



Pentecost 23

27 October 2024



Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
 Flowers: Sue Lawrence
 Coffee/Tea: Keith & Jaren Picking
 Reader: Racquel Gunter
 Kids Church: TBA
 Music: Jan Gibson
 Church Rep: Rev. Mike Fawcett
 Worship Leader: John Lawrence
 Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett
 (communion)

Pentecost 24

3 November 2024

Welcome: John & Sue Lawrence
 Flowers: Flowers kindly donated
 Coffee/Tea: John & Sue Lawrence
 Reader: Piet Speyers
 Kids Church: TBA
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Readings from the Lectionary

Jb 42:1-6, 10-17
 Ps 34:1-8, (19-22)
 Heb 7:23-28
 Mk 10:46-52

Ru 1:1-18
 Ps 146
 Heb 9:11-14
 Mk 12:28-34



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COMMUNION

The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

Welcome to our Sunday Service of worship,
 commencing at **9-30am** every Sunday

I Heard My Brother Crying

Some years ago in the small timber town of Nannup, located in southwest Western Australia, a little twelve-year old girl named Terri was babysitting her little brother. Terri walked outside to check the mail. As she turned back from the mailbox, she couldn't believe her eyes. There was a fire near the base of the kitchen's stone chimney, and very quickly the little timber house was enveloped in flames.

Terri ran as fast as she could into the flaming house. There she found her baby brother Tim trapped by a burning rafter which had fallen and pinned him to the floor. Hurriedly, Terri worked to free her brother. She had trouble getting Tim loose as the flames were dancing around their heads. Finally, she freed him but he was limp and not making a sound. Terri picked Tim up and quickly took him outside where she laid him on the grass and tried to revive him. Just as he started to cry the roof of the house caved in.

By this time, firemen were on the scene and the neighbours had gathered outside the smouldering ruins of the house. The neighbours had been too frightened to go inside or to do anything to help, and they were tremendously impressed with the courage of the twelve-year old girl. They congratulated her for her heroic efforts and said, "Terri, you are so very brave. Weren't you scared? What were you thinking about when you ran into the burning house?" I love Terri's answer. She said, "I wasn't thinking about anything. I just heard my little brother crying."

Let me ask you something? How long has it been? How long has it been since you heard your brother or sister crying? How long has it been since you stopped and did something about it?

James W. Moore, Collected Sermons, ChristianGlobe Networks, Inc (Edited)





Our Vision: "United in Christ we reach out to build loving relationships that deepen faith and enrich lives."

Define the Problem

Thousands of years ago a young Chinese emperor called upon his family's most trusted advisor. "Oh, learned counsellor," said the emperor, "you have advised my father and grandfather. What is the single most important advice you can give me to rule my country?" And Confucius replied, "The first thing you must do is to define the problem."



Many unhappy people cannot put their finger on what is really causing their distress. Many unfulfilled people cannot even tell you what it would take to satisfy them. Many of us have no clear idea or conception what our real needs, our real desires, and our real priorities are. And because we have never defined the problem or clarified our goals, we spend a lifetime anxiously wandering with very little to show for the pilgrimage.

King Duncan, Collected Sermons, www.Sermons.com

Humour: The Most Difficult Case

Two psychiatrists were talking and one asked the other, "What was your most difficult case?"

His colleague answered, "Once I had a patient who lived in a pure fantasy world. He believed that a wildly rich uncle in South America was going to leave him a fortune. All day long he waited for a make-believe letter to arrive from a fictitious attorney. He never went out or did anything. He just sat around and waited."

"What was the result?" asked the first psychiatrist.

"Well, it was an eight-year struggle but I finally cured him. And then that stupid letter arrived..."

Some people are afraid to open their eyes. And some just keep their eyes closed no matter what.

Billy D. Strayhorn, From the Pulpit, CSS Publishing Company, Inc.



WELCOME

A very warm welcome is extended to any visitors. We trust that you will be blessed during this time of worship and invite you to fellowship with us



Annual Christmas Concert Saturday 30th November

We will be celebrating the start of Advent with our traditional annual Christmas Concert on Saturday evening 30th November. There will be food, music, singing and lots of fun.

Make sure you write the date in your diaries and tell all your friends and family to save the date. This is our most popular event of the year and we want even more people to come than last year. More information will be published in the Messenger as it becomes available.



Christmas Appeal—Toys for Prison

We are collecting toys for children whose fathers are in the Bunbury Prison. This year we are collecting toys for children who are no more than 10 years old. The toys need to be in extremely good condition or preferably new. Aa box will be placed in the church forum where you can place the presents. For more information please contact Peter or Raelyn Punch E: prpunch@lasar.net.au



Coffee, Cake & Fellowship

You are invited to join the ladies or gentlemen respectively for coffee, delicious pastries and scintillating conversation:

For Ladies: She Brews - 9-30am every Wednesday
Café Coast, 45 Rees PI, Port Bouvard Marina, Wannanup

For Gentlemen: Espresso - 9-30am Fortnightly on Tuesday
29th October at the Taste of Italy Café in the Halls Head Shopping Centre

More information? Contact Peter M: 0427 685 908 E: prpunch@lasar.net.au



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Your Messenger

If you are not receiving this Newsletter by email and wish to do so, please contact Peter at: prpunch@lasar.net.au

Any articles, notices or prayer requests for the Messenger should be emailed to Peter no later than **5pm Wednesdays**

Thank you

