

Wonthaggi Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 10am

November 2026

Prayer is more than just words; it is inviting God to change us.

In Acts 1:12-26 we find the first church waiting on God and praying. I love the fact that they prayed first before they went and did. Often, we can get it all around the wrong way. We do and then we pray, "God thanks for this or God sorry about that!"

We can approach God with an attitude at times of trying to get God to do something for us. It's like we are praying, "God, do this, do that, and do this and this, then do that." Is prayer about us trying to get God to do something or about allowing God to do something with us?

I believe that prayer is not about trying to move God; it should be about moving us. It's not telling God something he doesn't know; it's for God to tell us something that we don't know. It's not to change the heart of God; it's to change our heart. God uses prayer to change us.

When we have an understanding of this, it's like we say, "God, I'm sorry that I'm bossing you around. God, I'm sorry that I think I know everything. God, I'm sorry that I don't trust you. God, I'm sorry that I seem to think I live on a throne and you're ready to take my orders." When we realize that we have been trying to use prayer in a manner it was never intended and we seek forgiveness for it, it is then that we are inviting God to change us.

Acts 1:24 tells us, "...*they all prayed, "O Lord, you know every heart..."* God knows our heart and our attitude. We need to pray and be open to the change he desires to do in us. This is an important time for WBC. With all that is happening now, the planning for the future and for a future 'new' Pastor. So, let's pray. You are all welcome to attend one of many WBC's Prayer times.

Interim Pastor Andrew

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)

Mowing Roster November 2026

November 8th - 14th John Thomas

November 23rd - 28th Peter Clark



MOWING ROSTER: The current mowing roster will be duplicated for 2027 unless those unable to mow notify me by the end of November. If other men are interested in this ministry to keep our church looking "Smick", please get in touch with me. Russell 0406 460 363 or elcarim7@yahoo.com.au

FF FREEDOM FOR FAITH

Freedom for Faith is a Christian legal think tank that exists to see religious freedom protected and promoted in Australia.

Freedom For Faith will be holding a Candidates Forum at St George's, Wonthaggi in relation to the upcoming Victorian Election.

All five Lower House Candidates have been invited with four responding in the affirmative.

While the candidates will have received prepared questions in advance, there will be opportunities for questions from the floor.

Event Date & Time: Thursday, 29th of October, 7:00 pm.

Venue: St George's, Wonthaggi.

THE LIGHT HANGOUT!

A fun afternoon with games, food, activities and plenty of time to hang out with friends!

Not doing Halloween? Come hang out with us instead!

POOL **BOARD GAMES** **GIANT JENGA** **CORNHOLE & CHALLENGES** **FUN ACTIVITIES** **SNACKS & FOOD**

FREE!

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER | **4:30pm - 7:00pm** | **WONTHAGGI BAPTIST CHURCH**

Primary-aged kids:
A parent or carer stays and joins in the fun too!

High-school youth:
Come along, sign in and hang out with us for the afternoon.

PARENT CAFE
Coffees and snacks available for parents to purchase.

Gold coin donations are welcome!

We're keeping the afternoon Halloween and scary-theme free. ♥



WBC Country Fair
Saturday, 14th November
21 Coastview Lane Glen Alvie.
STALL HOLDERS WANTED

Changes to a Working With Children Check Application

A new process has come into effect from the 19th October 2026 for those:

- Who are applying for their WWCC
- Renewing their WWCC

They will have to do Mandatory WWC child safety training as part of the process of applying for a WWCC.

This will have to be completed before their WWCC application can be finalized.

The training is an online, self-paced course that takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. It is suitable for all sectors and settings that need a WWC Clearance. An offline paper-based version of the training is also available.

If you are a WBC volunteer and you have questions about this new process, please see Kim Cadman or email the church office.

We want to extend a huge thank you to Pete & Dorothy Maher for their many years of faithful service in our playgroup ministry. They are much loved by our families & will be sorely missed when they step down at the end of this year.

We are looking for a volunteer to carry on the wonderful work of sowing God's love into the families who attend our Wednesday playgroup session. Please speak to Jenny for more info and please be praying for the Lord's provision in our playgroup ministry. Thank You! Jenny

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

So much is happening at Wonthaggi Baptist that prayer becomes increasingly important. All our activities need to be brought to the Lord for His blessing and protection. As we move forward doing His will, we see interference and difficulties arise so whether you pray at home, in your Connect Group or attend one of our scheduled prayer meetings we need your participation in prayer. Times for our meetings are listed in this Newsletter, and all are invited. Don't forget that if you need prayer, team members are available to pray with you after the service on Sunday or just ask. Don't forget the Prayer Request box in the foyer if you prefer.

Answered Prayer

We have seen God answer as we prayed for the success of the Men's function and the privilege of being part of John Mclean's Hundredth birthday he was able to attend at WBC. We were able to share his joy in the Lord's goodness to him over his long life and we were blessed. Our Loving Father wants to answer our prayers, and the team can attest to seeing small matters and big issues being resolved. We know people experience amazing answers as we give our needs to the Lord and leave them with Him. He works in ways we could not imagine and brings His perfect solutions. Sometimes it is in the long view we see His work and remember our prayers. The Apostle Paul tells us "Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in the hard times; pray all the harder." Romans 12:12 MSG May you be blessed as you follow his advice. (Hilary Searle)

Church Finances

Offerings for September were a total of \$17,864 with a weekly average of \$4,466. Budgeted weekly average \$4,615.

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

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@wonthaggibaptist.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

ICC Calendars are available over the next two weeks. See John Searle if you wish to purchase one for \$20.

November Mission Highlights

Remy and Beii serving in North India are praising God for the all clear on Beii's recent PET scan celebrating 2 years in remission from breast cancer. They have asked for prayer for Christians in India who are persecuted. The government's slogan and policy is *To be Indian is to be Hindu* so Christians face harassment, persecution and denial of educational and job opportunities. Many Indian Christians choose to keep their faith hidden for fear of reprisals.

Remy has asked for prayer for their conference at the end of November - Equipping emerging leaders in Northern India to love and serve their neighbours.

What a joy to meet Anthony Jenys and two of his children. Pray for the family as they seek God's will for their future. Praise God for the opportunity for the family to spend time together in Australia to strengthen family relationships. Pray for their oldest son facing a difficult season with health issues.

Pray for the Muslim families in Bangladesh that Anthony has been able to share his faith with: May they come to faith in Jesus.

Praise God for the money raised at the women's brunch to enable Ma our brother from the persecuted Church in Vietnam to be able to start a self-supporting business which will enable him to have surgery to remove pins in his legs from an accident he suffered 8 years ago.

Thank God for the opportunity to make connections with at risk students at the Flow college in Wonthaggi. Pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of people who could be involved in driving small vans to help the students attend classes

We are blessed to be a blessing. What a privilege to pray and fulfill the great commission: Go into all the world and share the Good News of Jesus.
(Coral Fokkens)



Thank you to those who filled and returned Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes. WBC sent 77 boxes for delivery overseas!

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Prayer	Hilary Searle	Please contact the church office
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