

## This Sunday at Riverside

This Sunday we are continuing our journey through Ephesians and we are starting to look at the first few verses of Chapter 2 where Paul outlines what Christ's power has achieved for us when we were dead in our sins.

## Next Sunday at Riverside

Please read Ephesians Chapter 2:1-10 in advance of next weeks service. These are the most profound and powerful words that get right to the heart of everything we have been given by grace.

## This Week at Riverside

Tuesday	18th Mar	Bubbles Café and Play Café	9:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 2pm
Wednesday	19th Feb	Bubbles Café and Play Café	9:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 2pm
Thursday	20th Feb	Café and Play Café Home League Creationships Prayer Meeting	9am - 2pm 10am - 12pm 12pm 6:45pm
Friday	21st Feb	Café and Play Café Shout Youth	9am - 2pm 7pm - 9pm
Saturday	22nd Mar	Brekky Club W.O.W. Ladies Night	8am - 10am 6pm - 8:30pm
Sunday	23rd Mar	Prayer Meeting Worship Service Splash	9am 9:45am - 11:15am 11:45am - 12:30pm

## Play Café

The Café and Soft Play Area will now be open from 11:30am - 2pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 9am - 2pm on Thursday and Friday. Cost is \$2 per child, pay at the Café. Come for our Brunch or Lunch Session in the Soft Play Area, **please make sure you book on the Eventbrite Link which is pinned to the top of our Facebook page.**

## Baptism

We are planning to have some baptisms on Easter Sunday (I can't think of a better time). If you are interested in moving forward to be being baptised please see Darren.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook. 'The Salvation Army Riverside Gawler'

Website:  
[www.riversidesalvos.org.au](http://www.riversidesalvos.org.au)



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March 16th  
2025



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## Message from Daniel & Monica

Hi Everyone,

By God's grace our trip back to South Sudan was postponed after a powerful warning we both got in the Spirit. We're now scheduled to leave Australia in April and are currently in Adelaide visiting a dear friend who's very unwell.

We're still packing containers and have a wonderful opportunity to send thousands of bibles by sea to South Sudan. We thought it would be wonderful to flood the region with the word of God and are busy collecting as many bibles as possible. If you have a spare bible or two please let us know and we'll give you an address to send them too. By God's grace the official language of South Sudan is English and while literacy is poor there are often one or two people in a family group who can read English. Having Bibles will also help with literacy in schools etc. as students will have access to reading material.

Much love and many blessings from Daniel, Monica and Zion

PS.

Please pray for Sudan/South Sudan, the region is very unstable as the conflict is widening; the market in our nearest town was targeted by rebels and burned to the ground. Food is in short supply for many and starvation is looming. Our children get distressed when they witness so much hunger around them. Our staff are great but it's bit tricky coordinating a response to help from a distance. Please pray for a multiplication of people and resources (especially food) to help the poor and share God's love.



**If you have any Bibles that you no longer use, whatever condition and whatever translation please bring them to Riverside and we will get them sent to Sudan. Please keep Daniel Monica and the staff and children at the New Jerusalem children's home in your prayers.**

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## Self Denial 2025

We continue our Self Denial Appeal. Over the next few weeks we will see videos of the work The Salvation Army is doing in low income countries and places where the mission is underfunded. The personal stories and beautiful imagery will show snippets of God's work through The Salvation Army in Tanzania, Georgia, India and Bulgaria.



The Altar Service (Week 6) is scheduled for Sunday 6 April.  
Learn more about the Self Denial Appeal: [www.selfdenial.info](http://www.selfdenial.info)

## Lent Prayer Calendar—50 days of Prayer for Riverside.

Mal has created a Prayer Calendar, with areas of focus for your prayers around Riverside as well as our local and wider communities. We are entering our third week now, so if you have not done so already, please collect one from the information table and continue to pray mindfully in the lead up to Easter.



### Snacks for Sale

Today we are continuing to sell off some excess snacks in the foyer after the first service. Items range in price from \$2 to \$4 each, including lollies, biscuits, chips and drinks. Pancake mix has now been added too! This money will then be used to replenish the pantry with items we need for our Crisis Support Hampers. Cash or EFTPOS is available. Please BYO bag. Thank you for your support.

## Café Open on the Last Sunday of the Month—Sunday 30th March

Our Café will be open on Sunday 30th March for light meals and drinks between the morning service and Splash. Last orders for food at 12:15pm. Splash Families, please come earlier to eat before the service starts at 11:45am as no food permitted in the hall.

## Riverside Walk—Sunday 16th March

We are approaching this a little differently this year. The Riverside Walk will be more about leadership development and equipping the saints. Darren and Josh will be running a series of workshops around preaching over the next month or so. It is not too late to join in, so please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

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# Touch Point

Sermon by  
Darren Dwyer  
Available on App and  
Website



## Read Ephesians 2:1-4

- Q1. How would you describe your life before you came to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour?
- Q2. How do you feel about Paul describing your pre-Christian life as being dead-in-your-sins? What does being dead-in-sin mean to you?
- Q3. How would you explain sin to someone who didn't know what it meant?

*The word sin literally means to 'miss the mark'. The picture is one of a target and an arrow. Sadly no one can fire an arrow well enough and straight enough to hit God's target all the time.*

- Q4. Do you think it's fair that God get's to set the target. Surely our opinions, feelings and preferences have to be taken into consideration?
- Q5. Paul says in v2 that when we were dead in our sins we were in deed 'obeying the devil who is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God'. How do you feel about this?



*Paul is making it clear that being dead in sin is in fact a spiritual state. It is a spiritual state that is opposed to God, when you refuse to follow His commands you are not neutral, you become his enemy under the authority of Satan. No wonder he is angry.*

- Q6. When we are dead-in-sin how do we view are own desires, passions, inclinations and appetites?

*To be dead and following Satan doesn't sound good, yet the world believes that being good is what God wants. Darren said in his sermon that God does not make a good v. bad distinction. He sees dead or alive. We are either dead in our sin or alive in his son.*

- Q7. What does it mean to you be alive in his son? Especially as we know that we all still sin. What exactly has changed?

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