

This Sunday at Riverside

We have a busy day today but an exciting one, in our 10am service we will be making three new members of the church and following this service at approximately 11:45am we will be baptising four people. This will happen out on the lawns by the shade area. There will be a time for everyone to gather and connect after the outdoor service and games and a time of worship will be held for the Splash families. At 4:30pm we will have the second of our afternoon service taster sessions. Please pray for all these events in our growing and busy church.

Next Sunday at Riverside

Next Sunday will be our Riverside Nativity Service and this will be a combined service between the 10am service and Splash and it will start at **11am**. We will be transforming the building into the hillsides of Bethlehem so bring along picnic rugs and blankets if you are able to sit on the floor. Our normal chairs will be available for those unable to sit on the floor. This will be a wonderful time to be captivated by the Christmas story all over again.

This Week at Riverside

Monday	12th Dec	Prayer Meeting	10am
Tuesday	13th Dec	Bubbles Nativity	9:30am-2pm
Wednesday	14th Dec	Bubbles Nativity	9:30am-2pm
Thursday	15th Dec	Prayer Meeting	6:30pm
Friday	16th Dec	Café and Play Café	9am-2pm
Sunday	18th Dec	Prayer Meeting	10am-10:30am
		Riverside Nativity	11am-12am
		Mince Pies/Coffee	12pm
		Carols by the Riverside	6:30pm

Christmas Day Meal

As you know we are hosting a Christmas Day meal and to help sort out how many people are coming we have produced an invite. If you know anyone who would really benefit from a meal and company on Christmas Day please ask one of the leadership team for a copy and make give that person a personal invitation.



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

Website:
www.riversidesalvos.org.au



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Hope Cup Success

What a wonderful, albeit slightly hot, day we had last Sunday at Sandy Creek Cricket Club. OK, it was sad to lose by just 6 runs to the Police XI but even that couldn't dampen the enjoyment of the whole day. The total raised by the event was

\$35,987

I want to say a huge thank you to all who took part, particularly the organising team—Mal McCann, Cameron Brewis, Wayne Sanders, Verena Hewitt, Kate Smyth, Linda Nelson, Colin Drew, Rob Adami, Kim Waycott and Cat Henry. Also thank you to all the other volunteers who made the day so successful. I also need to say a huge thank you to Senior Sergeant Rob Mowday and the Gawler Police and all the members of The Riverside All-Stars.



The two teams including Mayor of Gawler Karen Redman, Mayor of Barossa Michael (Bim) Lange and Major Lance Jeffery Divisional Commander

More photos of the day will be uploaded onto our website early next week. You can also access photos from the great article in the December 7th edition of the Bunyip.



LOVE JESUS



GROW TOGETHER



SHARE HOPE

HUMILITY : AUTHENTICITY : SERVANTHOOD : EXCELLENCE : JOYFULNESS

Carol Singing Schedule

Please see below Riverside's carol singing schedule. It doesn't matter if you haven't signed up yet just let Mal know and be part of this wonderful way to bless our community. We are not collecting but giving away Christmas biscuits to those we sing to. This will not only be a joy to be part of but we pray it'll bring a little bit of joy into the world's of those around us.



Date

Meet at

Sunday 11th Dec	Riverside for our neighbourhood 6:15pm
Tuesday 13th Dec	Springwood Estate (Gawler East) Easton Drive near the park 6:30pm
Tuesday 20th Dec	Willaston— Princess Street near Baker Street 6:30pm
Thursday 22nd Dec	Evanston – Potts Road /Sunnyside Ave. junction 6:30pm
Saturday 24th	Gawler CBD or Gawler South (to be advised) 5:30pm

Dedications

After a conversation with the leadership team and a few of the families linked to Riverside we have decided to have a Dedication Sunday in the new Year. A dedication ceremony is where a family give thanks to God for their child and then make promises to be the best parents they can be for the child's physical, emotional and spiritual development.

You might ask why don't we do Christenings, well simply put a dedication is a ceremony found within the Bible, Jesus was dedicated at the Temple when he was about 40 days old. (Luke 2:23). A Christening, as wonderful and special as they are, are not scriptural and part of Church Tradition where a child is christened into the faith or into the church.

We believe that coming to faith and joining a church is something you can only do freely when you are old enough to understand the implications and make the decision yourself. Hence The Salvation Army's use of a Dedication Service.

Anyway we know how hectic and busy life can be so we thought it would be helpful to set a date for this for all the families that have expressed an interest. Therefore our proposed Dedication Sunday date is April 30th 2023. If you want your son or daughter to be dedicated that day please see Darren.



Touch Point

'The Authentic man'

Darren Dwyer

Available on Web site and App



As we are fast approaching Christmas I felt it was more appropriate to focus our touch point on the sermon from our 4:30pm service rather than the 10am service. The morning service will look at the importance of Baptism but the afternoon sermon is called 'the authentic man' and considers the role of Joseph in the Christmas story. Both sermons will be available on the website in the next few days.

Q1. Is there a man you look up to and respect? Is there someone you consider to be an 'authentic' man?

Q2. How would you define authentic.

Read Matthew 1:18-19. This passage describes the moment when Joseph become aware the girl he is engaged to is pregnant. Remember these individuals lived the Christmas story in real time. How they responded to the situations they faced was based on their character, who they really were.

Q3. How do you think Joseph feels when he finds out Mary is pregnant. What character traits does Joseph display in his treatment of Mary? What would other men have done?

In a dream God breaks into Joseph's story and says for him to take Mary as his wife you can read this in Matthew 1:20-25.

Q4. The angel tells Joseph not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife. What would Joseph have been afraid of?

Q5. What did Joseph's obedience to God cost him? What consequences did Joseph have to shoulder to be the husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus.

Q6. As you consider the whole Christmas story what other character traits makes Joseph the 'authentic man'.



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