

weekly bulletin

7 March 2021



Growing in Christ | Showing Christ | Going Christ's Way

Bible readings:

Lent 3,
Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19;
! Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22

Weekly reflection

Dreams & Detours!

On one of our many trips west to Birdsville, believe it or not, we were marooned for a time. That is, it rained while we were there for about 5 days straight, such that the roads were closed by the then fast running water of the channel country! The quickest way back is via Windorah – some 280kms of dirt road – but it was flooded and no-one was being allowed to leave Birdsville. After 3 days waiting it out with still no access, we decided to leave by a detour! This detour was not like any detour I have ever been on before. It was about a 600km detour over some of the worst rain impacted dirt roads I had experienced (Thank God for 4 wheel drives). What normally took us about 4 hours (From Birdsville to Windorah) took us nearly 11. So many stories in that ordeal – but we made it and the next day we were able to continue home. The detour was hard and at times problematic but the dream of 'beating the odds' became reality.

Living the dream is not always as easy as it sounds. And it's the same in life! Navigating the Jesus way (what we might refer to as the Dream) often requires us to detour away from the 'usual' or traditional pathway and trust God for the outcome! Paul encountered this very ordeal as his plans were thwarted and a detour put in place (Acts 16: 9) and the result was mind blowing! God is God of the Detour as much as He is God of the Dream! Let's not be afraid of God's detours!

Be Blessed

Dave

Safe Ministry for Children - It is important that members of the congregation who participate in Children's ministry (including Day Camp/Funfari) are up to date with the training every 2 years. The next training sessions are - **Saturday 13 March** 2pm - 5pm at Bremer Brisbane Presbytery Office, Goodna. **Saturday 5 June** 2pm - 5pm at Bremer Brisbane Presbytery Office, Goodna TBC. See Holly for registrations.

Contribute:

Email communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

Please pray for:

- members of our church family who have been recently hospitalised or have doctor's appointments or are feeling unwell, anxious or stressed
- members of our community in nursing homes and their families who feel further isolated from them at this time - Del A, Claire M, Lorraine I, Margaret A, Joyce H, Stan O, Pam G, Desley F.
- the congregation of Aitkenvale UC and its minister Pastor Graham Huth
- Rev Dave and his wife Sandy

Sign-On Forms are now available for all members to think how they can serve our God within the life of His church at Oxley. Please prayerfully consider your answer to God's call on you, and fill in the forms where you find yourself able to serve. Please place the completed forms in the box in the foyer.

Church Family Camp - Bribie Island weekend of 23-25 April 2021. To ensure the camp can go ahead please see David or Leona and inform them of your intention to come.

Rev Dave Thomas

Minister

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Upcoming Date Claimers

Saturday 13.3.21 2pm - Safe Ministry for Children training - Bremer Brisbane Presbytery office

Monday 15.3.21 - 9.30am - Social & Craft Group

Saturday 20.3.21 - 8am Working Bee at the church to tidy the gardens, trees and hedges.

Thursday 25.3.21 7pm - CLT meeting

Sunday 28.3.21 - Palm Sunday - Congregational AGM

Saturday 17.4.21 - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Lenten Studies 2021. If you haven't already done so - please pick up a Lenten Study series booklet from the foyer.

Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for February is \$2,887.12 Loss.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$5,520.25 Loss.

Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Russell Green.

