



Gathering Newsletter



Sep 2020

God in this season

Lord God, Maker of all things, you alone know what's coming in the weeks and years ahead. Grant me peace in uncertainty, and the hope needed to apply myself diligently to the tasks you set before me here and now. Amen.

A Time for Everything

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing....

Eccles. 3:1-4

Question: 2020 has certainly been "a time to refrain from embracing"! Perhaps you can pick out other "times" that describe the season you're currently in, and/or the response it requires?

We humans are not in control of our circumstances. We are subject to time and tide – to seasons. This passage urges us to accept the season we find ourselves in, and to discern what this particular moment requires of us.

Prayer: Father, give me wisdom to discern the season, and to respond rightly to my circumstances. Help me to trust that you can bring beauty and good out of this moment that I'm in. Amen

Those in our church family have experienced many a season during this year. Many plans have been tossed out but life goes on. We have had children born (Aashray), another on the way (Hannah), a wedding (Isaac), an injury (Leeanne), a few of us have travelled and some have been in and out of work. In all things, we declare God is good and in Him we can take refuge!

Church Services

We continue to be blessed by the wonders of modern technology that allow us to worship with others around the globe – Not only this but we can do it in our pyjamas while drinking a cup of tea.

BUT it's still not quite the same as meeting together.

Thoughts for the month

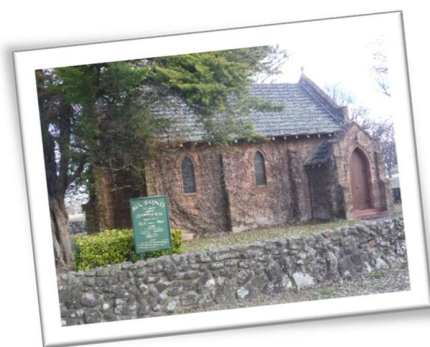
"Hold everything in your hands lightly, otherwise it hurts when God pries your fingers open."
Corrie Ten Boom

"Isn't suffering a normal part of the Christian life? If we suffer, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the apostles. When circumstance are difficult, we must remake ourselves once again. And by God's grace, we continue on."

"If the rhythm of the drum beat changes, the dance steps must adapt." African Proverb

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

SUNDAY SERVICE 9.30AM



At Bellingen High School Committee of Management:

Pres: Robyn
Vice Pres : Lynne
Secretary : Cheryl
Treasurer: Leeanne
Committee Members
(General elders):
Andrew, Beth, Colin & Leon.
Honorary Senior Elder: Mike



Sending emails to members of the church:

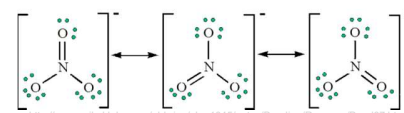
To send a group email to everyone in our church, simply use this address news@thegathering.org.au which Tony has set up for us.

Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus by Nabeel Qureshi

This is one man's struggle to find peace and his dramatic journey from Islam to Christianity. His testimony and talks on apologetics are also available on YouTube.

God is Three in One

When Nabeel Qureshi was sitting in a science lecture at university, he had a light bulb moment.



The professor was talking about the resonance structure of Nitrate. Nabeel looked at the diagram and realised that one molecule of nitrate is all three resonance structures all the time and never just one of them. The three are separate but all the same, and they are one. They are three in one.

If there are things in this world that can be three in one, even incomprehensibly, so then why cannot God?" Yep!

BANKING DETAILS

Bellingen Valley Christian Gathering Inc
BSB: 533000
Account: 142176
(\$24 is needed if BCU member)
BVCG Inc ABN 82937429917
Website: thegathering.org.au

REGULAR EVENTS

SERVICES SUSPENDED

Prayer meeting at Bellingen
Anglican church for SRE
Mon 8.30am

KYB (Know your Bible)
Bellingen Uniting Church
Mon pm via Zoom

Wed night Bible study @ Ken's

LifeHouse Pantry OPEN
Tues & Fri 10-12

'Iso life' movie and book suggestions:

American Gospel: In Christ Alone (Netflix) Examines the prosperity gospel as preached by some in America and how it has distorted the gospel message.

An Asian Harvest: An autobiography by Paul Hattaway.

Hattaway is the author of 'Heavenly man' which tells the story of Brother Yun in China. In this book, Paul tells of his own story of conversion and how he felt God was calling him to China. In 1988 Paul arrived in Hong Kong with nothing more than a backpack, a single contact, and \$50. And so begins an unconventional ministry. A must read!