

LIVING JESUS' EXAMPLE

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. **Romans 12:18 (NIV)**

From The Desk of Pastor Judi

Have you ever noticed that one of the first questions any of us learns to ask about things is – **WHY?**

Children ask incessantly about all sorts of things and we usually don't mind because we generally know the answers. Simply put, there are reasons for the way things are and it's the most natural thing in the world for us to try to figure out what those reasons might be.

But as we get older, asking "Why?" goes deeper into the heart of things. Such as: What is the reason for everything? Why am I here? Why is anything here? Why is anything important or good or beautiful? Why?

Francis Schaeffer states: "Christianity does not start with – Jesus saves you from your sins." It starts with "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

It is perfectly true that Jesus came to save us from sin, however starting with that theme is like going into a movie when it is halfway through. You don't know the characters area, nor the plot and you have to keep guessing. And you cannot guess the depth and complexity of the problem that needs to be solved.

That is why Christianity no longer makes sense to many people today. They are not familiar with the first part of the drama, so they cannot make sense of key concepts of sin and salvation. It is only after knowing the groundwork of who God is, who we are and our relationship to Him that we can truly understand sin and guilt, Jesus and the resurrection.

Are you a person who skips portions or even entire books of the Bible? Perhaps it is good time to start "**from the beginning**" to fully understand God's Story and His relationship with us – God's off-spring.



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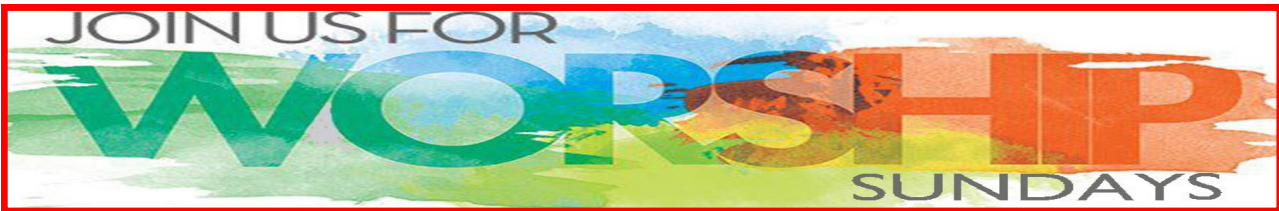
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The Pastor Is In:

Pastor Judi provides pastoral care to all who attend the church and overall site throughout the week. She is able to meet on or off site, depending on your preferences. Best contact 0423 375 714.

Please note: Pastor Judi is in the office all day Mondays, and half a day on Wednesdays and Fridays only. Pastor Judi does not work Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays. However she will return your call if it is an emergency.



Sunday Services:

September 8th

Readings: Jeremiah 8:1-11 Leah

Helpers: Leah & Ryan

Preacher Judi

Philemon: 1:21 Leah

Communion: Noel

September 15th

Readings: Jeremiah 4:1-11 & 22-28 Val

Preacher Judi

1 Timothy 1:12-17 Marg

PRAYER ROOM / LOUNGE

PRAYER MEETING

Friday's at 10am for 1/2 hour. All are welcome

LADIES BIBLE STUDY:

Friday's 10:30am-11:30am

AGM: For members please diary Sunday 6th October for our Annual General Meeting. This will happen after a shorter worship service. We need a quorum of 30% of the members. On Sunday 8th Sept Members and Christians in Fellowship will have the opportunity to nominate someone for a position on the Board and then voting will take place at the AGM. All members of the Board can be elected for a period of 1 to 3 years. In the case of Elders, they are able to hold office for 3 years or if Elder Emeritus – for a life time. The main purpose for an Elder is to give Spiritual guidance to the church and Minister. For position of Elder/s only persons who have been active members for a period of 5 years are eligible.

For positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Officer only persons who have been members for at least one year are eligible. (Anyone who does not have a copy of our Constitution, please let Pastor Judi know and she can provide these.)

Cup cakes galore! Do you enjoy eating cup-cakes? If you do and you wish to also help our free Food Pantry, then let Pastor Judi know. Young Airlie is once again baking the cakes and we enjoyed a taste of these delights on Wednesday morning. We will be receiving another 50 in 2 weeks time.

A donation of 5 boxes of food items was collected from Mordialloc Beach Primary School on Monday afternoon. This was a great start to our Homelessness collection. We are expecting to receive more from two other schools in the next week or so.

Here is Kerryn with 3 of the boxes.



