

Wonthaggi Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

Service Time: 10am

September 2026

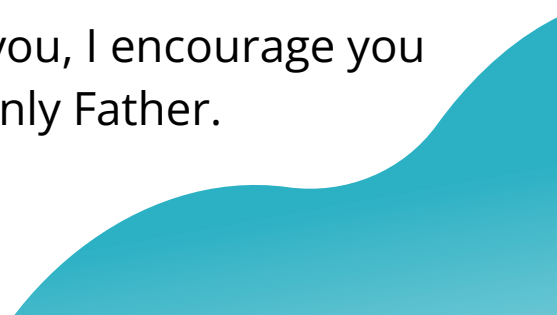
Father's Day 2026 - For some it's a day to see family, for other's it can be a day of good memories or even bad ones. It can also be a day of thinking about lost ones that are no longer with us, and it can be a day of celebrating the role our father's play in our lives.

There was no "father's day" in Jesus' time, but respect and honor for one's father was (and is) ingrained in Jewish culture. When Jesus spoke of God as "Father" and taught us to pray "Our Father," he knew that this metaphor would be understandable for us and would help us to relate to God. We all come from a variety of backgrounds and family situations, and it is important to celebrate the very thing that binds us together and enables us to be brothers and sisters – that of having a very real relationship with our Heavenly Father.

He loves us more than we can ever know and we can turn to Him for the acceptance, approval, attention and the care that we have always wanted. He has seen every single moment of our lives. He has witnessed every word we have ever said – good or bad, every hurt we have ever experienced, every fear, every sin, every sorrow we have felt. Unlike our human father, He has known every thought we have ever had and He's understood it completely. We can turn to Him because He's a caring, consistent, close, competent Father. He will never leave us or forsake us.

So regardless of what Father's Day means to you, I encourage you this month to celebrate our real, living, Heavenly Father.

Pastor Andrew



Loving God -- Loving People -- Disciples that Multiply

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)



Mon Sept 7th Personal Prayer
Tues Sept 8th Connect Groups
Wed Sept 9th 7:30pm @ WBC

Global Week of 24-7 Prayer
6 – 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

24-7prayer.com/
weekofprayer

Thur Sept 10th 7:30am @ WBC
Fri Sept 11th Personal Prayer
Sat Sept 12th InterChurch @ WBC 10am
Sun Sept 13th Prayer Walk 2:30pm

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SPECIAL EVENT
**FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY
MOVIE MORNING**

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER
@ WONTHAGGI BAPTIST CHURCH

Toy room for the littlies &
free popcorn for all!
Bring the whole family



Women's Brunch
SATURDAY OCT 24TH | 9:30-11AM
COST \$20

WITH
Kate Pocklington

GATHER. CONNECT. FLOURISH.

ANSWERED PRAYER

The opportunity to see how God answers prayer is a great blessing: These two stories show how He cares for individual needs.

1. Lawrie Pyke suffered a nasty dog bite and he asked for prayer for pain. Praise God, his pain was gone!

2. Jennie Balks requested prayer for her brother for a terminal blood disorder. Usually performed on younger people, the only treatment offered was a bone marrow transplant.

We prayed and doctors decided to go ahead with his son being a compatible donor. Treatment commenced on the 28th June and on the 27th July the first signs of recovery were seen. He was discharged on the 7th August, pronounced cured, and on the 11th August he had a first trip out for coffee with a friend.

It's nearly that time of year again for our Church Annual General Meeting!

Please mark your diaries for Sunday, 18 October, when we will gather for a Special Thanksgiving Service, followed by our Annual General Meeting after church.

There's also plenty happening throughout October, so we encourage you to check out our upcoming Men's and Women's events, with wonderful speakers, fellowship and opportunities to encourage others to come along.

As we look towards our AGM, please be praying for our church, our ministry leaders and the year ahead. We welcome nominations for our Leadership Team. Nomination forms will be emailed out to members and will also be available at the information table in the church foyer.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might contribute to the life and leadership of our church.

Letitia (on behalf of the Leadership Team)

Leadership
Update

Missions



Thank you to the wonderful people of Wonthaggi Church for partnering with us since June! We wanted to share what's happened during this partnership so far.

As of June, Mother's Heart had already welcomed a total of 123 mothers and 116 children into our program since January, including 11 babies born between January and June.

Since June, Mother's Heart has welcomed 10 new mothers: 6 in Phnom Penh (PP) and 4 in Battambang (BTB). Of these, 8 are currently in prenatal care.

We're currently supporting five women in vocational skills training across housekeeping/hospitality, salon/cosmetology, and food processing. Beyond formal vocational training, some of our mothers are building livelihoods of their own: two have started growing vegetables and raising chickens and fish, and one has started a BBQ food business.

Volunteer Update (Kim Cadman)

We are so grateful to all our volunteers who come every week and help make all things in WBC work smoothly. You are SOOOO valued! There are a few ministries that could do with some more volunteers: Youth Ministry - Youth would love to have some regular people be able to cook for our dinner & games nights. If we can have 4-5 people willing to be able to provide different meals once or twice a term. Liaise with Emma Burfitt if you can help in this way. Wildfire Kids - Jenny Alder would like some casual helpers in Kids church. Just for those times when she doesn't have the helpers she needs. See Jenny if you can help in this way. Also don't forget the Creating Safe Spaces workshop which will be at WBC on the 14th March 2027 in the afternoon. This is essential for all our volunteers who work with children. If you are not sure if you need to do this workshop, please see me. Or if you have any other questions about volunteering here at WBC just ask!

STAFF TEAM		
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CHURCH OFFICE	1300 175 816	office@wonthaggibaptist.org.au

LEADERSHIP TEAM		
Kim Cadman - Safe Church	Russell Harbour - Grounds & Maintenance	Burt Loenen
Jenny Alder - Family & Children Coordinator	Ross Bramley	
Verity Nicholson - Connect Groups	Peter Clark	
Letitia Condron - Secretary	Cathy Lazarus - Treasurer	

PROGRAM LEADERS		
Prayer	Hilary Searle	Please connect with the church office
Connect Groups	Verity Nicholson	on 1300 175 816
Music/Worship Coordinator	Phil Alder Emma Burfitt	or office@wonthaggibaptist.org.au
Wildfire (kids church)	Jenny Alder	To contact the Leaders
Youth Connect	Emma Burfitt	
Missions	Coral Fokkens	
Newsletter	Sue Williams	office@wonthaggibaptist.org.au

DEADLINE to place articles in the newsletter for July 2026

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is 15th September

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

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