



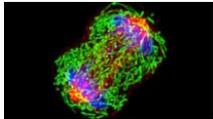
Welcome to church today!

We meet as people committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives. We hope you will be encouraged by your time with us.

2nd October, 2022

Encouraging Bible Verse [1 Timothy 1:14]

The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly,
along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.



CANCER

Cancer is a horrible physical illness. Suffering from it or supporting a friend or relative with it is hard emotionally. Cancer is cruel, often secondary sites are very aggressive and the treatment is necessarily harsh, sometimes disfiguring. It has been good to be reminded of the importance of cancer awareness this month, since early detection and treatment leads to very successful outcomes for the three most common types: prostate, breast and melanoma. We must be sensitive to those currently suffering from cancer. Also we must not forget research into cancers which are harder to treat like lung, colorectal and pancreatic cancers. We should also consider other leading causes of death such as heart, respiratory and cerebrovascular diseases including Covid as well as dementia and suicide prevention. Childhood illnesses are heart-breaking too.

The Christian faith offers hope and comfort for those going through uncertainty or facing death. Recognising our need for a saviour is the first step. The Bible describes greed (James 5:3) and false teaching (2 Timothy 2:17) as like cancer to our souls and to the church. Jesus is the one who can release us from these, acting as the doctor (Matthew 9:12) bringing the medicine and healing of the gospel (Jeremiah 8:22). Jesus died and rose again. Faith in Jesus brings eternal life with God.

Mission Statement

To 'make disciples of all nations' as we:
... engage
... evangelise
... establish
... equip
... export



Next Sunday

'Good Relationships' Genesis 3:1-24; 1 Timothy 2:1-15.
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BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Everyone is welcome!

Monday 7pm Church Hall.

Thursday 5.30pm Church Hall.

COMING EVENTS

Christianity Explored course continues this Friday 7-9pm with PIZZA!

Saturday 29th October 7.30am

Men's Brekky

with Peter Schendzielorz,

Chaplain at Mission to

Seafarers, Geraldton.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Allan.

SERMON NOTES

ABUNDANT GRACE (GENESIS 15:1-16; 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-20)

How do you feel when you get a great deal? Rewards and sanctions.

1. GOD'S GRACE TO PAUL (v. 12-14)

Paul gives his testimony as an example of the gospel he has mentioned in verse 11. Paul was so zealous for this human religion that he arrested Christians and put them in prison.

Today around 13 Christians are killed each day. Around 70 million may have died for the faith since Jesus. Over 300 million Christians experience high levels of persecution. We need to care for them.

Paul is struck by how God has shown him abundant grace.

2. GOD'S GRACE TO US (v. 15-17)

The trustworthy saying in verse 15 is one of three in this letter. Jesus came into the world to save sinners. We may be happy, with full lives but God's verdict is that we are sinners. Yet Jesus displays unlimited patience in turning around a hateful opponent. As Paul contemplates the work and character of God in his life and for us, he bursts into praise.

3. GOD'S GRACE TO TIMOTHY AND THE FALSE TEACHERS (v. 18-20)

In verse 18, Paul returns to command to certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer. Timothy is in a fight. Timothy also had some prophecies once made about him (4:14). Timothy is to hold on faith and a good conscience in the fight. Timothy's opponents have made a shipwreck. Paul names names: the false teachers are Hymenaeus and Alexander (2 Timothy 2:17-18 and 4:14-15). Have not got away with it - grace is patient. Paul handed them over to Satan (1 Corinthians 5:5).

Throughout this section we see the irresistible power of God's grace. A model for us of disagreements. Hold onto the truth that Jesus came to save sinners. Maintain thankful praise, finding strength in God. Keep faith and a good conscience.

Matters for Prayer

We give *thanks* for ...

- God's grace to Paul, Timothy and us;
- the faith and love God gives us in Jesus;
- those serving Jesus' mission in other places, especially Joan and Roger and Amanda Kyngdon.

Let's *pray* to our heavenly Father for ...

- strength to fight the good fight for truth;
- false teachers to learn not to blaspheme;
- family, friends and neighbours in Dongara and Mingenew who haven't yet placed their trust in Jesus; and that we may have opportunities to share the gospel with them;
- Kigali 2023

Giving to our Gospel ministry

Please commit to giving for God's work at Dongara-Mingenew Anglican Church.

A helpful way is through direct deposit. The details are below:

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Dongara Mingenew

Bank Details: Westpac **BSB number:** 036 131

Account number: 810 016