



BANORA POINTER

Sunday 24 October 2021 | Pentecost 22



Message from Rev. Aaron Moad

Courageous Faith

As Jesus was leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus was sitting on the roadside begging. When Bartimaeus

realized that Jesus was passing by, he cried out to him: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" The people around Bartimaeus tried to silence him. However, Bartimaeus was determined to get Jesus' attention. He continued to cry out: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!"

When Jesus heard Bartimaeus' plea, he stopped and said to his disciples: "Call him." The disciples called to Bartimaeus: "Take courage and get up! Jesus is calling you!" Immediately, Bartimaeus jumped up, threw his cloak aside, and went to Jesus. Jesus quietly asked him: "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus replied: "Master, I want to see." Jesus then said to him: "Go; your faith has made you well." In that instant, Bartimaeus received his sight and he followed Jesus on the way.

A relationship with Jesus allows us to have the courage to believe in times of need and in times of fulfillment. Bartimaeus is a blind man seeking to be able to see again. He confides in Jesus to make that happen. He shows his faith by stepping up and calling for Jesus to heal him. He shows courage in being able to approach and ask for something so important.



Mark 10:46-52

In this passage, we learn about the importance of having the courage to ask for help. Asking for help in a time of need takes courage and risk. In this passage, Bartimaeus could have stayed quiet and could have just let the presence of Jesus escape him; he could have let his opportunity to ask for help pass.

We also learn that there are many types of blindness, Bartimaeus is physically blind but sometimes we can be spiritually blind. We need to have the same courageous faith as Bartimaeus and ask Jesus to cure our blindness to the things around us.

Maybe we can ask ourselves:

- What is the sight that you wish to ask Jesus for today?
- What is it that you need to see?

Then we can state our intention and then be attentive throughout the day. Jesus may give you your sight in an unexpected or unusual way. Be attentive to each person you encounter. Truly look at each person. They may appreciate a few minutes of your time and attention or perhaps they simply need the recognition that you have seen them.

Give thanks today for the people who notice and see you. They have given you a great gift. In return, share this seemingly small but loving gift of noticing each other with others.



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;

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"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

*"Morning has broken...
Praise with elation, Praise every morning, God's
recreation of the new day" (TIS 156)*

Do you begin each day by praising God? I believe that it is a good way to start the day. Almost one year ago, we, the people of BPUC, committed our future to **Regeneration**. We were encouraged to pray daily for a minister who would work with us to Regenerate the ways in which BPUC would develop its mission and ministry in the coming years. I challenged everyone to pray daily, preferably at the same time, so that it would become part of one's daily life. Our prayers have been partly answered. Rev Aaron Moad answered the call to take up placement at BPUC. Now we need to pray for the ways in which Rev Aaron can work with us on Regeneration.

God bless you
Elizabeth Wells,
BPUC Church Council Chairperson

A note of thanks

Thank you to the BPUC Church Council for allowing us to conduct the funeral of our late Auntie Daphne at the church on Thursday 14 October 2021.

Thanks also to Leslie and Cilla for kindly preparing the Order of Service and power point/music for the funeral service. A special thanks to Rev Aaron for visiting and praying with Auntie Daphne during her final hours. We were ever so grateful that Aaron led the funeral service. His message was meaningful and very fitting. We are assured in the knowledge that Auntie Daphne is now resting peacefully in God's arms.

Kind regards
Georgina, Malcolm, Elizabeth and John

Rosters - Help Needed

Please let Janice know if you can help with Greeting and Signing In, you don't have to use laptop; Cleaning or any other rostered duties. We really need more people to 'share the load'. Thank you for helping.

Please contact Janice either via phone or email

Many hands make light work – So thank in advance for your help.

What's Happening This Week

Monday	Catch-up with Rev. Aarons 9:30am
Wednesday	Prayer Meeting 8am
Thursday	Men's Bible Study group 9am CWCI Bible Study 10am Evening Bible Study group 6:30pm
Saturday	Men's Breakfast 8am
Next Sunday	Worship Service 9am

Church Roster

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>
Organist	Audrey	Jill
Pianist	— — — —	— — — —
Greeter	Neil & Nellie	Robyn & Virginia
Bible Reader	Sylvia & Nigel	Audrey & Dudley
Morning Tea	Stephanie & Vai	Janice & Terryll
Hall Set Up	Nigel & Neil	Alan & Ray
Cleaning	Stephanie & Alan	Janice & Alan

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

Morning tea and chat with Rev. Aaron

Please join Rev. Aaron for morning tea and a chat, Monday mornings at Twisted Fig Café, (near Harvey Norman & Bunnings, in the Tweed Homemaker Centre, Tweed Heads South, at 9:30am.

Everyone is welcome.

Tithes

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Banora Point Church

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Men's Breakfast

Day: Saturday 30 October 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.