

Next Sunday at Riverside (19th June)

Darren will continue his series on the 'one anothers' and we will be looking at the teaching of Paul in Colossians 3:9. In preparation for next week please read Colossians chapter 3 as part of your devotions.

Prayer Warriors

Please send all prayer requests to riversideprayer@salvationarmy.org.au and our team of 45 prayer warriors will pray for you. We also love to hear about answered prayer.

This Week at Riverside

Monday	13th June	Public holiday	
Tuesday	14th June	Bubbles	9.30am-2pm
Wednesday	15th June	Bubbles	9.30am-2pm
		Community Gym	6:30pm
Thursday	16th June	Café and Play Café	9am-2pm
		Home League	10am-12pm
		Creationships	12-2pm
		Prayer Meeting	6:30pm
Friday	17th June	Café and Play Café	9am-2pm
		SHOUT Youth	7-9pm
Saturday	18th June	Bunnings BBQ	9-5pm
Sunday	12th June	Worship	10am-11.15am
		Splash	11.45am-12.30pm
		Riverside Walk	3pm

The Café and Soft Play Area will be open from 9am - 2pm Thursday and Friday. If you want to come for our Brunch or Lunch session in the Soft Play Area please make sure you book in on the Eventbrite link which is pinned to the top of our Facebook page.

If you require, or know someone who requires, emergency food relief please come to Riverside on Mon-Fri from 9am-2pm and we will be happy to assist.



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June 12th
2022



RIVERSIDE
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FANNED INTO FLAME

The Holy Spirit is really moving people to action within the church and I am becoming more aware that gifts are being fanned into flame. I want to give you all a few examples of what I mean.

On Friday at a meeting with local community leaders I was thanked for the way two of our team looked after and valued a homeless man. The doctor from Gawler hospital said "the change in the man after he had been provided food, a shower and most of all a loving, caring welcome was beautiful to see". The power of just caring without judgement is a quality I want Riverside to be known for as it reflects Jesus. The gift of mercy was so clearly being fanned into flame.

This week we were also able to help and support a family who were in a very difficult situation and just needed to get back to Queensland. A couple of our church members responded by providing the means to purchase tickets. The gift of generosity was certainly being fanned into flame.

Geoff and Dianne have been long term homeless and daily visitors to the café, I'm pretty sure most of us know them. However, one of members of Splash (our family church) took it upon themselves to find accommodation for them. Not only that, she took them to the house, has provided material and practical support and keeps in constant contact. The gifts of helps and service were fanned into flame in this person.

These are a few instances amongst many but I felt compelled to mention them to encourage us all to exercise our giftedness and truly be the body of Christ. If you are wondering why I didn't mention the names of these people, not one of them did what they did to gain notoriety, they simply wanted to bless others.

HUMILITY : AUTHENTICITY : SERVANTHOOD : EXCELLENCE : JOYFULNESS

The Riverside Walk Step 5—SHAPE

Whether you are doing the Riverside Walk Discipleship Pathway or not, can I please encourage anyone who has never done the SHAPE course to come along on Sunday 19th at 3pm to learn about and undertake this crucial course. When we know our SHAPE we start to understand where we fit in the body of Christ. Please sign up at the table in the foyer so we can cater appropriately.



Red Shield Appeal

Thank you one and all for helping with the Red Shield Appeal we have so far managed to raise \$16,164 which will go to funding the food and clothing in our emergency relief outreach. We still have a couple more events to run most pertinently the Bunnings BBQ next Saturday. We still need some help with set up and also between 1pm and 3pm. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Mental Health First Aid Training

The course organized for the 23rd and 27th of June is now full. We have had a great response to this and I know it will be really helpful as we seek to support and value all those who enter Riverside seeking our help.

This Sunday at Riverside

Thank you to Pastor Greg Johnston for being willing to come and share with us at Riverside. If you have been challenged and inspired by his message today and want to access his book please follow this QR code.



KNOWING GOD
AS FATHER



Touch Point

Knowing God as Father
Greg Johnston
Sermon available on
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The Father in the Garden (extract from Pastor Greg Johnston's book)

It was the worst of days. It started like any other. Full of love, harmony and relationship. But everything changed when Adam and Eve listened to the serpent. They ate the fruit of the tree from which they were forbidden to eat. Now, for the first time, they felt guilt, shame and nakedness. Life had been wonderful, but now they were struggling to comprehend what had happened. Then things got worse. Amid this confusion and devastation, they suddenly heard the voice of God calling their name. "Adam, Adam, where are you?" Fear gripped them, and they hid.

I am sure most of us are familiar with this story. The fall of Adam and Eve into sin recorded in Genesis 3. All of us can relate to the feelings of shame and guilt that filled their minds. They had crossed a line, and things would never be the same. Until this day, they had lived in perfect peace and harmony with God and each other. But now their sin caused them to realise their nakedness, and they hid when they heard the Father calling their name. When you read this story, how do you imagine the tone of the Father? Pause for a moment to listen to that voice speaking into their remorse and shame. Our Bibles cannot communicate what this voice sounded like, so we have to interpret it for ourselves. For some, this voice sounds like that of an angry judge seeking Adam and Eve to dispense wrath and judgement. They had rebelled against the Father and were now bracing for the consequences. For others, this voice is one of disappointment from a perfect parent who, no matter what we do, can never be pleased.



How do you imagine this voice?

When He calls your name, what do you hear?

I want to suggest that how we imagine this voice to sound can be an indicator of how we perceive the Father to be.

I invite you to come on a journey as we discover what the Father is truly like. Not what we might imagine Him to be based on our experiences, hurts or fears, but based on the revelation He has given of Himself in His word. Let me assure you this will be a safe journey. One that will thrill and comfort your heart as we uncover who the Father really is and discover His love for us.

Further reading: Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-11