



The Grapevine 9/5/2021

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ABIDE #3 ABIDE IN MY LOVE

John 15:9-17 New Revised Standard Version

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

This is just an excerpt from the reading for this week, full of rich imagery and powerful symbolism. Our Abide series has focussed on the relationship we have with God, that has as its foundation an unconditional commitment to each of us and requires a response in return. Growing our faith requires a proactive focus in prayer, reflection on the impact of scripture on our lives and how this impacts our behaviour.

Last week Jesus used the image of our faith being like a VINE, which affirmed the truth that: "Without roots, there are no fruits."

Roots depend upon strong soil and water. In John 4:13-14 Jesus in his conversation with the Samaritan woman spoke about how we can grow our faith more deeply by drawing on life giving water.

The Abide series reminds us there are so many options for growing our faith, but the default is that we have to commit, because God in Jesus has left nothing behind in His love for us.

Rev DJPrior

OUR MISSION:

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



REVEREND DJP - PAC

Reverend DJP is working at PAC this week and next week. If you need to contact him during this time, please email, text, phone, etc. as per normal and he will respond when able.



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.



OUR PARTNERS IN INDIA ARE SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE WORST HEALTH CRISIS IN LIVING MEMORY.

While the Indian government is managing healthcare and the roll out of COVID-19 vaccinations, our partners are working to do all they can to help local communities survive the second wave of COVID-19 in India.

As the pandemic continues to ravage the region our partners are providing food, masks, as well as much needed soap, hand sanitiser and health and hygiene messaging.

All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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UnitingWorld

PO Box A226

Sydney NSW 1235

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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:

16th May E 7:

ABIDE IN series #4 (*Go into the world – share how to*) Rev DJP

Psalm 1 & John 17:6-19

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

See the table below for the scheduled weeks.

Sunday 16th May

Sunday 30th May

Sunday 13th June

Sunday 27th June

Children's
CHURCH



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