This Sunday at Riverside

This week, Darren is continuing the journey through the book of Ephesians and will be looking at Paul's understanding of God's power and why the church desperately needs this power. Ephesians 1:19-23.

Next Sunday at Riverside

Next week, Darren is continuing the journey through the book of Ephesians. Starting on Chapter 2.

This Week at Riverside

Monday	10th Mar	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	CLOSED
		Brekky Club	8am - 10am
Tuesday	11th Mar	Bubbles	9:30am - 11:30am
		Café and Play Café	11:30am - 2pm
		Purruna Garden Club	10am
Wednesday	12th Feb	Bubbles	9:30am - 11:30am
		Café and Play Café	11:30am - 2pm
Thursday	13th Feb	Café and Play Café	9am - 2pm
		Home League	10am - 12pm
		Creationships	12pm
		Prayer Meeting	6:45pm
Friday	14th Feb	Café and Play Café	9am - 2pm
		Shout Youth	7pm - 9pm
Saturday	15th Mar	Brekky Club	8am - 10am
		W.O.W. Ladies Night	6pm - 8:30pm
Sunday	16th Mar	Prayer Meeting	9am
		Worship Service	9:45am - 11:15am
		Splash	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.

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March 9th

2025



Pancake Fiesta and Citrus Rolling Competition!

We had an amazing turnout for the Pancake Fiesta on Tuesday! Special thanks to McDonalds for the generous donation of pancakes and an anonymous donor for the whipped cream!! Thanks also to Rob and Shane for their BBQ duties and the café team.

We were also treated to a Spectacular Event with our CITRUS Rolling Competition (renamed this year due to the price of lemons!!).

While no-one was able to land their lemon or lime in the square, we awarded the top two closest rollers. Congratulations go to Caleb and Jobe in the under 13's Category and to Andrew and Patrick in the over 14's Category.

Here are a few photos of the festivities.

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Self Denial 2025

This year's Self Denial Appeal has begun. 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

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. Please collect one from the information table and continue to pray mindfully in the lead up to Easter.

W.O.W. (Women of Worth) Ladies Event—Saturday 15th March



On Saturday 15th March we are gathering again for another fun evening. All ladies from 13 to 100 are welcome (minors must be accompanied by an adult). Join us at 6pm - 8:30pm where we will be making a craft for Easter and sharing with some food and fellowship. Please RSVP by Thursday 13th of March to Linda on 0437 213 740 so we know to expect you.

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 preferred and BYO bag please. Thank you for your support.

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Touch Point

Sermon by Darren Dwyer Available on App and Website



Read Ephesians 1:19-23

- 1. Paul uses some wonderful words to describe God's power for us who be lieve. My favourite is 'immeasurable'. Why do you think Paul describes God's power as beyond measure and why is that helpful to remember?
- 2. The word power in Greek is 'dynamis'. What does this word remind you of and how does that help describe God's power?

The Ephesian believers were formerly caught up in magic, witchcraft, the Artemis cult, astrology and Emperor worship. These things bought fear of hostile spiritual and earthly forces. Paul is assuring them that God's power is supreme over everything.

3. Why do we often fail to rely on God's mighty power? Why do we so often rely on our own strength?

Added to the exalted view of self and the diminished view of God is the failure to understand the spiritual battle in which we are engaged.

- 4. What is your understanding of spiritual warfare? Is it relevant nowadays? Can we dismiss it as something from the unenlightened past?
- 5. Are you aware of a spiritual battle in your own life? What are some of the ene my's tactics. If you're not sure about this ask yourself what things keep you from your devotions, keep you up at night, distract you from prayer, diminish your passion for Jesus and servanthood. Satan is cunning and crafty and his greatest weapons are subtle and understated but very effective.

In the Old Testament they measured power by creation (see Isaiah 40) but now their is another great picture of power, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Read Romans 8:11

- 6. The Power of the Holy Spirit is within us, we are more than conquerors through Christ, Is that your experience?
 - If not, we may not have fully grasped what the power of the Spirit has done for dead and crucified Jesus. The final part of Paul's prayer highlights four areas of Christ's power and status.
- What does each one mean to you. a. Resurrected b. Enthroned
 c. Supreme d. Head.

Do you have the right picture of the resurrected Jesus? He has power beyond measure! Amazingly the Bible says that power is within us too.

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