



The VINES Uniting Church

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THE GRAPEVINE – 5th February 2023

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THEME: Matt 5:13-16 The Message *Salt and Light*

¹³ “Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavours of this earth...¹⁴⁻¹⁶ “Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept.”

The Message Translation

Peterson summarises Matthew’s gospel in this way, we are here to:

“bring out the “God-flavours of this earth” &

“bring out the God-colours in the world.”

In other words, we are called to spice up people’s lives & bring colour to their days. Nice way to think of it really.

I wonder how many people look at Christians as flavouring or lighting up their lives? For many people in our modern society, Christians are often associated with the narrow minded, judgemental fringe of the church. Sad really, because the majority of Christians have their lives shaped by Jesus’ other-centred approach to life, rather than a self-centred “what’s in it for me!”

Our role then is to influence others, to shape their expectations of what it means to be known by Jesus.

For example, when you have a problem, who are the people you choose to talk to? Why them? What is it about them that makes you comfortable to talk to them? Can we learn from them, and find ways to increase our flavour and light?

Rev DJP

❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

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

HOME ALONERS LUNCH TUESDAY

7th FEBRUARY 2023.

WARRADALE HOTEL

234 DIAGONAL ROAD WARRADALE

Our Lunch booking is for 12 noon.

Please RSVP to Bob Manson

on 0499 001 883

or Bob Stone 0439 817 613.

By Sunday 5th of February to enable confirmation of Hotel booking number.

FINANCE REPORT

The Bank balance as at 31st December 2022 was \$75,562

Giving for the whole 2022 year was \$2,846 below the budgeted amount.

An audit is being undertaken and a full report will be presented to the congregation at the annual general meeting.

Neil Satterley
Treasurer

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2022

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your wonderful and generous support of Operation Christmas Child 2022.

It has been with the help of people like you that 18,540 shoe box gifts were collected in South Australia last year. South Australia's boxes went to the Philippines.

Australian shoe box destinations this year will include Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Vanuatu, Samoa, Philippines, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and 10,000 will be going to Ukraine.

HOME GROUP

If anyone is interested in joining a Home Group, the group that meets at Joy and Eric Stevenson's house, 10 Farnsworth Drive, Morphett Vale will recommence on Wednesday 8th February. Please speak to Colin, Marj or Joy for further details.

******CHURCH CLEANING******

We are still in need of one person to help with church cleaning.

Can you help?

This would mean being rostered on for approximately an hour once every seven weeks with another helper; not to clean the whole church as the paid cleaners do that once a fortnight. It requires ensuring that everything looks okay and making sure the toilets are clean. Please speak with Colleen or Judy if you are able/willing to help.

Thank you!

FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support for this ministry. We have not been idle over the Christmas period and continued with this ministry.

This week we need the following items:

- Cereal
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Fruit
- Toiletries
- Or a cash donation marked Food Parcel Ministry.

Thank you again,
Leon and the Pastoral team.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The first fellowship meeting will be on Wednesday 8th February, 1.30 at the Vines.

We will discuss this year's program, followed by afternoon tea.

If you want a cuppa please bring a cup and teaspoon.

New members and visitors are most welcome.

Any queries please contact Pam on 83811727.

PROPOSED MARKET DATES 2023

Saturday April 1st

Easter Theme

Saturday September 16th

Spring Theme

Saturday November 18th

Christmas Theme.

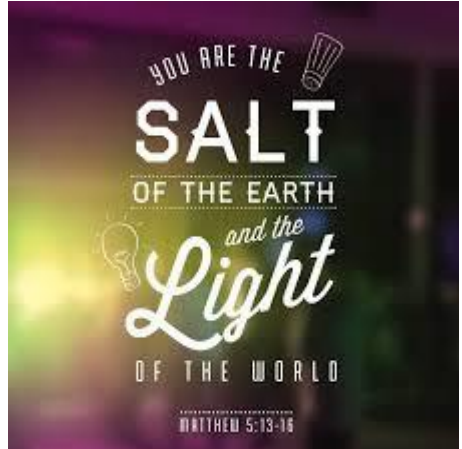
NEXT WEEK:

February 12th

#6 MATTHEW 5:21-26 & 33-37

“That’s got to hurt – filtering the mouth”

***To reconnect
with the
wider community
and show 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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