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

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

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Wonthaggi Baptist Church

September 2025

Service Time: Sunday 10am

Genesis 1: 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

This truth—that every person is made in God's image and has God-given value—is the foundation for why we believe in human rights, the pursuit of justice, and the protection of life at every stage. It reminds us that all people deserve to be treated with dignity, compassion, and fairness—not because of what they do, but because of who they are in God's eyes. This is why we stand for the sanctity of life, from the unborn to the elderly, and why we oppose any form of oppression, discrimination, or violence.

Just something to reflect on.

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

Belgrave Heights Convention Centre are looking to grow their small team in areas of housekeeping and kitchen staff. They have a number of opportunities for casual employees to help provide a positive experience to all their guests. If you are looking for casual work, or know someone who is, please contact Victoria Purdue, Operations Manager, on 9752 6855 who will be happy to outline the requirements of the roles and provide you with a copy of a position description.

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.



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 July were a total of \$16,455 with a weekly average of \$4,113

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

Mowing Roster September 2025

A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.

Sept 1 - 6	Andrew Falzon
Sept 15 - 20	Colin I'Anson
Sept 29 - Oct 4	Luke Webb

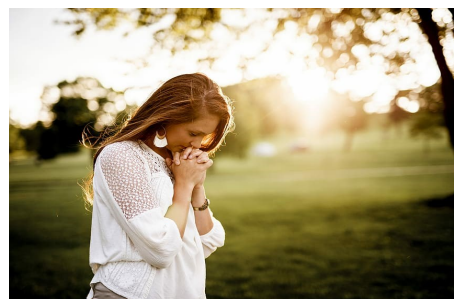


MINISTRY TO THE AGEING

As part of the ICC arrangements with other Bass Coast Churches, our church takes monthly services at Rose Lodge Wonthaggi and Bass Coast Care Community Inverloch each month - 4th Friday at 10.30am and 1st Tuesday at 11.00am respectively.

Occasionally, illness or other factors leave us without someone to run a service. If you feel that you would be available to cover an infrequent vacancy, please speak to David Preston 0410 347 245.

OUR DAILY BREAD for September, October and November is now available in the Foyer. Please help yourself!



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

Answered Prayer

1. After dealing with physical health issues and continuing to be persistent in prayer for a long time, one of our families saw a breakthrough and were able to attend church again!
2. A very specific prayer for someone in a difficult situation prayed this Saturday as part of 24/7 prayer time was answered in a very short time after the person who prayed left the room.

24/7 Prayer News

This commenced last Saturday with 11 people spending an hour in the Heritage Chapel giving that time to God sharing with Him in whatever way they were led. If you would like to give God a special hour of your day in this way the Prayer Team have planned the 21st and 30th of August as further 12-hour opportunities.

24/7 International are running a global Week of Prayer from the 1st of September to the 7th within excess of 80 countries throughout the world being involved. WBC will participate on Saturday 6th being part of this initiative with a focus on encountering God, discovering His heart for their communities and seeing God move across the world. To be part of this exciting prayer time, book in on Saturday and any other time praying during the week

Volunteers Needed!

At our Carols in both Inverloch and Wonthaggi we desperately need volunteers to take letters around to potential sponsors. Running the Carols is an expensive business and any help we can get to offset the costs is greatly appreciated. Please speak to John Searle 0423 709 295.



Thanksgiving Service

& SPECIAL OFFERING



TO HELP REDUCE OUR
CHURCH BUILDING
LOAN (\$83,889)

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26

WONTHAGGI BAPTIST CHURCH

Creating Safe Space Workshops

For any new or current volunteers who need to do the Creating Safe Space workshop, **Phillip Island Baptist is running a workshop on the 26th October 2025 between 1- 4pm.** Register on the BUV website for this.

Online workshops:

Saturday 16th Aug 2025, 9am to 12pm.

Wed 8th Oct 2025 6.30 to 9.30 pm

Sunday 26th Oct 2025 2-5pm

Saturday 8th Nov 2025 9-12am

Inhouse workshops:

Drouin Baptist Church Saturday
6th Sept 2025 - 9.30am to 12.30pm

Any queries about these workshops please email the church office or contact Kim Cadman. I am in the office on Wednesdays.

Thankyou for all our wonderful volunteers who keep the church running. You are greatly appreciated!

Leadership Update September 2025

Sunday, October 26 – A Special Day in the Life of Our Church

Mark your calendars! Sunday, October 26 will be a meaningful and important day for our church family.

We will begin with a **Special Thanksgiving Service**, where we'll reflect on God's faithfulness and receive a special offering to help reduce our Church Building Loan, which after nine years, currently stands at \$83,889.

Following the service, we will hold our **Annual General Meeting (AGM) and General Meeting**. Your presence and participation are encouraged as we review the past year and look ahead to what God has in store for our church.

Let's come together in gratitude, worship, and unity!

Key Ministry Leaders – Annual Reports

All Key Ministry Leaders are asked to send through a Report via email to Leadership at leadership@wonthaggibaptist.org.au by October 10th to be included in the Annual Reports document.

Leadership Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for positions on the Church Leadership Team. Forms and detailed information will be available at church and will also be sent out via email.

We encourage all members to prayerfully consider who God may be calling to serve in leadership during this next season.

Please be in prayer for God's guidance as we seek to appoint leaders who will serve with wisdom, humility, and vision.

UPDATE TO CHURCH DIRECTORY - Hannah Thomas 0466 092 758

THANK YOU to all those who contributed to or attended June's memorial service on Wednesday 20th August. Your love and care are greatly appreciated. (John McLean)