



BANORA POINTER

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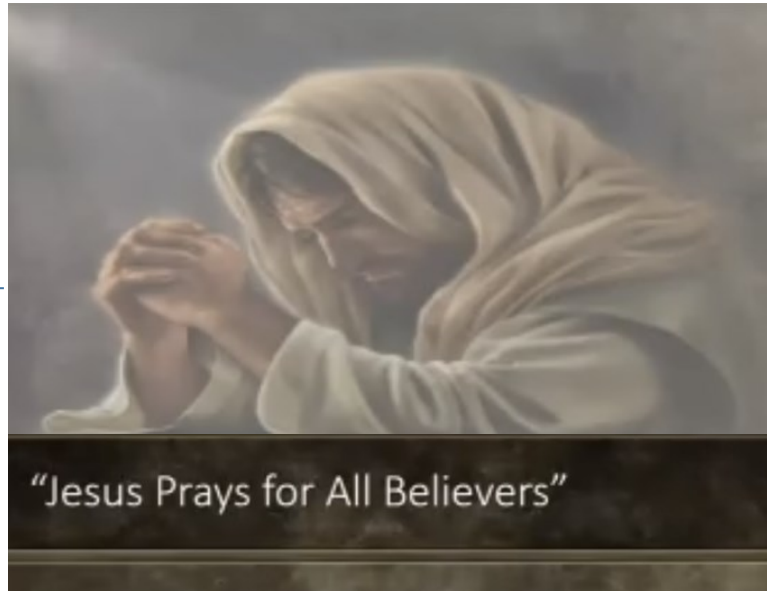
Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

The prayer Jesus prays in John 17:20-26 is one of inclusion and unity. He prays for three things. First,

he prays that he will be restored to the glory he had before incarnation. Second, he prays for the disciples. Third, and most important, he prays for the people who will be converted by the disciples. That includes us.

Jesus wanted his people to come together in unity, and he still does. The church today is sometimes divided along social and theological issues such as same sex marriages, the ordination of homosexual clergy, and even the ordination of women. Christ's objective or goal was unity.

1. He set an objective of uniting his followers
2. He used a strategy of creating a family, a family life, a shared life so that men and women all over the world, by becoming members of that life, are so filled with joy and warmth that other people see it, long for it, and long to join it.



3. He used the tactic of creating a new commandment-"Love one another as I have loved you"

Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, are united in will, in power, in loving for humankind, and in mercy that endures forever.

How, then, can we create love and unity with each other?

The process has four steps:

1. We must celebrate what we have in common.
2. We must celebrate differences of opinion. We are not to be carbon copies of each other.
3. We must speak positively of other members of God's household.
4. We must pray for one another.

The people God is trying to reach through us understand God's love when they see it in us, his people. People are turning away from the Gospel today often because of the bickering and hypocrisy among Christians. We need to become united in love for God, one another and our neighbour.



If you or someone you know is in need of help or support during these difficult times, please let us know and how we can help by calling either;

- The office: (07) 5524 9035
- Rev. Aaron: 0411 325 527
- Your Pastoral Carer

"We are all in this together"

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Acknowledgement To Country

The Banora Point Uniting Church acknowledge the indigenous traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Goori people and their Elders, past, present and future.

Our Mission: To love God and love our neighbours

A Message From Elizabeth

I begin my message today by thanking all those members of BPUC who have responded to our treasurer's call to review their giving. To those who made a one off donation, to those who have increased their regular giving and to those who have taken up the direct debit option, I offer my sincerest thanks. I also wish to pay tribute to Neil Rackham and his ongoing dedication to the role of Church Treasurer. His management of our church finances is exemplary.

Whilst we have had limited church activities over the past 2 years, the Executive of Church Council/Elders, and especially Neil, have ensured that BPUC can continue to function not only in these uncertain times but also into the future. Whether we gather for worship in the building or not, a significant number of costs have to be met each month. In addition to these, there is the ongoing area of building and maintenance as the church is approaching 29 years of witness and service to the Banora Point community. During our recent lockdown, a major repair has begun, costing some \$10,000.

As Neil wrote in his letter to you:

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

(2 Corinthians 9: 6-8)

Again, my sincerest thanks to all who support God's work at BPUC.

God bless you now and always,

Elizabeth Wells,

BPUC Church Council Chairperson

What's Happening This Week

Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 9am CWCI Bible Study 10am
Saturday	Men's Breakfast 8am
Next Sunday	Worship Service 9am

Church Roster

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Organist	Audrey	Jill
Pianist	Jan	Adrienne
Greeter	Neil & Nellie	Sylvia & Nigel
Bible Reader	Jill & Stephanie	Georgina & Judy
Prayer	Robyn	Dudley
Morning Tea	Joan B & Shirley	Audrey & Vai
Hall Set Up	Alan & Ray	Nigel & Peter
Cleaning	Terryll	Neil & Nellie

If you are unable to do your roster, please organise a swap AND let Janice know ASAP.

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ~ Psalm 1:1-3



Men's Breakfast

Day: Saturday 25 September 2021

Time & Venue:

Meeting for breakfast at 8am at the TWISTED FIG Café (Near Bunnings Tweed Heads South), then onto the church for carpet bowls.

All men are welcome.

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