

## This Sunday at Riverside

Today Darren will continue with our journey through Ephesians and will complete his tangent into Spiritual Warfare with his look at Ephesians 6:10-18. Can I encourage you to read this in advance.

## Next Sunday at Riverside

Next Sunday Kate Adami will be preaching and her subject is, 'what to do with a new heart'? She'll be focussing on the experiences of King Saul and King David. Please pray for Kate as she prepares this week.

## This Week at Riverside

Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> June	Brekky Club -	8am - 10am
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup> June	Café and Play Café Little Boat Big Rivers Club	9am - 2pm 4pm-5:30pm
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> June	Bubbles Café and Play Café	9:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 2pm
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> June	Café and Play Café Creationships Prayer Meeting	9am - 2pm 10:30am - 12noon 6:45pm
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> June	Cafe and Play Cafe SHOUT Youth	9am - 2pm 7pm - 9pm
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> June	Brekky Club	8am - 10am
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Prayer Meeting Riverside Worship Splash Worship	9am 9:45am 11.45am

## Generous Hearts

For those of you who feel led by the Holy Spirit to give financially to Riverside, whether that be regularly or on special occasions. Please talk to or email Kate for the BPAY details. [kate.adami@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:kate.adami@salvationarmy.org.au)  
We can also accept EFTPOS through the Café till or cash in the offering.



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## Beautiful Feet

As we've been preparing to bring the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus as recorded in Luke this week I've been reminded of the verse below from Isaiah 52:7.

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the news of peace and salvation, the news that our God reigns*

Actually, to be honest I was singing the chorus associated with these words! But as I was singing I had a thought. **Why feet?**

Why are they called beautiful and not the whole person bringing the good news. Even a beautiful mouth or tongue would have made more sense...but feet! I certainly don't find feet beautiful. So I did some research.

In Judaism, feet represented humility. In ancient times a slave or servant could not look at his master's face or any other part of his body except for his feet. We saw this as we acted out the Luke Drama, a prostitute washes Jesus's feet with her hair. As a sinner she instinctively felt she could not look upon Jesus, so she expressed her submission to him, like a slave or servant, by attending to his feet.

The Hebrew word used in Isaiah's passage for feet is *regal*. There are many different words for feet in Hebrew but it's important that it's this word. When you step up to the podium or onto a stage making a declaration you are stepping up with your *regal*. Literally your announcing feet. Now, when what you say is good, your feet were referred to as na'ah, which means very beautiful. If the message was bad your feet would be described as degath or ugly feet. The thinking was a bad or insulting message can only have been carried by ugly feet.

So how does this all answer my question? It seems to only make sense if Isaiah is referring to Jesus, the coming Messiah, as the messenger. If this is really a reference to Jesus, which I believe it is, then Jesus has a message of na'ah (beauty) and not degath (ugliness). When he speaks his words are good news of peace, and salvation.

When we, who are sinners, put our eyes to the feet of Jesus we will see only *na'ah regal* and hear good news. Such good news that when we accept it and make Jesus Lord and Saviour we are no longer servants and slaves with downcast eyes, but sons and daughters who see our Father's face, his smile and his everlasting love. Son's and daughters who in turn carry this wonderful good news to others, stepping out with beautiful feet.



## Dedication Service

Last year we had a very special moment when we dedicated the children of four Riverside families. A dedication is similar to a christening but the focus is on the parents thanking God for the gift of their child and making vows to be the best parents they can be for their children. The child is not made a member of the Christian faith or a member of the church at Riverside, that will be their choice when they are old enough to make it for themselves.

The dedication ceremony is based on the Biblical ceremony that Mary and Joseph undertook when they took Jesus to the Temple as a babe in arms.

They were thanking God for him and committing themselves to be good and godly parents.

If you would like to have your child dedicated at Riverside, we are proposing a special service on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please speak to one of the Splash team (Samantha, Rachel, Angie, Andrea) or Darren.



## The Luke Drama

The rehearsals are underway as I write this, but by the time you read this we will have done our first performance at the Civic Centre. I'm praying all has gone well.

However, we will still have one more performance to go! So if you are free Sunday afternoon, please come along to Gawler Civic Centre for 3pm and enjoy the Luke Drama - The story of Jesus as recorded by Doctor Luke.



## Red Shield Appeal

We are continuing to get donations coming in for our 2025 Red Shield Appeal, our total as of Sunday 15th is \$17,358. We still have until the end of June to get as close to our target of \$20,000

## Leadership Team Retreat

Next week the leadership team will be away from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday morning on a retreat. We will be considering our strategy as we move forward so we would appreciate your prayers as we endeavour to discern God's will for Riverside and the coming years.

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# Touch Point

Sermon by  
Darren Dwyer  
Available on App  
and Website



## Read Ephesians 6:10-20

Q1. When someone attacks you verbally what is your usual way of coping? Do you run away and hide or come out fighting?

*At the end of Ephesians Paul reminds us that the only response a Christian should have to the attacks of the enemy is to stand firm. This seems to counter our normal reactions of flight or fight, but God provides a way for us to do this. Paul says we should put on the full armour of God to withstand the schemes and tricks of the enemy.*

Q2. The first item of armour Paul says should be put on is the belt of truth. Why do you think truth has to be first?

Q3. Paul then says put on the breast plate of righteousness? This item covers our hearts so it points to our relationship with God and our purity before God. How does our relationship with God protect us from the enemy? How is this connected to the belt of truth?

Q4. Next to put on are the shoes of the Good News which bring peace and readiness? What does this mean to you. How do these shoes of peace help us stand firm.

Q5. The shield of faith is next. How big is your shield of faith? Does it protect you from the enemy or are there some gaps he can exploit?

Q6. Put on Salvation as your helmet. This really is about the future and all that it holds for those who are saved. What kind of future are you expecting in Christ? How does that protect you in tough times of attack?

Q7. Finally we have a sword. It is the sword of the spirit, the word of God. Why do you think God's word is called the sword of the Spirit. How do we use this weapon, in attack or defence?

Q6. The time of evil mentioned in verse 13 can be translated as the time of temptation. We will all face this moment many times in our lives. When was the last time you were facing 'a time of temptation'. If you were victorious what part of the armour helped you, if you were defeated what part of the armour were you not wearing correctly?

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