



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 7th September 2025

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We seldom fully realise the power of what is promised to us in the Scriptures. In today's passage we see the power of what is almost a poem - (*Romans 8:28-39*). This section is often seen as something to feel good about. "*If God is for us*", we hear the cry, and over and again we feel good about the promises.

But there is another truth here. If we look at this from the point of view of God as the actor in this, we see another level of truth. What are the promises to us as believers? There is being gifted, there is justification and there is resurrection, followed by the promise of God's presence in the midst of difficulties.

But in all these things there is the power of God as work in us. God included us in his(her) promises and is confident that our closeness with God is overwhelming. This is the basis of Hope. It is God who makes this possible and it is God who journeys with us as we share in his hope. If we only receive this as a passive offer we are incredibly poor, for it is as we live in this hope and put it into practice in our daily life that the depth of relationship with the Father becomes rich and we begin to understand just what we are offered in Christ.

So do not receive this as a passive gift but really live it out and know true joy.

Trevor

❖ OUR VISION:

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ OUR MISSION:

To reach out and reflect God's Love –connecting others to Christ.

**Sausage Rolls with the Jazz Bandits
at the Vines**

Following on from the fun we had at our Vines Variety Afternoon
we are pleased to welcome the

JAZZ BANDITS

On

Sunday 21st September

2:00pm



Cost .. a donation to Pantry 152 .. cash or Pantry items.

Afternoon Tea will include biscuits & cakes as well as Sausage Rolls

Please contact Verelle 0439 833 837 if you can help by providing food for the
Afternoon Tea!

SYNOD RESOURCING EVENT - RENEW

Synod invite you to their **RENEW** event:

When: Friday October 17th 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Saturday October 18th 9.00 am – 4.30 pm

Venue: Adelaide West Uniting Church and Yarthu-Apinthi

312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive Brooklyn Park.

Cost: \$18.00 per person including morning tea and lunch.

This event is open to all involved in the life of the Church – ministers and leadership teams, church councils and congregation members. “**RENEW** is a space for all who are passionate about deepening their faith and ministry. We want to welcome everyone – because when the Church comes together, great things happen!” For more information there are posters in the church foyer, or you can speak with any Church Council members: Marj Dredge, David McAvenna, Rob Fudge, Ian Kitto, Wendy Fittock, Jacqui Vanstone, Colleen.

The church received a \$100.00 gift voucher from Drakes as a result of members of the Vines congregation shopping at their store. Drakes pay 1 cent for every \$2.00 spent. The money will be put toward Pantry 152. Thanks to all those involved in this.

Circle of Friends for this Tuesday 9th September has been cancelled.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th October.

Thanks to those people who have been helping with the Sunday Morning tea prep. Unfortunately the roster is looking a bit sad again 😞 .
Please consider helping and put your name on the roster in the kitchen for this ministry opportunity, even if only once or twice. Any help is appreciated and it's actually an enjoyable thing to do!

THE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY RECOMMENCEMENT

After the Winter Recess, the Wednesday afternoon Bible study will recommence on the 10th of September, 2025 at 2.30pm.

If you are interested in joining this centrally located (in the church building) interactive study group, there are still a few openings. Please speak with Sue and Richard Bissmire, who will be back with us on Sunday 7th of September, or phone Richard on 0415 401 402 for more information.

Wednesday Group regulars, please note that we will be discussing the selected lectionary reading for this week, 1 Timothy 1:12 to 17.

Pantry 152

If you would like to donate grocery items, there is a list of suggestions available in the foyer.

Particular needs at this time are:

- Weet Bix
- 1 litre cartons of Long Life Milk (Full cream and Lite)
- Jam – Strawberry, Raspberry, Apricot
- Peanut Butter
- Pkts 2 minute Chicken Noodles

Chris McAvenna

BANK ACCOUNT – OFFERING

For members of our congregation who wish to give with flexibility on time and amount, The Vines church has set up a bank account with Westpac to receive such offerings. The details are:

Name of Account - Vines Uniting Church BSB 035 053

Account Number 479588

No further details will be required so the information will remain private.

Colin Dredge, Acting Treasurer.

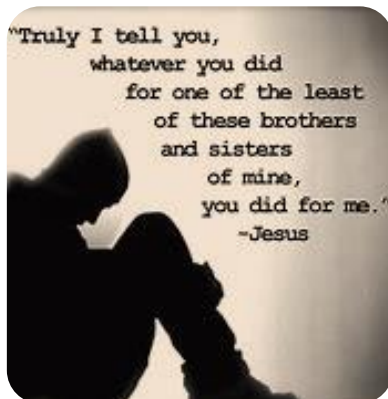
NEXT WEEK: Sunday 14th September

Rev. Dr. Gary Stuckey –

recently retired Minister of Seacliff Uniting Church.

Our Goal

*To reach out to
the community
and
share God's
Love.*



LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday our worship services at the Vines can be accessed live at 9:30am via our YouTube channel. Please use the following link to access our services,

<https://www.youtube.com/@thevinesunitingchurch6373/streams>

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

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