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THE GRAPESVINE 4/12/2022

HERSTORY #5 Eve Gen 1:26-31 & Gen 3:8-13

This week is #5 in our Her story series. Adam and Eve were created by a loving God who desires to be in relationship with them:

Gen 1:27 "So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Here there is no hierarchy, there is no subjugation, man and woman are created equal and in the image of God. Often Genesis is seen as a book that reinforces Patriarchy. Authors such as Susan Greiner write "*Did Eve Fall or Was She Pushed?*" The question of our worth around gender and sexuality are front and centre throughout the world as seen in Iran and Qatar.

Naturally, talking about Adam and Eve means I cannot avoid the elephant in the room concerning "*that apple and the serpent*", resulting in their expulsion from Paradise.

Gen 3⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden."

Some such as Beth Norcross, suggest that this scripture reading reinforces that "*the natural world is our first way of knowing God*". She argues that "*Finding God in nature can reconnect people with faith and the biblical tradition.*"

Today our journey with Eve will mean we explore some very diverse areas, but once again find ourselves asking, "*What does this mean for me today?*"

Rev DJPrior

❖ OUR VISION:

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ OUR MISSION:

*To reach out and reflect God's Love –
connecting others to Christ.*



IN MEMORIAM

Many of you will have fond memories of Margaret Lomman, who sadly passed away on Saturday, 19th November.

Margaret was one of the original and faithful members of Happy Valley /The Vines Church & Adult Fellowship and we give thanks for her life.

Hi Guys - our last meeting for 2022.

We will meet at

The Oldy, Old Noarlunga

38 Patapinda Road

for lunch on Tuesday December 6th at 12 noon.

Our table for lunch is in the Beer Garden.

Please let us know by Sunday 4th December

Bob Stone 0439 817 613 Bob Manson 0499 001 883.

Hope you can make it, see you there.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

- Thanks to those who have prepared or are preparing things for selling at the market. They can be brought to the church on Friday 2nd Dec or on the morning of the 3rd.
- Friday afternoon any time after 2pm help would be much appreciated to price Preloved Treasures.



This Sunday 4th December.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We are planning to sing Christmas Carols in the Mall at the Happy Valley Shopping Centre on **Thursday 22nd December 2022 from 4-6 pm.** To do this we need volunteers to sing. Please speak with Leon Magrin prior to that date to register your interest.

Thank you and God bless you,
Leon Magrin, on behalf of the Exploring Community Committee



PIANO CONCERT

Verelle Fudge will be having a Piano Concert with her students at the Vines Church on

Monday, 19th December at 2 pm.

All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are again supplying Christmas Hampers to needy families and local schools this year. To do this we need your help with donations of food. The collection boxes will be in the foyer from Sunday 20th November until Sunday 11th December. It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide food from the suggestions lists on the table in the church foyer, or a cash donation marked "*Christmas Hampers*".

Thank you and May God Bless you.

Reaching out in God's Love

FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support for this ministry. Where has the time gone? We are already preparing for Christmas Hampers. This week we are in need of the following items.

Cereal

- Soup
 - Pasta/Pasta Sauce
 - 2 Minute Noodles
 - Tea
 - Toiletries or a Cash Donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry".
- Cereal
 - Tinned Fish
 - Tinned Fruit
 - Tinned Vegetables

Thank you again.

Leon and the Pastoral Team.

Next week:
Sunday 11th December
CHILDREN'S SERVICE



*Take time to phone a Friend
or meet with others and
CHOOSE LIFE
Share God's love.*



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.

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