

Wonthaggi Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

Sundays 10am

October 2026

There's the true story of a mother who asked her 4 yr. old son to say the prayer before the meal. The family all bowed their heads and they waited... and they waited. After a few moments of silence, the mum looked over at the boy. The boy looked first at her and then at his father, then back to her again. They said, "I'm certain that there is something that you can be thankful for, what about the food tonight?" Finally, he said, "But if I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know I'm lying?"

Being thankful isn't always easy to do, because there are a lot of things we're just not that thankful for. But what do we do when we read these words from the Bible; "to be thankful in all circumstances" 1Thessalonians 5:18. Paul, who wrote these words, is convinced that in any and all circumstances, God was at work on behalf of his people Romans 8:28. What about us? Are we genuinely convinced that, "God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them?"

How we answer those questions are going to determine how thankful we are in life. If we can find things to be thankful for, in any circumstances, it shows people what we think about God. That we know deep down that; "everything comes from God and exists by his power and is intended for his glory." Romans 11:36. I pray that this is something we all can all demonstrate in our lives. What are you thankful for?

This month we are celebrating and thanking God for all that WBC has been able to do over the past year. God has allowed us to do many great things, for his glory. This October, I pray that each of us will be able to celebrate and give thanks to our Great God for all that has happened, is happening and will happen to us at Wonthaggi Baptist 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.

Men's Lunch

1pm on the first Tuesday each month. Corner Store in Inverloch.
(Cnr Cuttriss St and The Esplanade—Near Big 4)

Baptism
Service

Sunday 11th October

See Pastor Andrew if you'd like to be Baptised. For more information on Baptism, a book is available on the table just inside the front door.

MEN'S EVENT

NATHAN HULLS DECIDE YOUR OWN DESTINY

LOOK BEYOND YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE AND RISE ABOVE

THURS OCT 1ST | 6PM | \$20

Includes Dinner & Supper

Burger & Fries | Can of drink

Cake/slice | Tea/Coffee



SCAN TO BOOK

WONTHAGGI BAPTIST CHURCH
leadership@wonthaggi baptist.org.au

Pop up Cafe

GIFTED BLESSING *from Lisa*

October 4th

In the chapel
before and after church
8.30am-10am | 11.30am-1.30pm

@wonthaggi baptist church



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

Sunday 11th October -
Special Morning Tea

John Mclean's
100th
Birthday!



18TH OCTOBER THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

REMEMBERING OUR BLESSINGS

AGM TO FOLLOW AFTER THE SERVICE



Leadership Update

The joy of the Lord is your strength — Nehemiah 8:10

We're coming to that exciting time of year when we get to look back and celebrate all that has happened at WBC over the past year and give thanks to God for all He has been doing. We'll celebrate together at our **Thanksgiving Service and AGM on Sunday October 18th**. A big thank you to all our Ministry Leaders for your annual reports — it's such an encouragement to hear your stories and testimonies from the year!

There's lots happening in the life of our church now, and it's been great to see people getting behind the opportunities to reach out to our community through our recent/upcoming events for families, men and women, and our Pop-Up Café. A real highlight will be our **Baptism Service on Sunday October 11th** - always such a special and treasured time for us as a church family.

And on that same Sunday, we'll also celebrate **John McLean's 100th birthday** - affectionately known as *Little John*. John is a treasured part of our church family and someone who truly oozes the heart of Jesus. He brings so much joy, has such a faithful heart for Jesus and others, and really reflects the kind of church culture we all aspire to.

What a privilege to celebrate these special moments together as a church family! *May the joy of the Lord be your strength.*

Letitia, On behalf of Leadership

Church Finances

Offerings for August were a total of \$17,749 with a weekly average of \$3,549. Budgeted weekly average **\$4,615. (No Service 16th August due to power outage)** Direct Deposits can be made to the WBC General account. BSB 033 265 Account number 287 757

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

Thank you to all who participated in the Global Week of Prayer. For Connect Groups who prayed, for those who committed to pray at home, for those who attended on Wednesday night and enjoyed the time of prayer Andrew organised: Some who then came again on Thursday at 7.30am to share in prayer together. On Saturday morning again we prayed in the name of Jesus for our Church, our community, our country and the world; that He would be worshiped and glorified. On Sunday afternoon the week finished with a Prayer Walk around areas of civil power in Wonthaggi that are close to WBC as well as Churches and shops.

We rejoice as we know our prayers with those of millions around the world have been heard and God will respond in His right time.

Please continue to be involved in times of prayer at WBC and see more answers as we pray. Thank you, Prayer Team, for your ongoing support and help! (Hilary Searle)

Answered Prayer

Praise God for that the surgeon was very happy with the graft to Jesse Condrón's wrist. This is a new procedure and only being carried out in Perth. Pray for ongoing care and complete healing. We have prayed for some time the success of surgery for Charles Lazero, our previous Interim Pastor, as there have been many complications. Praise God, this time the surgeon is convinced all issues have been resolved. Pray for Charles' complete recovery to regain his health and strength.



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

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

HELP! People needed to help distribute letters seeking sponsorship of our Wonthaggi Carols. Letters and a list of people to take them to are available. (See John Searle)

Mowing Roster October 2026

A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.
October 21st - 31st Chris Stull



October Mission Focus

We are excited to support a tribal pastor's son Ma from the persecuted Church in the central highlands of Vietnam. Ma had a serious accident 8 years ago where he broke both legs. Pins were placed in his legs to support the healing but now they need to be removed but Ma cannot afford the surgery.



We are raising money to help Ma become self-supporting and establish a business to support himself and his family. We will buy calves which he can raise to maturity and sell: With the profit he can pay for his surgery and start a self-supporting business.

Five dollars per ticket from the women's brunch event on October 24th will be donated to this appeal. If any men would like to contribute to this project, they can donate by clearly marking their offering Vietnam project.

Paul calls us to do good to all men, especially those of the household of faith. Whoever gives to the poor lends to the Lord. (Coral Fokkens)

Thank you to those who have taken an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. They are due back early October. Any boxes arriving after the WBC Sunday Service on October 11th will not be delivered!



THANK YOU, Church family, for your prayers, cards, text messages, phone calls and visits. Thank you also for transport needs and help with food. It was very much appreciated. Blessings to you all! (Neil and Fran)

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PROGRAM LEADERS		
Prayer	Hilary Searle	Please contact the church office
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Missions	Coral Fokkens	
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