

3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. 4 In God, whose word I praise — in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

From The Pen of Pastor Judi

2 Timothy 3:16 states: "All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness"

The Bible is chock-full of verses attesting to its inspiration, authority, infallibility and usefulness. 2 Peter 1:21 states: "no passage in the Bible came about by a prophet's own origination, but the writers of Scripture spoke as they were moved (borne along) by the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 4:12 states: The Word of God is a double-edged sword. It penetrates to the depths of our hearts and souls. No part of our personality is unaffected by Scripture as we hear and respond to it.

Some turn away from God's word because the Bible is the critic of the heart pointing out our weakness and showing us where to improve.

The Word of God is living – not dead, archaic or irrelevant; it is effective – the Greek word here is *energis* from which we get our word *energy*. God's word has the unlimited energy of God behind it and will not return to Him void.

Consider the following 9 Scripture verses and what they say the Word of God is:

Psalm 119:105 - like a lamp to our feet.

Matt 4:4 - bread for the soul.

Jeremiah 23:29 - a hammer that shatters the rock; fire that warms or burns us Psalm 19:9-10 - honey in the comb; gold that enriches us

Isaiah 55:10-11 – rain and snow that water the earth.

Luke 8:11 - seed planted in the heart.

Ephesians 6:26 – water for washing.

James 1:22-25 – a mirror for seeing and correcting ourselves.

Hebrews 5:12-13 nourishing milk and meat for the soul

There are many people in many countries who do not have FREE access to the Bible. We should never 'take it for granted or dismiss it as nothing more than a fictional story.

It is God's story and it is historically accurate. Written for us, God's loved children to guide us in our life on earth and reveal His promise to us for eternal life through Jesus Christ, His Son and His death and resurrection.



Sunday Services:

September 22nd

Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Helpers: Di & Bob

Preacher:ColinHebrews 12:18-29BobCommunion:NoelPreacher:Judi

September 29th

Reading: This is a special service – Freedom Sunday. Different scripture readings will be chosen

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

Di

Followed by a cuppa in one of the local cafes when time permits. Don't forget ladies you



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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.

<u>Please note:</u> 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.

Alpha Series Last Monday we completed 2 sessions: 'How can I make the most of the rest of my life' and 'How can I resist evil.' We allowed for discussions between the sessions. We will be completing two more sessions Monday 23rd: 'Why should I and how do I tell others' and 'Does God heal today.' Our final session will be Monday 30th September – 'What about the church' which will be shared over a nicely prepared meal. Feedback has been very positive for this first Alpha course and Pastor Judi would like to know if others are interested in attending. This may be conducted on a Sunday afternoon, rather than an evening, depending on suitability for all. **Lights in the Chapel** are now all LED lights, a little brighter but also more environmentally friendly and longer lasting.

Backyard pergola is starting to look much tidier with more work planned by the Men's shed over the coming weeks. When completed, it will make a pleasant place for anyone to sit outside.

Chapel window – the outside windows facing west are starting to deteriorate badly. Urgent funding is required to repair, hopefully without losing the type of windows we have.

This will be our first project for fund raising in October.

Service Plan for October to December has been completed. Please see Judi to obtain a copy. If your name is not on the list and you would like to assist, please let Judi know.

Exploring the Gospel of Mark. As our membership varies in knowledge of Christianity, the sermons will be exploring the Gospel of Mark for October and November. This will enable more time to gain knowledge of 'Jesus our King.'

Community Lunch today – Pastor Judi has another 50 cup cakes baked by Airlie and her younger sister Scarlet. These are selling at \$3 per cup cake and all funds will be used to keep our food pantry going.

Trivia afternoon Friday 11th October from 2-4pm. If you wish to attend please ensure you book with Judi in the next week to ensure we have sufficient numbers to go ahead.

Three sides to a coin performance will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday 9th October from 9am. As a way of supporting this show which explores the problems of gambling, Judi would encourage all to try to attend. Perhaps enjoy a cooked breakfast beforehand.

