

September Mission of the Month:

Pioneers - the Edwardes Family in Ireland

Pioneers Australia:

JESUS. YOU. UNREACHED PEOPLE.

Pioneers mobilises teams to glorify God among unreached peoples by initiating church planting movements in partnership with local churches. Some cultures in the world have no neighbours who can tell them about Jesus Christ. Pioneers hopes to share God's love with those people in places where the gospel is yet to be effectively proclaimed.

BUC partners with Graham & Sarah Edwardes, with their children Sydney & Enzo, who are sharing the Gospel and church planting in Ireland. You can follow them on Facebook.



Please keep giving!

We may not be meeting physically for worship, but we still have bills to pay and ministries to support. You are encouraged to make use of the electronic funds

transfer option from your bank account to the Uniting Financial Services Congregation account using the following information:

BUC Property Committee BSB 634-634 Acc 10000-1487

Mission of the Month giving can be done electronically as well: write "Mission" in the description.

Keep on praying - We may be locked down, BUT we are never lock out from God!!

The physical weekly Prayer Meetings are in recess, but all are welcome to join in the Zoom prayer gatherings. Click on the zoom link:
<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/98976481554?pwd=WndnL1V5T0plYkJacFF3UGFHdUpIQT09>

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

* Jan & Gordon Allan * Jen Dinning * Marcia Schnabel * Joan Sena
* Gordon Richardson * John Bishop * Matt Phillips * Sierk Dykman
* Kim Allen

* Those in our Church family and wider community who are in isolation as a result of the recent local covid outbreak; & pray for revival in our nation!

* World: global covid crisis; refugees & the persecuted Church; Christians in Afghanistan; our international mission partners (Bruce & Kathy in Nigeria, Edwardes Family in Ireland)

Have a prayer request? * Email: prayer.team@belrose.unitingchurch.org.au



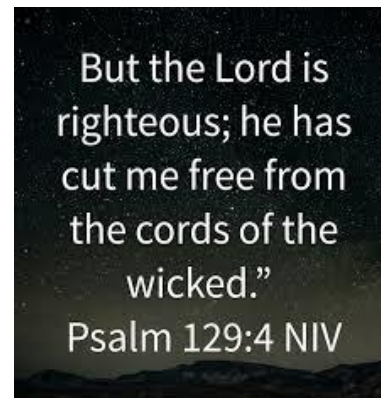
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We aim TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world since 1916.

GOOD NEWS WEEKLY

Sunday 26th September 2021
14th Sunday of
Covid Lockdown 4.0



Psalm 129 is a somewhat gruesome Psalm. It talks of oppressed people with backs scarred by whips (vv 2 & 3) but who are set free by God (v 4). It calls for judgement upon those who oppose God's purposes (vv 5 – 8).

The Bible often talks about God's grace and mercy for the oppressed, and His just judgement on the oppressors and the wicked. And so we should also be calling out injustice, and urging people to repent.

But before we get too high & mighty, is also sobering to remember that there was One who voluntarily gave His back to the whip, and by His wounds and stripes we are healed.

And when we meet people who oppose the Gospel, we should follow Jesus' example of defeating evil through love and forgiveness. Let's not give anyone cause **NOT** to say: *'The blessing of the Lord be on you; we bless you in the name of the Lord.'* (v 8)
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September Sermon Series: Philippians *Joy in the Gospel* Philippians Ch 4 – *Joy in Contentment*

Philippians – A Letter of Joy

In the struggles of life, and particularly in amidst of a pandemic, with sickness, death, fears, anxieties, and lock down restrictions confronting us daily, it can be hard to find joy.

The Apostle Paul, imprisoned in Rome, subject to deprivation of food and sleep, and probably occasionally beaten by the guards chained to him, certainly knew hardship and heartache, pain and suffering, and would have good cause to be miserable. Yet writing this letter to the Church in Philippi, we find him filled with joy!

How? Why? I think the clue is: Contentment

Pray: *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4:6, 7) O Lord, as I pause in the midst of busyness and uncertainty, may the peace of Your Word fill my mind and soul. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Read: Philippians Ch 4:1 - 23

Reflect:

The Joy of Contentment

Contentment is a theme that permeates the whole letter - that settled feeling of satisfaction and peace knowing that God is taking care of everything, regardless of the circumstances, and being thankful.

Paul has demonstrated this from the outset:

Ch 1 – contentment in God’s sovereignty; even in chains he is at peace & rejoices; when others speak the Gospel when he can’t, he rejoices

Ch 2 – contentment in the service of the Gospel; imitating Christ & being a Godly example for others

Ch 3 – contentment in the treasure of knowing Christ in eternity

Ch 4: Contentment in:

i) Standing firm in the hope of the prize vv 1 – 3

* having the same mind of Christ & being on the same page as others – humbly putting differences aside.

ii) Trusting God in all situations vv 4 – 9

* being thankful, being gentle, being prayerful

* focussing on that which is Godly & good

* God gives peace in all situations

iii) Doing all things in Christ’s strength

vv 10 - 20

* being content with what you have opens up opportunity for generosity

* the secret: Christ *“who gives me strength”*

Philippians – A Joyful Letter

The joy of being part of a Church

The joy of being part of God’ Gospel plan

The joy of looking forward to the eternal prize

Pray: Thank you Lord that You are a God who provides! Fill me with strength that I may find contentment in you, and thus face all the challenges of this life with peace and hope. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



Join with Venessa Crane Supporting the Cerebral Palsy Alliance
YourSides STEPtember StepaSiders Team fundraiser.

See the video on:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOCmajW_eR4

Donate on the *Stepember* website:

<https://www.stepember.org.au/fundraisers/YourSideAustralia>

WHAT’S ON @ BUC?

All meetings at the Church are post-poned until the covid lockdown order is lifted.

But we are able to **meet virtually for “Morning Tea”** every Sunday at 10.30 am via Zoom – join us as you are able:

click on the **Zoom link**

<https://ucanswact.zoom.us/j/91941752010?pwd=SkJDdDI1YWIWekkzdG41V0dmRExJdz09>

OR you can Phone in without video: **Phone 8015 6011**

And enter 91941752010# (Meeting Id) 805693# (Passcode)