



The Grapevine 2/5/2021

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ABIDE #2: I AM THE VINE John 15:1 - 11

The Abide series is about generating awareness to help grow our faith. While it is true that others can stimulate, educate, stir us to growth, in the end we are driving our faith car. If our faith is lacking then we need some ***honest mirror time***. What is the truth about what's going on? No really, beyond the blame, excuses and anger, what is the real issue here? Neil Fawcett (<http://www.pastorlife.com>) asks a series of questions, some of which I've included for your reflection. Maybe just pick one to consider.

Q. *What role is God playing in my life?*

Q. *Have I grown this year?*

Q. *What fruit can I celebrate?*

Q. *What have I learned this year?*

Q. *What do I know that I didn't know a year ago?*

Q. *What do I believe that I didn't a year ago?*

Q. *How have I changed?*

Q. *In what ways did God stretch and grow my faith this year?*

Q. *What prayers did I see God answer this year?*

Q. *What did I sacrifice this year?*

Q. *Who is closer to Jesus this year because of my influence?*

Q. *What bold steps of faith or leaps of faith did I take this year?*

Q. *In what ways did I see God make me more giving this year?*

Q. *Can you see specific instances where the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22 are being displayed?*

Q. *Are you maintaining a journal of insights God is showing you as a result of abiding in Christ?*

These questions are ***NOT*** meant to make you feel miserable or lacking, but rather they are inviting you to more self-discovery.

Peace, Rev DJPrior

OUR MISSION:

*To be a vibrant, growing community of faith,
reaching out in God's love,
bringing others to Christ.*



KEITH BEAMES

Judy advises that Keith was moved yesterday to the VITA Rehabilitation Centre at Daw Park for ongoing rehabilitation.

Please keep Judy and Keith in your prayers; we pray for the miracle of healing for Keith, for further improvement and for God's peace to continue to be with both Judy and Keith and their families at this difficult time.

Judy is thankful for the care and prayer of the Vines congregation.



FINANCIAL REPORT

For the period 1st January - 31st March 2021 there was a Deficit of \$863.41.

Offering Income was \$7,662.63 less than Budget Estimates.

Fund-raising activities last year of \$1,025.20 were banked in January 2021.

Ministerial Charges were \$7,541.22 less than Budget estimates due to the Minister's Stipend being reduced with Rev. David Prior's time spent at Prince Alfred College.

Church & Manse Annual Insurance was paid in January. However this charge is allocated over 12 months in the Budget. There also was significant expenditure on the manse.

John Norton
Treasurer

ADULT FELLOWSHIP – 61st BIRTHDAY

On Wednesday 12th May we are celebrating our birthday with an outing to the Marion Historic Village Museum at 9 Township Road, Marion followed by lunch at the Marion Hotel.

Please meet at the Vines car park at 10.15 a.m. as the Village is booked for 10.45 a.m. with lunch booked for 12 o'clock.

Members of the congregation are most welcome to join us.

Please ring Pam on 8381172 to make a booking or if you have any queries.

HOME ALONERS MEETING FOR MAY

We will be back at The Old Noarlunga Hotel on Tues. 4th May

We will meet in the car park of the Hotel at 12.15pm

We have a booking for 12.30pm

Hope to see you there.

RSVP to Bob Stone 8381 4483, or Bob Manson 8382 7242

by Sunday 2nd May

Leprosy Mission Money Boxes

Those who have a collection box

Please bring your money for me ASAP

I will bring collection bags on Sunday

Thank you, Elaine



LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday our worship services at the Vines can be accessed live at 9:30am via our YouTube channel. Please use the following link to access our services,

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

Connect with others and Choose life

'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID

We have to pass on God's love!



Next week:

9th May - Easter 6:

ABIDE IN series #3 (In Love)

Rev DJP

Psalm 98 & John 15:9-17

Our Children's Church....Sessions are held fortnightly, during the services at the Church.

See the table below for the scheduled weeks.

Sunday 2nd May

Sunday 16th May

Sunday 30th May

Sunday 13th June

Sunday 27th June

Children's
CHURCH



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