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**DEADLINE to place articles in the newsletter for September 2026
is 15th August.**

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

Wonthaggi Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

August 2026

We are in the middle of our series on the life of David. This month we are going to see David become King of Israel (ruling from about 1010–970 BCE). David had a relationship with God like no other. Even when King Saul was jealous of David and chased him around the country out of fear that he would take his kingship, David still chose to turn to God in the midst of his pain and hardship. Once David becomes king, he still prayed to God whether he was celebrating victories, expressing anger about relationship hurt and betrayal, or even humbly admitting his own mistakes. Many of the Psalms come from these prayers, where David personally and passionately cried out to God.

What made David unique in God's eyes wasn't his talent, intelligence, or status; it was his heart – one that was willing to do everything God wanted. What God wants and is after, is not perfection, but rather a heart that's always willing to fight to turn back to him. David was far from perfect. Throughout his life, he struggled with many sins, including deceit, violence, and unfaithfulness. His family was also pretty dysfunctional, and he made parenting mistakes that led to tragic outcomes. Nevertheless, David was always willing to turn back to God. He understood that he needed to lay aside his pride and arrogance in himself and recognise that God was all he needed in life. I pray that we all have the same strength and heart to see God is all we need, as we learn to trust completely in His ways.

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What's On At WBC

Prayer Meetings

Sunday 9.30am - 9.45am before the Sunday Morning Service.

Thursday 7.30am - 8.15am at the church.

3rd Sunday each month at the church @ 2.30pm

Wildfire Kids Church

Weekly during school term. Children will join us for the first part of the service then leave for Kids Church. A guardian or parent must sign their children in and out. Contact Jenny Alder 0491 101 474.

Playgroups

Wonthaggi - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 9.30am -11am

Connected Youth

Activities run once a month. Please contact Emma Burfitt on 0432 688 153 for more details.

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 the Church Office on 1300 175 816 for more details.

Men's Lunch

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

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 the church office on 1300 175 816 or office@wonthaggiabaptist.org.au

Connect Groups

Tuesdays 10am
Wonthaggi

Tuesday 7pm
Wonthaggi/Dalyston

Tuesday 7pm
Glen Alvie

Tuesday 7pm
Inverloch

Tuesday 7pm Fortnightly
San Remo

Wednesday 11.30am
Fortnightly Wonthaggi

Thursday 1 - 3pm
Wonthaggi

Mowing Roster August 2026

A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.

August 24th - 29th Luke Webb



JOIN US in the Hall
For Tea or Coffee
after the service

Prayer

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

Prayer matters

It is great to see you sharing and praying for each other after the service on Sunday. The Prayer Team are also available to pray at that time and will be at the front of the Church. If you want more privacy for prayer, they will arrange that. Make a note of a special date for your diaries. As they did last year the 24/7 Prayer movement are calling a Global Week of Prayer commencing 6th September. This is a great way to join with Christians throughout the world praying for the world. Watch out for further information on the many ways you can be involved.



Answered Prayer

It's not Christmas for some time but the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry is happening soon. To encourage you as you buy and pack your box, here's a story from a past campaign. Boxes were being given out in a hospital and when the team reached the last patient they had two boxes left. A young mother who had just had twins was in the room and she was given the last two boxes. There was no indication of what was in them, and they were concerned, but when she opened them they contained all that was needed for her girl and boy twins, one box for each. ANSWERED PRAYER! So, as you pack your box remember how much God loves all children and pray knowing that what you choose will be right in every way.

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes are now available in the Foyer! A hands-on way for you to demonstrate God's love to children in need by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts.



DUE BACK THE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER



IDEAS 2026 Confidence

6pm 21st August - 4pm 22nd August



Don't try to navigate a complex world in isolation. Come stand on the truth of Scripture, connect with a vibrant community, and grow in confidence to engage our culture for Christ faithfully.

<https://www.bhc.org.au/ideas>



August 23rd Soup Sunday

after church

If you could make a pot of soup please contact Jeanette Clark on 0427 749 225

Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped last month. You are all amazing!

ADVANCE NOTICE

21 Coastview Lane, Glen Alvie

Saturday 14th November Country Fair

AT PETER & JEANETTE CLARK'S GARDEN

Start potting plants, sewing, knitting etc. to stock our stalls.

Leadership Update

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much..."
— **Luke 16:10**

This verse reminds us that faithfulness is often found in the small things. As a Leadership Team, we are working to strengthen our foundational systems so that we can better support our church family. When these systems function well, they enable our ministries to flourish and free us to focus on what matters most: sharing the love of Jesus and helping people grow in Him. Our desire is to be a church that not only *does church* but *is the church* in our community.

We have recently completed the **Flourishing Church Survey** through the Baptist Union of Victoria. This has helped us reflect on the spiritual health of our church, celebrate areas of strength, and identify opportunities for growth as we seek God's direction for the future.

Thank you for continuing to pray for the Leadership Team as we seek God's wisdom and direction together. We get encouraged by your curiosity to step out in faith, and we desire to build a place where you feel safe to step out and give something a go.

Every ministry, every act of service, and every life changed begins with someone taking a faithful first step. As we seek to be faithful in the "little things", let's also be courageous enough to step into the opportunities God places before us. What small step of faith might God be inviting you to take? We'd love to hear your heart and explore it with you.

Bless you as you lean into our Lord Jesus Christ.

Letitia (on behalf of the Leadership Team)

Food Rescue

In conjunction with the Anglican Church, our Grey Food Tubs are in the foyer for needy families. Please place items such as tinned fruit and veggies or packets of pasta, cereal, long-life milk in the tubs. Bathroom items such as nappies, soap, toothpaste etc, are to be delivered to Food Rescue at the

Anglican Church each Wednesday and Friday. Thank you for helping needy families in our community.



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 \$22,101 with a weekly average of \$5,525

Budgeted weekly average: \$4,615

Actual June weekly average: \$5,525

Direct Deposits can be made to the WBC General account.

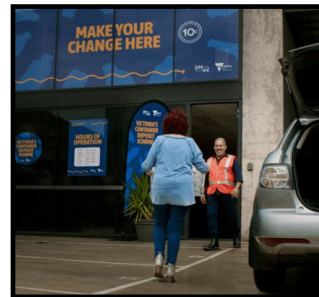
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The Gold Coin Club



By putting your loose gold coins in the offering each week, you are contributing to helping someone with a real need. Please keep giving those gold coins.

If you have old stamps they can help raise money for Missions!
Please put them in the box in the hall.



Don't forget to bring your recyclable cans and bottles to the church to help us raise money for our Youth!