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St Andrew's, Townsville

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# Time with God

## *Worship and gifts*

1 Cor. 11:2-16  
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1 Cor. 12:1-11  
1 Cor. 12:12-20  
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Numbers 11:16-35  
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## *Rebellion and delay*

Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33  
Numbers 14:1-25  
Numbers 14:26-45

## *Majestic and mercy*

Psalm 113

# Events around the State

## Be Creative Ladies Retreat

Is celebrating their 20th Anniversary.

Dates: 2-4 November 2018

Address: Watson Park, Dakabin

Register online at [becreative.pcq.org.au](http://becreative.pcq.org.au)

Enquires: [jlangbridge1@gmail.com](mailto:jlangbridge1@gmail.com)

Please mark it in your diary now to join in the celebrations! We'd love to welcome you for creative activities, fun, good food and fellowship, and hearing about Jesus.

Flyers will be available mid-August.





## #MeToo and God's Justice

by Jennie Baddeley - GiST Team

By now you've probably seen or heard of the #MeToo movement in the media somewhere. It's an evolving movement, which started in 2006, but really took off last year in the wake of sexual abuse scandals in the United States. Women everywhere tweeted or posted #MeToo in an attempt to break the silence surrounding sexual abuse.

I remember the day it broke. #MeToo appeared beside tales of sexual harassment and abuse throughout Twitter and Facebook. Everything from cat calling in the street through to ongoing sexual destruction was referenced by women from all walks of life. It was a harrowing moment.

A lot of my friends put up posts—one after the other. Sometimes just the reference 'MeToo' appeared next to their name. Sometimes there was more detail. The impact of so many women having an experience of sexual abuse or harassment was considerable. I like to think that people were genuinely affected by it. I certainly was.

We should have been affected by this. It is awful that any one person is treated this way. And there was more than one person; the power of this movement comes from the fact that so many women seem to have been subjected to such horrible treatment simply because they were women, and they have never been able to forget it. They may have moved past it, processed it, possibly forgiven it, but never been able to forget it. This is an outrage. There should be justice!

I am glad that the God I know in Christ is just. God teaches us to fear him, to know that he sees the way we treat others, even behind closed doors. So, those who fearfully scrawled #MeToo on their social media posts can be sure of a just

judge who sees all, and judges all. Those who have used their power to devour other's lives, rendering them silent and pliable, do not have the last word. This may not comfort or help the pain, but it is real and true just the same. Justice exists. God stands above all and will judge all people, having made a way in Christ for us to stand before him on that day. God will allow no prospect of injustice in His new creation, but His justice will reign throughout the ages. God is just and His justice is good.

In Christ, we have a Saviour who has come to our severely broken world, and has seen powerful people turn against the innocent. He has felt the nails of injustice and didn't say a word. Jesus understands the silence of the oppressed from the inside. For our souls' sake, he suffered evil and knew the depths of its pain. He knows about the utter loneliness of unjust suffering caused by others. He rose again to be our advocate, to speak for us and to bring us to God. Jesus gives us a place in his home, to be whole. With God, we are heard. We are believed. We are understood. We are finally, completely safe.

The #MeToo movement is, of course, not without its problems. It is seen by some as increasingly representative of already privileged women, consolidating their own power.

Do we share the same concern for the plight of women from lower socio-economic backgrounds who are taken advantage of, and often have even more to lose from raising concerns?

The 'name and shame' element of the project has also polarised people. While it quickly brings punitive action against those who are guilty of these crimes, they are not



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tried fairly and have no defence in a hungry media. Unlike God we can't know exactly what happened. As limited as it is, our justice system does make some allowance for this shortcoming. The #MeToo movement is not necessarily a just movement. It has its own issues.

There are likely to be more such issues developing from this movement as it evolves in the difficult culture created by the sexual and gender wars currently in play. It is hardly surprising that there should be weaknesses in a movement.

No one movement can represent every marginalised and damaged group in our world. We need a justice bigger than ourselves, our tribe, our group. We need a justice that works for all members of humanity as a whole without favouritism. Once again, we find ourselves needing a justice that only God can bring.

Nevertheless, one thing the #MeToo movement has done is to break the silence and create a moment of righteous anger. These are good things. The capacity to speak and be heard, the reflex to be angry about injustice, sexual abuse and bad treatment of others—all of these are gifts from a loving and just God. It's a further demonstration that our lives are not merely figments of our imaginings, in bodies

held together by atoms co-operating for a time, before dispersing into nothingness. We are people, made in God's image with immortal souls, and people matter to God. He listens to us and teaches us to listen to one another. He shows us the shape of love: that it is something outside of ourselves, transcending our own selfish desires. He makes us moral creatures, who reflexively want things to be 'right', even though we aren't able to understand or explain what we mean by that. God crafts our hearts so that we believe in, and long for justice, even when we can't find it on this earth. And in our yearning for justice, we find ourselves longing for God: the Judge of all the earth, who will do right. In Christ, he founded a glorious, unshakable kingdom, ribboned through with justice and peace, where there is genuine rest and safety for all who trust in His Son.

*Let's be praying for our family, friends and others who have been through experiences like these. Whether they are 'minor' through to obviously destructive in their significance, we can pray for them: that refuge will be found in the Lord Jesus, for genuine healing and a hope of justice and peace forever with God because of Jesus' death for us.*



## MEET JESUS THROUGH HABAKKUK

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## The Spirit and Christ. Recovering the doctrine of the Holy Spirit (2)

by Gary Millar, Principal at Queensland Theological College

This is part two of a three part series on the Holy Spirit by Gary Millar. To read the article in its original context please go to [The Gospel Coalition Australia](#).

This is the second part of our three-week series on the Holy Spirit. In Part 1 we thought about what it means for the Spirit to be the third person of the Trinity. We also saw how the Bible presents him as the giver of life. In this article we'll see how the Spirit enables us to speak about Jesus, live like Jesus, and how he lets us share in Jesus' relationship to God the Father.

### 3. The Holy Spirit speaks to us about God and enables us to speak about God

As the message of the Bible unfolds, it becomes ever clearer that God is a talking God. It also becomes increasingly clear that the way in which God speaks is through the Spirit. This is seen for the first time in Num 11:17, 25, 26, 29 and repeatedly throughout the historical and prophetic books.

Enabling prophecy is not the only thing the Spirit does in the Old Testament, [1] but it is certainly his predominant function (so, for example, 1 Sam 10:6, 10; 11:6; 19:20 etc.).

His role in the New Testament follows the same pattern. Jesus repeatedly connects the gift of the Spirit to the apostles with the ability to speak (so Matt 10:20; Luke 12:12; John 15:26; 16:13, and then Acts 1:16; 2:4; 4:8; 5:32 etc.). In the immediate context of the Gospels, it seems most likely that what Jesus is envisaging is the Spirit inspiring the apostles to recall and recount the events surrounding his ministry, death and resurrection clearly and accurately (cf. John 14:26; 15:26-27).

Yet the staggering promise of Acts 1:8 makes it clear that the Spirit's enabling is not limited to those charged with laying the foundations of the Christian faith. The Spirit also speaks through ordinary Christians. He equips us all to share the gospel with our generation. The writer to the Hebrews backs this up by showing us that the Holy Spirit continues to speak to us through the Word (see Heb 9:8, 14; 10:15). The same pattern follows in Revelation (see Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 27).

One often overlooked function that the Spirit performs in the New Testament is to ensure that the gospel is passed on. He superintends the process by which the message of Jesus' life, death and resurrection is recorded. He also enables ordinary followers of Jesus to share the gospel with the world. The Spirit is the Spirit of Mission—the Spirit who enables proclamation. This should encourage us as we find it increasingly difficult to speak openly and confidently about Jesus in an increasingly indifferent and secular Australia. The Spirit who lives in us is the Spirit who enables us to speak in fulfillment of Acts 1:8. What a great motivation!

#### **4. The Holy Spirit is making us like the Lord Jesus**

The Spirit is often referred to in the New Testament as the Spirit of Holiness (see e.g. Rom 1:4). This is more than a declaration that the Spirit himself is holy (i.e. as God, displays all the characteristics of 'God-ness'); it's also a testimony to the way the Spirit works to produce holiness in us. And what does holiness look like in human beings like us? Simple: it means looking like Jesus Christ. This principle lies at the heart of Paul's argument in, for example, Romans 8:1-11; 2 Corinthians 3:4-18 and Galatians 5:16-25.

It is quite striking that in the past 40 years there has been endless discussion about the way in which the Spirit equips us for ministry (or gives us 'gifts'—although see below), but hardly any interest in the way he works to make us holy. This is ironic, because it is much closer to the Spirit's primary role. He wants to produce in us the fruit of righteousness and recreate us in the likeness of Jesus, (e.g. 1 Peter 4:6; Titus 3:5). His transforming work is a foretaste, or 'down payment', of the resurrection (2 Cor 1:22; 5:5). As he joins us to Christ, the Spirit continues to 'sanctify' us morally; just as he has already 'sanctified' (in the sense of 'justified') us before God positionally (e.g. Rom 15:16; 1 Cor 6:11; 2 Thess 2:13; cf Titus 3:5 1 Pet 1:2).

#### **5. The Holy Spirit brings us (together) to the heart of God's family**

One of the strengths of Reformed Christianity in recent years (particularly, perhaps, in the US and the UK), has been a willingness to form 'gospel partnerships', where individual pastors and local churches have committed to work together

for the sake of the gospel. However, it is not always recognised that the ultimate basis of such unity is not actually 'the gospel', but the Spirit himself.

It's the Spirit who gives us access to the Father and enables us to approach him in the same way as Jesus himself (see Eph 2:18; Gal 4:6; Jude 19).

It's the Spirit who opens our eyes to the truth of the gospel (Eph 1:17).

It's the Spirit who enables us to love as we are loved (Eph 3:16-17).

It's the Spirit who draws us together (Eph 4:3,18). He's a Spirit of Unity because through the gospel, he draws us together into the heart of the family of God.

The apostle John makes this clearest, in the sense that it is in John's Gospel that Jesus spells out the Spirit's role in making us part of the family of God (see e.g. John 14:17).

Yet the whole New Testament testifies to the way the Spirit draws us into relationship with God, and thereby into a relationship with one another. This has far-reaching implications for the way we view other Christians, both within the Reformed tradition and outside it—but exploring this in detail would take us far beyond the limits of this article!

In this article we've seen how the Holy Spirit transforms our ways of speaking, acting and relating. In our next article we'll see how he gives us the privilege of sharing in God's glory and peace.

[1] The Spirit is also responsible for giving people skill (Exod 31:3; 35:31), wisdom (Deut 34:9) and supernatural strength (Judg 11:29; 13:25; 14:6, 19; 15:14).

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# God's Church in Queensland Tamborine Mountain Presbyterian Church

## Location

We are located behind the Gold Coast in the beautiful hinterland at 34 Main Street, Mount Tamborine.

## The Ministry Team

Pastor Kim Dale and his wife Sandi, Bernie Sawden (Session Clerk), Russell Harden (Elder), Chris Mott (Elder), Barry Nicol (Elder), Julie Eotvos (Music Director), David Hopper (Children's Ministries) and Chris Wilson (Administrative Assistant).

## Demographic

Our demographic is diverse with ages ranging from primary school children to people in their nineties and one dear man 101 years young. Our morning service is suitable for all age groups while the monthly evening service is aimed at a younger demographic, but all ages are encouraged to attend.



## Prayer Points

Pray for us to be an effective witness for Christ in our community as we strive to continue to live and share His saving message with others.

Encourage our people to take God's Word seriously as they live for Jesus, and seeing that change shape their relationships with others.

## What is the church excited about doing to make followers of Jesus?

...'every member ministry'...'growing to maturity'...'bearing fruit that lasts'... This dynamic structure enables us, by God's grace, to engage the community with the gospel and disciple believers. When we are engaged in these things we are an active part of Jesus building his church.

## Meet the People



### Joe & Anna Dunlea

#### How long have you been attending Tamborine Mountain?

Joe: 3 years

Anna: 9 years

#### What do you do during the week?

Joe: Information Security Officer at a Council

Anna: I volunteer at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and work as a casual in cafes or restaurants.

#### What is the best thing about being at Tamborine Mountain?

Joe: In no particular order: The people, community, environment, Bible teaching and study groups.

Anna: The community, everyone helps out with anything that's happening around the Church.



### Elyn Young

#### How long have you been attending Tamborine Mountain?

Since 1962

#### What do you do during the week?

Play tennis and bowls; work at the Bargain Centre (Op Shop) three mornings a week. Treasurer of the Sunday School and KYB leader.

#### What is the best thing about being at Tamborine Mountain?

Belonging to the most caring church family where the preaching is Bible based.



### Carol & Trevor Mok

#### How long have you been attending Tamborine Mountain?

Carol: 26 years

Trevor: 2 years 8 months

#### What do you do during the week?

Carol: I work at Outland Denim as a bookkeeper and attend KYB on Monday nights.

Trevor: I work fulltime at Carlton United Breweries.

#### What is the best thing about being at Tamorine Mountain?

The best thing is being part of a loving church family who genuinely care for each other and the community.

Good biblical preaching from God's word and that the Gospel is preached.



# St Andrew's Presbyterian Church



## Location

St Andrew's is located in the city centre of Townsville, very near to the CBD and inner suburbs.

## The Ministry Team

Our ministry team consists of Peter Barber, Ryan Holmes and seven Elders.

## Demographic

Mainly older, but with a scattering of younger families and individuals.

## Prayer Points

For the faithful proclamation and living out of the Gospel to build up the congregation and reach the city.

For our ESL and other planned outreach activities to bear good fruit as people hear of the hope of eternity in Christ.

## What is the church excited about doing to make followers of Jesus?

We are very excited to have many opportunities to encourage those already involved in church to be strengthened in their faith and a number of avenues opening up to particularly reach into our immediate local area.

## Meet the People



### Alice Kippin

#### How long have you been attending St Andrew's?

Almost 40 years

#### What do you do during the week?

Undertake home duties and care for two elderly relatives.

#### What is the best thing about being at St Andrew's?

Being able to worship in such a friendly Christian family, with a Pastor who not only teaches and leads us, but who genuinely cares for and supports us.



### Shaun & Susan Austin

#### How long have you been attending St Andrew's?

About 15 years

#### What do you do during the week?

Shaun enjoys his office work and Susan enjoys her life managing and renovating their home, and supporting their family when and where it's needed.

#### What is the best thing about being at St Andrew's?

God has provided us with a church where the doctrine is true and correct by biblical standards, and as a married couple the congregation embraced us into their personal fellowship, worship and service for the Lord.



### Peter Birch

#### How long have you been attending St Andrew's?

17 years

#### What do you do during the week?

Peter enjoys spending time with his wife Belinda. He's an Elder at St Andrew's and works as an Engineer in Sugar Mills whilst Belinda undertakes home duties.

#### What is the best thing about being at St Andrew's?

Being among God's people and hearing the word of God preached.

# Ministry Appointments



## Luke Doyle

**Wife:** Elizabeth

**Children:** Imogen

**Position:** Ministry Trainee (MTN) at Willows Presbyterian Church in Townsville

### What excites you most about working at Willows?

I'm excited to serve Jesus in a fulltime capacity and spend more time in his Word, getting to know him better.

### Why did you feel called to this work?

I love Jesus, and I want to serve Him and have people know Him. Undertaking a Ministry Traineeship gives me an opportunity to experience what fulltime ministry looks and feels like.

### In what way has God changed your life the most significantly?

The understanding of how much it really isn't about me. That through my failings and brokenness, the assurance that I am perfectly loved and completely forgiven through Jesus.

### What were you doing prior to being an MTN student?

I planned transport infrastructure for people through roads, bikes and buses for the State Government.

### What social issue concerns you the most?

I couldn't specifically highlight one key issue, but coming from a public service background I have an interest in how public policy translates to on the ground application and the impact on people.

### Other than Jesus, who is your favourite person in the Bible and why?

Paul, his courage for the gospel inspires me.

### When are you happiest?

Spending time with Liz and Imogen.

### What book changed you?

Outside the Bible, the book *Do you feel called by God: Rethinking the call to Ministry* by Michael Bennett. Bennett says "A believer cannot go into the ministry any more than a newborn baby can go into the human race. You are in it by reason of human birth, or in this case, new birth" (p. 99). You don't need some super-spiritual experience, some angelic tap on the shoulder to be keen to make disciples or become a gospel worker. This thought reshaped my thinking on Ministry and Christian life.

### What would you tell your 15 year old self?

The Cowboys will get there...and slow down, stop worrying and trust God.



## Christina Jeong

**Position:** Administrative Assistant at Presbyterian Church of Queensland (PCQ) Church Office

### What excites you most about working at PCQ?

Knowing that I am slowly becoming a morning person.

### Why did you feel called to this work?

I am interested in supporting and caring for local ministries.

### In what way has God changed your life the most significantly?

I have become more patient in all situations, and have learnt to truly seek God.

### What were you doing prior to your current role?

Full-time student at Queensland Theological College.

### What social issue concerns you the most?

The low employment prospects for people with a disability, due to the lack of access and availability of information, and misunderstandings about willingness to work.

### Other than Jesus, who is your favourite person in the Bible and why?

Moses, because he had a heart for God and His people.

### When are you happiest?

...when I start cleaning and organising my surroundings.

### What book changed you?

*The Body Silent* by Robert F. Murphy

### What would you tell your 15 year old self?

Enjoy school carnivals because that is the only day you can skip homework.



# News from around the State



## Central Queensland Women's Convention (CQWC)

On Saturday 21 April, women from across Central Queensland gathered in Rockhampton for the Central Queensland Women's Convention (CQWC). It was a wonderful day of teaching, singing, prayer, food and fellowship. Lesley Ramsay, from Central Coast Evangelical Church in NSW, spoke warmly and faithfully from the book of Joshua, as she asked 'Is Your God Too Small?.'

Lesley helped us see how God faithfully keeps His promises to Abraham as Israel enters the land of Canaan. Ultimately, God's promises are kept through Jesus as he brings us blessing, makes us His people, and brings us to the land of heaven. Like Rahab, we were encouraged to throw ourselves on God's mercy, no matter where we've been, no matter what we've become. We can be tempted to sanitise and miniaturise God as though he is there simply as our loving

helper. The book of Joshua paints a bigger picture of God, helping us understand the gravity of our sin, and God's perfect justice and holiness to judge. This leads us to delight in the salvation he offers through Jesus' substitutionary death on the cross.

CQWC has run annually for nine years at Rockhampton Presbyterian Church. This year, over 100 women came along, from various denominations, and from as far as Emerald, Moranbah, Airlie Beach and Biloela.

CQWC and CQCC (Central Queensland Christian Convention) are two Bible-teaching ministries of Rocky PC to encourage people from all over CQ. We aim to deliver Bible teaching that is faithful, relevant, clear, and (most importantly) Christ-centred. For more information, visit our website [rockypc.org.au/cqcc/](http://rockypc.org.au/cqcc/)



## Community at the Heart of YNET Conference 2018

Each year YNET Conference seeks to equip local leaders in local churches to love and serve the young people in their ministries. This results in the excellent experience of people from different ages and stages coming together from across the State to learn and share together with humility and eagerness. Leaders are ready and eager to hear, and be reminded of how God's Word shapes their life in ministry, and also engage with other practitioners grappling with sharing the Gospel with young people.

This unity was the focus of the conference, with the theme of 'Community' being unpacked from Ephesians by David McDougall, and with evening seminars from Ross Pethybridge encouraging leaders through it in their own context. Together we looked at how good it is to be together in Christ, and how community plays a vital role in reaching and discipling young people. This togetherness in Christ is unique and appealing,

and requires us to commit to, care for and be vulnerable with those around us.

It was a fantastic long weekend made possible by the investment given by leaders and churches who released their leaders to attend.

### Comments

*"Thanks for such a helpful, Christ-centred and encouraging conference for equipping the body of Christ to do ministry where they are."*

*"This weekend is a highlight of my year every year. I love the chance to spend the weekend with brothers and sisters in Christ who are passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with Youth and improving the way we do that. It is such an encouraging time, re-energising and refreshing."*





# QTC Mission Teams at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games

Queensland Theological College sent three teams of students to Eternity Church, Arundel Presbyterian Church and Salt Church to partner together in mission during the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games this April. The students participated in walk up evangelism, the Mark Drama performance, street chaplaincy, children's holiday outreach programs and much more. They prayed for and shared the gospel with many from the community around the Games at the Gold Coast. It was a huge encouragement to the churches and the QTC staff and students. Praise God for the many who heard the gospel and those who accepted Christ into their life.







## Queensland Theological College's

# 2018 Graduation Ceremony

The QTC Class of 2017 graduated this March, Thursday the 15th. It was an encouraging evening with thirty-nine receiving their ACT Certificates, many of whom have now taken up ministry roles around Brisbane, Queensland and beyond. We also had five graduate with a CCEF Counselling Certificate and fifteen with a QTC Certificate of Bible and Theology (for ESL students). Andrew Reid, from ETCAsia joined us, addressing the students from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16. Andrew also ran the Preaching Workshop at QTC on the book of Samuel.



### **Patristics for the Pastor** **Selected Church Fathers on the Gospel-Shaped Life** MA Public Lecture Day

Join QTC's own Mark Baddeley and Andrew Bain in exploring what some of the leading pastor-teachers of the early church had to say about the gospel and its implications on the Christian life. We will concentrate on what Athanasius and Augustine have to offer, while also considering perspectives from Irenaeus, Tertullian and others.

Register now for **free** (\$5 for lunch) on our website  
[www.qtc.edu.au/event/july-ma](http://www.qtc.edu.au/event/july-ma)  
Monday 16th July 9:00am - 4:30pm





The Australian Presbyterian World Mission exists to glorify God by facilitating the spread of the gospel to people overseas and Aborigines within Australia.

# Australian Presbyterian World Mission

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## THE WORLD TO US



**Jako and Jess Schwartz serve with Power to Change in university ministry in Townsville. Jako writes**

We work with students who have their lives changed by Christ and go out to change the lives of others. One highlight was seeing a student from Kenya become a Christian and then teaching him to share his faith effectively. The world is coming to us for study and we are privileged to share the gospel with them and send them back to their home country. Other highlights have been teaching wider church community discipleship and leading Christianity Explained.

As the next part of our journey begins, we're excited to see how God will use us in Northern Queensland. We're establishing a team in Townsville to work with students across QLD, sporting arenas and society to reach more 'villages'. Our team seeks to provide opportunities for all young people to hear the gospel in universities and sporting fields. We will also be equipping Papua New Guinea to build their student leaders with short term missions trips.

You can partner with us in prayer or finance in fulfilling the great commission [www.powertochange.org.au/give](http://www.powertochange.org.au/give) or email Jess: [jess.schwartz@powertochange.org.au](mailto:jess.schwartz@powertochange.org.au)

## SERVING VANUATU

For many years, APWM has sent Workparties to serve at the Talua Bible College in Vanuatu. We plan to send another team in the second half of 2018. We don't yet know the exact time as there are a number of factors to consider. We are calling for expressions of interest in joining the 2018 team. If you would like to know more then please contact Sheryl Sarkoezy in the APWM National Office [national@apwm.org.au](mailto:national@apwm.org.au) or (02) 8073 7492



## WE NEED BIBLES!



In 2013 civil war broke out in South Sudan between the two major tribes — the Dinka and the Nuer. It is estimated that as many as 300,000 people have been killed.

Many South Sudanese fled to neighbouring countries with little more than the clothes they were wearing. In the neighbouring country of Ethiopia, the refugee camps house approximately 385,000 people. About 100,000 of them belong to our sister church, the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan.

What do our brothers and sisters ask for? Bibles in their mother tongue — the Nuer language. In 2017 APWM sent 3,000 Nuer Bibles but what are these among so many? APWM would like to purchase 33,000 Nuer Bibles plus 'Talking Bibles' for those who are blind and illiterate —

as well as some audio recordings of Scripture for soldiers in the conflict. It is estimated that each Bible will cost \$10. If each member of our church gave \$10 then we could easily meet this need.

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## PresCare news

### Townsville Charity Golf Classic

The Woollam Constructions Charity Golf Classic is being held on Friday 29 June at Rowes Bay Golf Club.

Not only will the funds raised from this charity event help support PresCare to combat social isolation in older Queenslanders, the funds will also help "The Cure Starts Now" to cure cancer, one child at a time.

### Save the date

Save the date for PresCare and Woollam Constructions Charity Golf Classic to be held on Wednesday 14 November at Sanctuary Cove. Last year's event was a huge success with 25 teams.

More details to come.



### Information Sessions

If you're confused about aged care services and your entitlements, then come and join us at our FREE information sessions.

PresCare holds these sessions to enable Queenslanders to meet face-to-face with PresCare representatives, so that we can help you understand 'consumer directed care' – what it means, how you are impacted, what you're entitled to, and what you need to do.

#### SESSION 1:

At this session we'll answer all of the questions that many older Australians have been asking ...

- What is a Home Care Package? How do I get one?
- What is the Commonwealth Home Support Program? How do I qualify?
- What is an ACAT assessment? How do I get one?
- Do I have to go on a waiting list? Why?
- I already have a package, how will recent changes affect me (or my loved one)? Can I move to another provider? How? I'm moving, can I take my package with me?

#### SESSION 2:

This session will focus on ways you can stay living independently and safely at home. Our Occupational Therapist will show you how to prevent slips, falls and accidents and give you an exclusive look at an extensive range of Walk on Wheels mobility aid products to help with everyday living.

#### SESSION 3:

This session is about the importance of eating well and staying active. Our Dietician and Exercise Physiologist will provide you with a host of tips and useful information, including how to order delicious, home-delivered Contented Chef meals.

To keep up-to-date with upcoming Information Sessions, visit [www.prescare.org.au/news](http://www.prescare.org.au/news)

PresCare is a Ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland and we've been helping older Australians live the way they choose for almost 90 years. We provide a range of residential and community services that are tailored to people's specific needs. At PresCare, we understand that people want to have freedom to make personal choices about the way they live. We're not aged care, we're PresCare.



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