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DEADLINE to place articles in the newsletter for September 2025 is 15th August

Send all items for inclusion to office@wonthaggibaptist.org.au

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Wonthaggi Baptist Church

August 2025

Service Time: Sunday 10am

The following is a carefully considered rephrasing of Isaiah 40:31, drawing from the original Hebrew text in an effort to convey the full depth and meaning of each word.

"Those who wait upon the Lord — who actively trust, hope for, and expect Him with eager anticipation and steadfast endurance; who patiently cling to Him, binding themselves to Him like strands woven tightly into a cord, trusting in His character, timing, and faithfulness as their only true source of hope — shall exchange their weakness for His strength.

They will soar high like eagles, not through constant striving, but by riding the currents of the Spirit — lifted by divine power above the weight of earthly troubles, with renewed perspective, freedom, and strength.

They will run through life's intense seasons without growing weary, and walk through the slow, day-to-day journey without fainting. In both the highs and the lows, God will supply them with supernatural endurance, sustaining them in every season of life."

Pastor Sandro Schietroma

Our Mission

To connect the unconnected to Christ and together grow in full devotion to Him.

Regular Church Activities

Prayer Meetings

Sunday 9.30 - 9.45 before the Sunday Morning Service.
Thursday 7.30am - 8.15am at the church.

The WBC MONTHLY prayer meeting at the church occurs each Third Sunday 2.30 - 3.30pm.

Wildfire Kids Church

Fortnightly during school terms. Children can be dropped off at the rear hall from 10am and must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian. Contact Jenny Alder 0491 101 474.

Playgroups

Wonthaggi - Monday and Wednesday mornings 9:30am - 11am
Inverloch - Tuesday morning 9.30–11am.

Youth Connect

Emma Burfitt: 0432 688 153

Men's Lunch

1pm on the first Tuesday each month except Melbourne Cup week. Corner Store in Inverloch. (Cnr Cuttriss St and The Esplanade—Near Big 4)

Welcome-In Seniors Social Group

Meets every Thursday 1pm to 3pm except for the 1st Thursday of the month which is at 12.30pm for a BYO lunch. Contact Hettie Liet for more information 0448 553 500.

Live For Christ, Love Like Christ, Lead to Christ

Connect Groups are the Heartbeat of Church Life



Connect groups are a great way for you to meet others, grow in God's word and build authentic relationships.

If you would like to join a Connect Group or would consider facilitating in some way, please contact Verity Nicholson, our Connect Group Coordinator on 0474 873 787.

When/Where	Contact
Tuesdays 10am Wonthaggi	Dianne Sampson 0409 196 521
Tuesday 7pm Wonthaggi/Dalyston	Hannah Thomas 0466 092 758
Tuesday 7pm Glen Alvie	David Preston 0410 347 245/5674 6419
Tuesday 7pm Inverloch	John & Hilary Searle 0408 388 854
Tuesday 7pm <u>Fortnightly</u> San Remo	Verity Nicholson 0474 873 787
Wednesday 11.30am <u>Fortnightly</u> Wonthaggi	Wendy Thomas 0422 427 572
Thursday 1- 3pm Wonthaggi	Hettie Liet (New Leaders welcome!) 0448 553 500

Join us!
FOR TEA OR COFFEE IN THE
HALL AFTER THE SERVICE





IDEAS 2025 - Why Anything But Jesus Fails!

We start with dinner on Friday 22nd and run through to around 2.30pm on Saturday 23rd August. For more information check out [IDEAS 2025](#)

To go straight to our registration page, follow the link here
[Register for IDEAS 2025](#)

Join us for a compelling weekend to explore the one answer that stands when all others fall.

Leadership Update August 2025

The Elder-Friendly Constitution Review Team has been meeting consistently and has made significant progress. We are currently undertaking a comprehensive revision of the entire constitution and anticipate being in a position to present a draft to the church membership for their input and consideration of the next steps. We sincerely value and welcome your continued prayers as we move forward in this important process.

Tonya Peters from Compassion writes:

It is with great joy that I share some wonderful news—11 more children have been released from poverty through the generosity of people in your church. This means that individuals in your congregation are now standing shoulder to shoulder with local church workers around the world to help bring lasting change to these children's lives. It's incredibly exciting to see the ongoing impact your church is having! This latest update brings the total number of children sponsored by members of your church to at least 35. 7 new sponsorships in Ghana, 1 in Colombia, in Uganda, and 2 children in Togo. Thanks to your church's generosity, Wonthaggi now has children supported in 11 of those nations. What a beautiful reflection of God's global heart, and the generosity of your community! Praise the Lord!!!

Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It's a hands-on way for you to demonstrate God's love to children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. They collect the boxes and distribute them in the name of Jesus Christ to children living in vulnerable situations. **Boxes are now available in the Foyer after the church service each Sunday!**

SALE BAPTIST CHURCH ARE INVITING WONTHAGGI BAPTIST TO JOIN THEM ON A FAMILY OUTING

Saturday 30th August. Spend a relaxing day with friends on a drive to Tarra-Bulga National Park and enjoy lunch together. Relax and take in the panoramic views as we walk around the many scenic trails. Free BBQ Facilities are available, BYO Lunch. For further information, Tim Van Emmerick 0449 975 574

Church Finances

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9 v 7 (NIV) Offerings for June were a total of \$20,022 with a weekly average of \$4,004

Direct Deposits can be made to the WBC General account. BSB 033 265 Account number 287 757

Mowing Roster August 2025

A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.

August 4 - 9
August 18 - 23

Darren Stewardson
Bill Juncho



24-7 Prayer from Pete Greig

When we look at the moves of God that have changed history prayer is always central, That's how 24-7 prayer began - with a bunch of people on the south coast of England longing to see God move. It started in an empty room in a renovated warehouse and extraordinary things began to happen. People flocked to the first 24-7 Prayer Room; new Christians and even non-Christians came to talk to God for an hour. Whether they believed or not people felt the presence of God in the Prayer Room.

Since 1994 the 24-7Prayer movement has spread to over 80 nations and thousands of communities. The only explanation for this amazing growth is that God turned up and He has continued to turn up in prayer rooms ever since. This movement has produced community outreach, social justice and creative evangelism as the times of prayer bring God's people into His presence.

If you want the opportunity to spend an hour alone with God in His presence, if you want to see God move at WBC in Wonthaggi, throughout the Bass Coast and beyond listen for the still small voice inviting you to go deeper in prayer. God may be drawing you into this adventure.

24-7 are calling the nations of the world to a week of prayer later this year. How good it would be to be a part of that as we were when we joined with churches throughout Australia in June. Many churches launch their Prayer Room commitment with reduced times and the Prayer Team believe this is the way WBC should begin this new adventure in prayer.

The proposal is to start with 12 hours of prayer on Saturdays from 6am to 6pm. We will be excited to hear from anyone who would like to take part. The commitment is only for one hour of your choice. We would love to hear from anyone who is interested to be part of this opportunity. More information is available from all members of the team and will be released to the church soon. More will be happening soon.

Hilary Searle



*If you would like prayer
anonymously please put your
request in the box in the foyer
and the team will pray for your
request confidentially.*

Answered Prayer

David and Shirley Preston were concerned as they were helping their family by caring for their grandson Archie while they had a holiday overseas. Archie is disabled and needs a lot of care. The last time they looked after him they found it very challenging and were exhausted and unwell at the end of that time. They particularly asked for prayer for their needs and they were faithfully remembered by those who have agreed to pray. Each week we were encouraged as David reported positively and sent this affirmation of God's goodness to me yesterday. "It has been a wonderful four weeks, a test of our faith as we depended on Him for strength we needed and the concerns that we had."

Praise God as He answered these prayers and blessed this time together. We are also blessed as we pray and witness His work in the lives of people. So be encouraged to bring your needs to Him. He is always listening and answering prayer.

More answered prayer.

A Church member was suffering very severe back pain and unable to walk. The pain was only slightly relieved by medication. His young granddaughter prayed for him and immediately he experienced some relief from his pain. The next day investigation indicated significant damage but the improvement in pain relief continued. He is now up walking freely.

God hears all prayers and blesses the faith of the young.

Hilary Searle