
Recreation
Service

*"Know
your
Calling
make it
matter"*



I'd Like to know more about Jesus

I'd like to enquire about Baptism

I'm Interested in joining a Life group or Care Group

I'd like to enquire about Membership of CrossLife

Prayer Request

Click on the links above or contact info@crosslife.org.au



POSTAGE STAMPS FOR CHRISTMAS...

Baptist Mission Australia Stamps Committee has a large accumulation of mint Australian postage stamps for sale. All the profits from sales support the work of Baptist Mission Australia.

We can supply \$1.20 and 65c stamps (postage rate for Christmas), and almost any denomination, including the higher values for parcels. If you are posting overseas you will need to ask us for international stamps (Christmas card rate: \$2.60 anywhere in the world).

The local postage rate for Christmas (November and December) is 65c for envelopes marked "card only". Concession card holders need pay only 60c each.

Order from Bryan Laurens (Stampman) 1514/45 Duncan Street, WEST END, QLD 4101
Phone (07) 3846 7212 email: laurens@bigpond.net.au

Your name: _____

Address: _____

_____ stamps @65c each (Card Only) = \$ _____ | _____ stamps @ \$1.20 each (letters) = \$ _____

_____ 65c stamps @ 60c each (Concession holder) = \$ _____

_____ stamps @ \$2.60 each (Overseas) = \$ _____ | Total amount (paid, or to pay) = \$ _____

✓ for a tax invoice ☐

YOUNG discoverers



Young Discoverers Highland Reserve are looking a volunteer to give a few hours every couple of weeks to help organise our clothing exchange program. If your super power is organising and you would like to help out please contact Simone Herring (Chaplain) on: simone.herring@crosslife.org.au or leave a text/voice message on 0403 318 236.



Opportunity to make a difference in young lives...

Young 'at heart' Discoverers – Senior Volunteers wanted



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YOUNG
discoverers

Do you love spending time with children and have the mental space to listen, read or play with young active children? Maybe you love doing craft, painting, gardening or other creative activities.

At Young Discoverers there are many different opportunities for volunteers to get involved and share their skills, passions and love with preschool aged children.

Contact me or Pam to explore further, what this opportunity could look like for you. We'd love to hear what you enjoy and could contribute to enrich the learning environment of our Young Discoverers pre-schoolers.

Many blessings, Simone Herring Chaplain Young Discoverers
Helensvale and Highland Reserve.

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CROSSLIFE PRAYS

FOR REVIVAL
&
SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

JOIN US AS WE PRAY WITH ONE VOICE

— 8 —
OCTOBER

4PM

SOUTHPORT CAMPUS,
170 NERANG STREET, SOUTHPORT



A SPECIAL GOLD COAST PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

In Conjunction with the World Prayer Assembly, there will be a series of Worship and Prayer Gatherings on the Gold Coast | 3-6 October 23.

- Tuesday 3rd October.** 6:30pm -8:00pm. Theme: The King of Glory.
Host – Gold Coast Chapel Venue: Life Development Centre 67 Warrener St Nerang
- Wednesday 4th October.** 9:00am-10:30am Theme: Families and Cities.
Host: GC House of Prayer Venue: City Link Auditorium. 148 Eastlake St. Carrara.
- Wednesday 4th October.** 7:00pm -9:00pm. Theme: Families and Cities.
Host: Hope Church Venue: 4 / 175 Varsity Pde Varsity Lakes
- Thursday 5th October.** 7:00pm -9:00pm. Theme: Generations.
Host: GC House of Prayer Venue: City Link Auditorium. 148 Eastlake St. Carrara
- Friday 6th October.** 8:00am -Noon Theme: Tribes and Nations
Host: GC House of Prayer. Venue: GC House of Prayer. 148 Eastlake St. Carrara



Don't know what DPPJ is?

DPPJ, or **The Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem**, is a global day of prayer and intercession for the nation of Israel, bringing together millions of people each year from **diverse backgrounds, cultures, and faiths** each to pray for the peace and well-being of Jerusalem. Co-founded by Bishop Robert Stearns and Dr. Jack Hayford, this event has flourished into a **global movement**, promoting unity and the divine power of prayer.

Over 1,500 international Christian leaders are rallying millions of believers from many church traditions to prayer on the first Sunday of every October as the “Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem.” Together we are praying for God’s promise of peace to be realized for all inhabitants of this historic city. Tens of thousands of pastors from every continent are mobilizing prayer for the peace of Jerusalem in their local churches, regions, and countries.

Understanding God’s Plan for Israel

Read the following - Genesis 12:3; Genesis 17:7-8; Deuteronomy 10; Deuteronomy 28-32; Isaiah 40:1-2; Isaiah 60-62; Ezekiel 36-37; Ezekiel 39:25-29; Amos 9:11-15; Micah 7:18 -20; Zechariah 8:2-3; Zechariah 12 & 14; Romans 9-11; Hebrews 11

For whom should I pray?

Pray for both Jew and Arab alike, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Specifically pray for religious and political leaders, oppressed women and children, victims of terror, believers in the Land, and the young generation of Israelis and Arab Palestinians.



GIVING

For your convenience, you can now give by Credit card by clicking on the Giving icon [HERE](#)



GIVING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT | Account Name: CrossLife—a baptist church

Bank of Queensland | BSB 124-025 | Account Number 2185 4579 (Helensvale)

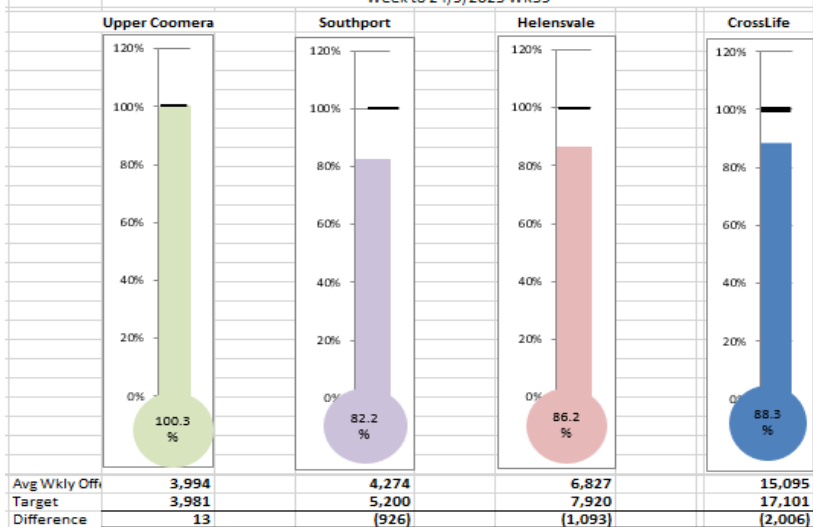
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Average Weekly Offering V's Weekly Offering Target?

Week to 24/9/2023 WK39



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3:10

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES BY PARTNERING WITH COMPASSION CONNECTION

CROSSROADS - MINISTRY TO THE DISABLED | CL FOOD PANTRIES | CC COUNSELLING REBATES

Don't forget to send your personal details (name, address, email, amount donated) to CC so we can send you a tax deductible receipt at finance@compassionservices.com.au

To give to the Food pantries

Account number: 400046652
BSB 704913

To give to Crossroads

Account number: 100001020
BSB 704913

To give to the Counselling rebate

Account number: 400041638
BSB 704913



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