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THE GRAPEVINE – 16th April , 2023.

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VANISHING GRACE#6 ACTIVISTS

I often say Sundays should be called RESET SUNDAY, a chance to let go of the stuff (hurts, anger etc) we collect and hoard during the week. Having traversed through Easter (hopefully you are now feeling lighter), we focus back on Phillip Yancey's book "Vanishing Grace."

"There are 3 kinds of Christians that outsiders to the faith still respect: pilgrims, activists and artists. The uncommitted will listen to them far sooner than to an evangelist or apologist." Although nonbelievers do not oppose a spiritual search, they will listen only to those Christians who present themselves as fellow pilgrims on the way, rather than as part of a superior class who have already arrived. Activists express their faith in the most pervasive way of all, by their deeds." [p75]

I like this quote, because Americans are discovering something that Australians have whole heartedly agreed with for centuries; we don't like people thinking they are superior to us. Apart from times when I require medical treatment, I am equal to others. While my knowledge, age, intelligence may vary, my worth as a person does not change.

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Fundamentally Yancey is trying to help Christians understand our conversations with other non-Christians is not about "we have the truth... we have made it!", but rather in our journey through life, faith in Jesus has a tangible impact that gives us hope. It is something that what we experience now, helping us realise this is not the end of the story.

Rev DJPrior

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... **Kids** ...
Bible Fun

Thur 20th April 2023
9:30 - 11:30 am

Luke 10:27

HAND · HEART · HEAD

Music | Games | Craft | Snacks



Register online at:

<https://events.humanitix.com/kid-s-bible-fun-get-together>

To register on line at Humanitix for a booking for your children/grand-children to attend Kids Bible Fun on Thursday 20th April, please click on this link: <https://events.humanitix.com/kid-s-bible-fun-get-together>

❖ **OUR VISION:**

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

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

GRAPEVINE MAIL OUT

With the loss of some data when my computer “crashed” a few weeks ago, some people may no longer be receiving the Grapevine.

Please let me know if this has happened to you and if you'd like to be put back on the list, or also let me know if you'd like to stop receiving the Grapevine each week.

Thanks! Colleen



FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support for this ministry.

This week we need the following items:

- Jam
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Fish
- Or a cash donation marked “Food Parcel Ministry”.
- Tinned Fruit
- Toiletries
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce

Thank you again,
Leon and the Pastoral team.

NEXT WEEK:

SERIES based on “Vanishing Grace” Philip Yancey

April 23rd

Easter 3: #07 “Artists”

Chapter 7

***Our goal this year:
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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