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

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

Wonthaggi Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

SERVICE TIME Sundays 10am

MAY 2026

In the busyness of our lives, sometimes we can develop an ability to miss the obvious. We can overanalyze the things that don't deserve a second thought and we can miss the clear, obvious, important things in our life.

There are times that I wonder if the church has managed to neglect the power of the Holy Spirit. And the saddest thing is that many people haven't even noticed.

In general, does the church value the Holy Spirit? Jesus did; *It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all John 6:33.* It seems that at times we have no idea of the power that is available to us through the Spirit. Romans 8:11 tells us, *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.* The writer Paul says that the same Holy Spirit who brings life out of death lives inside of us! Wow!

If we are going to rediscover the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, we will need to begin listening to His voice and following His leading – not in the ways we think He should speak and lead, but in whatever he may call us to do individually and as His Church.

Over the next weeks on Sunday, we are going to be looking at the theme of Living our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit especially as we lead up to Pentecost Sunday. On Sunday 3rd of May, we will be having our normal Sunday service in the Toora Community Hall at 10am. Everyone is invited to make the trip. (1 hour). There will be something different at Wonthaggi at 10am for those who cannot get to Toora.

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Whats 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.

Men's Lunch

1pm on the first Tuesday each month. 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.

THANK YOU & God Bless

Hettie Liet would like to thank the church family for their assistance, prayers, nice meals and Get Well cards while she recovered from her recent fall and operation.

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 May 2026

A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.

May 4 - 9th Mark Cleverly

May 25 - 30th Joe Ventra



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

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UNDIVIDED

YOUTH ALIVE UNDIVIDED IS A STATE-WIDE EVENT HAPPENING ACROSS MANY LOCATIONS IN VICTORIA THROUGHOUT TERM 2. THESE NIGHTS ARE THE PERFECT NIGHT FOR TEENAGERS TO BRING THEIR FRIENDS. IT WILL BE POWERFUL.

MAY 29 - 6:30 - 9PM

**CYC - Phillip Island
1775-1801 Phillip Island Rd,
Cowes VIC 3922**

Cost: \$5

Speaker: Kane Paul

Contact: Joel Evans

Email: joelskki@hotmail.com

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

*JOSHUA TOLD THE PEOPLE,
"CONSECRATE YOURSELVES, FOR TOMORROW THE
LORD WILL DO AMAZING THINGS AMONG YOU."
JOSHUA 3:5*

AT WBC

SATURDAY 23 MAY 2026 | 10 AM - 4 PM

Be ready for a day of prayer, worship and sharing with other Churches across Australia who will be praying with us.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PRAYER MEETINGS LISTED UNDER *What's On At WBC*. Thank you to those already praying with us - God answers prayer!

Answered Prayer

Prayer for Jennifa Morgan's eldest son, Greg, began well before Jennifa moved back to Melbourne. Greg was diagnosed with Melanoma with lesions throughout his body (lungs, brain and other areas). He has been treated with Immunotherapy. For a while there were increases in lesions but then at every check his lesions became smaller and now they have disappeared with only one small spot in his leg which is being treated with radiotherapy. Greg has suffered from some permanent damage from the treatment but he is now well and back working full time. Praise God for all His blessings and answers to persevering, believing prayer.



Leadership Update May 2026

The church membership has formally approved the Pastoral Search Team (PST). Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this important journey—preparing the church and pastor profiles, and, in time, prayerfully discerning a potential candidate for the role of Pastor at WBC. The team includes Kim Cadman, Ross Bramley, Jeanette Clark, Linden Stokes, Hannah Thomas, and Jacob Patullo. A moderator has yet to be confirmed. The Baptist Union of Victoria will appoint this person to guide the PST through the process and is usually a pastor from a nearby church.

Ross Bramley has stepped down from his role as Church Secretary, and we want to thank him for the time and work he has given in serving our church in this way. Ross will continue to serve on the Leadership Team role and as part of the Pastoral Search Team. As we move through this season, it is a privilege to serve WBC in the role of Secretary - thankful for those before me, and with a desire to faithfully move forward together in this exciting season. Please continue to pray for the Leadership Team as we navigate God's heart for us and the heart of the church. We encourage you all to be a part of what God is doing and wanting to do at WBC and in our community.

During our General Meeting, Emily Stull, Chris Stull, and Joe Ventra became new members, and Jenny noted the ongoing growth of our Wildfire - Children's Sunday program. Great news! The vision is to be able to offer two children's programs every week, so we are praying for eight new volunteers for Wildfire. If you can be involved - please have a chat with Jenny.

Letitia, On behalf of the Leadership Team

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 March were a total of \$15,826 with a weekly average of \$3,165

Budgeted weekly average: \$4,615

Actual March weekly average: \$3,165 Deficit \$1,450

Direct Deposits can be made to the WBC General account.

BSB 033 265 Account number 287 757

Missions

Coral Fokkens Missions Coordinator

We are excited to announce that our May mission project for 2026 is Mothers Heart Cambodia.

I have worked extensively with this team of Christians since 2014 and wholeheartedly endorse their mission to show God's unconditional love to women and young girls faced with a crisis pregnancy often from rape, incest or desertion by the father.

Mothers Heart supports the women without condemnation through the pregnancy, birth and growth of the baby by supporting the mothers with medical support, counselling, how to care for their babies, foster care, kinship care, or local adoption if required. Women who decide to keep their babies receive opportunities for vocational and micro business training. Half of the crisis pregnancies in 2025 were girls under the age of 18.

Please pray and see how God wants you to be involved in His kingdom work this May.

Without the support of groups like Mothers Heart women are tempted to abort their babies, sell their babies or even contemplate suicide because of the shame, rejection and poverty caused by a crisis pregnancy.

Mothers Heart exists to support these women in whatever way they need and show God's unconditional heart to every woman.

You can give by direct debit to the church account and mark your donation May Mission Appeal or give cash through the envelopes marked May Mission in the foyer. For tax-deductible donation details, please contact Coral Fokkens.

We are blessed to be a blessing.

