

This Sunday at Riverside

This week, Josh will be continuing the BIG church, little church series focusing on the subject of pastoral care and how the early church in Acts cared for each other and their communities.

Next Sunday at Riverside

Next week is Palm Sunday and we enter holy week. We will be celebrating with some baptisms after the service. There will be a sausage sizzle for \$2 each. It is also the altar service for the Self-Denial appeal, so please remember your offering.

This Week at Riverside

Monday	23rd March	Building Closed	Brekky Packs available
Tuesday to Friday		<i>Brekky Club</i>	9am - 10am
Tuesday	24th March	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
Wednesday	25th March	Bubbles Café and Play Café	9:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 1:30pm
Thursday	26th March	Café and Play Café Creationships Prayer Meeting	9am - 1:30pm 10:30am - 12noon 6:45pm
Friday	27th March	Café and Play Café Shout Youth	9am - 1:30pm 7pm - 9pm
Saturday	28th March	Brekky Club	9am - 10am
Sunday	29th March	Prayer Meeting Riverside Splash	9am 9:45am 11:45 am

Generous Hearts

For those of you who feel led by the Holy Spirit to give financially to Riverside, whether that be regularly or on special occasions. Please talk to or email Kate for the BPAY details. kate.adami@salvationarmy.org.au
We can also accept EFTPOS through the Café till or cash in the offering.



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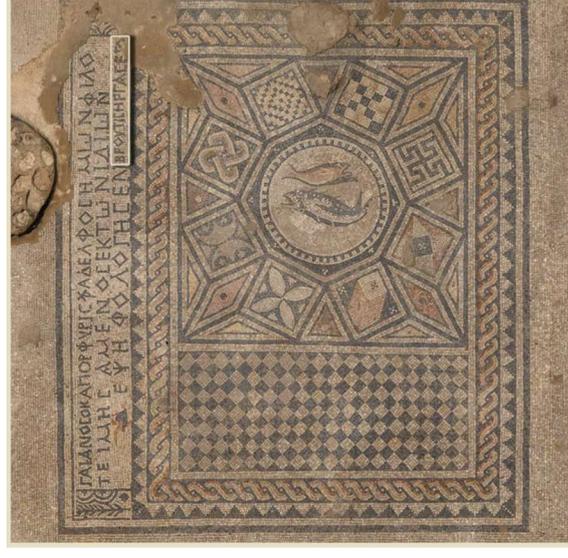
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The Early Church

Journey back in time 1,800 years ago to the land of Israel during the Roman Empire, a time when Christianity was still illegal and those identified as Christians were still persecuted. The archaeological discovery in Megiddo in 2005, tells the story of faith that united a Roman centurion, an artist, and five women, inspiring them to create a spectacular mosaic floor and provide a table for worship dedicated to “God Jesus Christ.” This dedication is now the earliest archaeological evidence of Jesus being called God.

The mosaic floor, pictured below, contains fish symbols as its central design. It also contains inscriptions about some of the people who worshipped in this space. A Roman Centurian called Gaianus, said to have paid for the floor as an act of generosity, is referred to as ‘our brother’. Brutius is remembered as the artist who laid the floor. Further inscriptions tell us a lady named Akeptous donated the communion table, the focus of the room. She is called philotheos, “God lover.” There are four other women also mentioned, Primilla, Cyriaca, Dorothea, and Chreste who were either benefactors or martyrs.



These early followers of Christ, from very different positions in society, gathered around a communion table to celebrate with their brothers and sisters in the family of God. Jews, Gentiles, labourers, wealthy women, enslaved women and even a centurion.

Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other.
Romans 12:10 (NLT)

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Self Denial/Lent

Our Self Denial giving service will be on the 29th March (Palm Sunday). We hope you are being challenged and inspired by the self-denial films we have been watching on Sundays. As we walk this lent path of self-denial we pray that our hearts would truly be stretched wide to give sacrificially for those who have far less than us. Please continue to pray and agree with the Holy Spirit how much you are going to give. Since its inception in 1886 members of Salvation Army Churches have been encouraged to consider giving 'OWSOMS' - one weeks salary on missionary service.

Donation slips will be available this week for you to fill in and return on Sunday 29th March. Please place these in an envelope with your donation and clearly mark it as Self-Denial Appeal. Thank you.

Easter Services

Don't forget to grab a few 'Back to Church' invitations and continue to invite your family and friends to any or all of our Easter Services in the coming weeks. See flyers on the notice table.

2nd April - Maundy Thursday - 7:30pm - Under the stars (outdoor service).

3rd April - Good Friday - 10am - Creative service for all ages.

5th April - Easter Sunday - 8am - Early morning in the garden, followed by breakfast at 8:30am - 9:30am.

5th April - Easter Celebration Service - 9:45am - 10:45am followed by Splash Egg Hunt at 11am.

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Touch Point

Pastoral Care

Sermon by
Josh Sanders
Available on App
and Website



Q1. What is the thing you most look forward to on a Sunday Church gathering?

Q2. What are some of the highlights of gathering as a LifeGroup?

Q3. What is pastoral care, and why is it so important in a church community?

Q4. In what ways does 'Big Church' engage in pastoral care? In what ways does 'Little Church' engage with pastoral care?

Read Acts 2:41-46 and discuss.

Q5. What do you think was the local context for meeting together?

What do you think community would have been like in the early church? Think about the size of houses, how close they lived together, where they worked, what they shared...

Q6. How do you think the early church engaged with pastoral care? Do any scriptures come to mind.

Read Romans 12:13-16 and discuss.

Q7. What does it look like for your Lifegroup to pastorally care for it's members? Why is the Lifegroup the primary place for pastoral care in our church?

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