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DEADLINE to place articles in the newsletter for July 2026  
is 15th June.

Send all items for inclusion to [office@wonthaggiibaptist.org.au](mailto:office@wonthaggiibaptist.org.au)

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Wonthaggi.**

# Wonthaggi Baptist Church

# NEWSLETTER

## June 2026

Question - Do flowers grow very well if they are never in the sunshine? Of course not! In order to grow, living things must be exposed to the right conditions. Kids require healthy food and adequate sleep. Flowers need good light and plenty of water. In the same way, the church must be exposed to the right conditions so that it can grow in a way that honours God.

In Acts 2:42 we read, *"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer."* Here was a group of people devoted to God's Word, that loved to pray, to give, to remember Jesus in communion and they were full of the Holy Spirit.

These are the exact conditions that created growth in the church. God would not want to bring people that don't have a relationship with him to his church if people never opened their Bibles and hated each other by acting with arrogance and selfishness. Thankfully, we don't see this kind of picture painted among Jesus' first followers. That is why I believe that God was pleased to grow that church. I pray that we can be that kind of church.

Pastor Andrew Fisher

## 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.

## Church Finances

Offerings for April were a total of \$14,644 with a weekly average of \$3,661

Budgeted weekly average: \$4,615.

Actual April weekly average: \$3,661 Deficit \$954

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

## Opportunities To Serve Cont'd

### Kids Church Continued

Thank you so much to those who have offered to help - we are still needing approx. another 5-6 helpers who would be willing to be in an assisting role, and we also have need of a couple of folk who might be willing to help lead the primary age program, so we can continue to run kids church weekly. Please speak to Jenny to get more info and/or come along to a session to see how it runs before deciding if it may be an area you feel you could serve in.

### Youth Connect

Friday 19th June 7-9pm @ Wonthaggi Baptist Church  
Bring your favourite snack to share. Invite a friend!

## Connect Groups

**Our WBC Connect Groups would love to welcome you! Meeting Tuesdays, we have places available in our weekly and fortnightly Connect Groups across the Wonthaggi, Inverloch, and San Remo areas. A wonderful opportunity to build friendships, grow in faith, and feel connected within the WBC family. Many of our groups also stay connected through WhatsApp and enjoy occasional social gatherings together.**

Everyone is welcome — whether you've been attending WBC for years, are completely new, know your Bible well, or are simply curious and wanting to learn more. Feeling a little shy? No problem — bring a friend along with you! If you would like more information, please feel free to contact Verity on 0474 873 787.

*"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings." — Proverbs 25:2*  
(Many blessings, Verity)

# Opportunities To Serve

## Playgroup



Our playgroups are in full swing, with groups now running Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Wonthaggi. Following a successful handover of our Inverloch group to Connections Church at the start of this year, it enabled us to start a new group on a Tuesday morning. It has been great to welcome new families from the community and some of our church families as well.

A big thanks to Kim, John and Coral for

volunteering to run this new group for us - and to our volunteers on our other days - Lawrence, Sam, Wendy, Fran, Pete and Dorothy. Thank you for the love and care you give to our families - which does have a lasting impact. Lin Davies shared with me this week that she is mentoring a child in Gr5, who came to our playgroups many years ago - the child remembered Lin and the love and kindness shown at playgroup, all these years later! A few of our current playgroup families have also taken home some free bibles we have made available this year, which is great - please keep praying for our families to know the love of Jesus in a very personal way.

## Kids Church

This term in kids church we are learning about seeking God's wisdom in our lives - the book of Proverbs is filled with practical wisdom, like choosing our friends & words wisely, and how seeking wisdom from God protects and guides us as we make choices in life.

We have been trialing having kids church with all ages in together, to make better use of our current resources and volunteers.

It has been working with our current number of children, however, as we grow, we will need to have 2 programs again, which will require more helpers.

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## 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.

### National Day of Prayer

Thank you to all who were involved in the National Day of Prayer. It was a special time as we shared together. Thank you to all who attended and had the opportunity to hear God's heart as we spent time meditating on His Word, sharing our revelations and praying together. We prayed for Leaders and Government at all levels. Meg Edwards came to represent Bass Coast Council and spend some time with us which made praying for those in authority more real.

We were blessed by Phil's times of worship and others who participated and provided further times of song.

Communion led by Andrew was a time where he guided us giving us the privilege to think more deeply about what Jesus' sacrifice means to us and our response.

Thank You to all those who made this a great day of blessing.

Ps. Andrew Fisher, Phil Alder, Peter Clark and Sue Williams all gave their time and their skills into the day. Thanks to the members of the Prayer Team for all their planning and their contributions on the day - Marg Cooper, Sheryl Nitschke and Ross Cadman.

[Prayer is the gift God has given us to communicate with Him anytime and anywhere in joy or in need. It is powerful and praying together brings a special unity and power. The Prayer Team want to encourage you to be part of the groups praying together and enjoy the blessing of lifting our needs up to our Father then sharing the joy and excitement as He answers our prayers.](#)

Our prayer opportunities are 7.30 am - 8.15 am on Thursday. This is a great meeting and surprisingly well attended but there is plenty of room for more.

We share coffee together afterwards and it's a great way to start the day.

Prayer before the Sunday Service makes a real contribution to all that comes after. We meet at WBC from

9.30am -9.45am. (This may just mean just leaving home a little earlier.)

We will be gathering together to pray in the Parent's room from now on so we will be easy to find. Don't forget the third Sunday of the Month at 2.30pm-

3.30pm at WBC for another opportunity for powerful prayer together.

(Blessings Hilary Searle)

## Leadership Update June 2026

As the May Mission Month ends, it has been so encouraging to see the Church get behind the Mother's Heart (Cambodia) project, raising over \$40,000! Our funds will go towards helping mothers in crisis, for example \$110 provides one month food and accommodation for a mother (and her child during her pregnancy leave) in a safe, community-based housing. Thank you for your generosity, this has been amazing and will be a massive help!

At present, one of our greatest ministry needs is within our children's ministry, particularly the Sunday Wildfire program. We are urgently seeking several people to join the team and help invest in the spiritual lives of our children. If you feel you may be able to serve in this vital ministry, please speak with Jenny Alder.

We also want to acknowledge and thank a number of people who are concluding their service in ministry roles. Jenny and Graeme Balk have faithfully served as leaders in the Wildfire program, and we are grateful for their commitment and passion they have had for our children.

In our Welcome-In ministry, which serves our older adults, Hetty will be stepping down from her coordinating role. We thank Hetty for her dedication to this ministry, and pray God's blessing on her as she finishes in this role.

*Letitia, On behalf of the Leadership Team*

## Food Rescue

Know someone doing it tough right now? Like to help? Place food items in the grey buckets in the Foyer at WBC. Your items go to St Georges Church who run a food distribution program Wednesday and Friday mornings. **They've reported a significant increase in the number of people coming for help.** We need staples! Tins of fruit, tins of vegetables, tinned stew, baked beans, pasta, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, long life milk, custard, cereal, noodles or rice. Bathroom Items such as sanitary napkins, nappies, toothpaste, soap, tissues and shavers.



# Missions



### May Mission Appeal for Mothers Heart

Katrina Gliddon the founder of Mothers Heart has been overwhelmed by the generosity of our church and is so thankful for our generosity and interest in the mission.

She had told the board not to worry about the deficit in the budget. Just pray she said and God will provide.

And He certainly has through our generous donations.

She said she can't wait to tell the board the good news at the next board meeting.

Our God is faithful and is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above and beyond all that we could ask or think.

I will announce the grand total on Sunday June 7th so stay tuned.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Your gift will pay dividends for eternity.

Our prayer is now that God will open the hearts of these vulnerable women to receive His love and to recognise that the

generosity, care, compassion and love shown to them by Mothers Heart staff is motivated by the love of God.

We love because He first loved us.

(Coral Fokkens - Missions Coordinator)

### FREE TO A GOOD CHRISTIAN HOME

Toshiba Laptop with Pixma printer. Apple Desktop Computer with HP printer. 2 Keyboards.

**Please contact Derak Wall on 0407 722 136 for more details.**

### Mowing Roster June 2026

A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.

June 22nd - 27th Lujke Thomas



### Do You Have Old Stamps?

If so, you can help raise money for Missions!

Please put them in the box in the hall.