





Pastoral Notes / Prayer Points

- NEW OFFICE NO: Carpentaria
 Presbytery Office has new phone number: 0459 544 507
- ◆ NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR CARPENTARIA OFFICE AS OF 1 JULY – Office will open 9.00-3.30pm from Mon-Fri
- ◆ Christy will be in Brisbane on Thurs for Synod Standing Committee meeting
- ◆ Craig and Christy will be in Aurukun this w/end to celebrate the 120th anniversary of Aurukun Foundation Day
- ◆ To subscribe to Uniting News: Click the link <u>here</u> and add your details.



I have suffered much, O Lord; restore my life again as you promised. Psalm 119:107

Dear Lord, There are so many people suffering right now. Please come to their aid and hold them close. Bring healing, comfort, joy and hope into their lives this day. Thank you.

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Carpentaria News...

Closing Service for Rev Craig Mischewski at St Luke's Weipa

Christy traveled to Weipa to join members of the Weipa community on Sunday, 21 July at 9.15am for the closing service for Rev Craig Mischewski at St Luke's Weipa.

Burdekin Gospel Music Festival – Sun, 11 August at 4.30pm





DATE CLAIMERS

- 4th August celebration of 120th Anniversary of Aurukun Foundation Day
- 2nd 4th September Presbytery Leadership Team face to face meeting in Townsville
- 1st July 31st October Garry Hardingham's final annual leave and LSL before final day as Presbytery Minister Rural
- 1st 3rd November Presbytery Meeting 2 in Townsville
- 4th 7th November Presbytery Leadership Team Strategic Meeting in Townsville

100th Birthday Celebration at Magnetic Island UC for Dawson Reimers

Magnetic Island Uniting Church celebrated with Dawson Reimers his hundredth birthday on Sunday. He has had a great week with several different parties for him including a family event shared with island friends. He is still smiling after this busy time and says he is looking forward now to his second century. He was born in Melbourne on the 24th of July 1924. Dawson grew up with three brothers and two sisters. His family attended the local Presbyterian Church. His first job at the age of thirteen and a half was at the butcher shop in Clifton Hill where his older brother worked and he was with the meat industry until he retired.

The second world war came and he went into the infantry and by the end of the war became part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan and in 1957 retired from the Army.

He met Marge his wife at a local dance and had a long and happy marriage producing three, two girls and a boy.

In 1971 he moved to Townsville on a promotion as a Senior Meat Inspector and in 1984 came to live on Magnetic Island.

Dawson has always been connected with a Church and was Secretary in the newly formed Magnetic Island Uniting Church. Before our Church building was erected the small group of Uniting Church people would meet under a large Mango tree on Camp Magnetic grounds. As a keen gardener Dawson played a big part in setting out the garden of the newly built Church.

When asked his secret for living a long and successful life Dawson grinned and said, "Just keep breathing."



From The Word for Today...

Focus on your spouse's best qualities

'He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favour from the LORD.' Proverbs 18:22 NKJV

The best marriages are built by couples who try to remember the qualities that initially attracted them to one another. If you want to build a happy marriage or improve a less-than-happy one, do these:

- 1) List your spouse's best qualities. Write down the things you love most about him or her, and endeavour to keep those things in mind at all times. When stresses and strains surface in your relationship, as they inevitably will, go over the list in your mind, and if necessary, refer to the written copy as a reminder.
- **2) Focus on them.** Think how your spouse's great qualities enrich your life, and how much you would miss them if he or she was not around. When you change your focus, you change your feelings. And when you change your feelings, you change your perspective, your approach, and your reactions.
- **3) Verbalise them.** 'Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her' (Proverbs 31:28 NKJV). Your children learn how to build a great marriage or a miserable one by watching you. That thought alone should put the brakes on criticism and bring out the compliments!
- **4) Nurture them.** 'Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows' (Galatians 6:7 NIV). People wither under complaints, whereas they thrive and grow through praise and encouragement.

Seize any moment worth celebrating and magnify it! Paul bottom-lines it: 'Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:6-7 NIV).

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