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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 preaching at Wulguru UC on Sun, 1 Sept at 9am service**
- ❖ **Southern Zone meeting will be held on Sat, 31 Aug at 9.30am at Mount Louisa UC**
- ❖ **To subscribe to Uniting News: Click the link [here](#) and add your details.**

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SEPTEMBER BLESSINGS

#IlovePsalms

Hello September,
Thanks for the
reminder
that change
can be beautiful!

God is in control.
Angels have been
assigned to our case.
His miracle is coming.
Do not worry and Do
not give up!

Carpentaria News...

DATE CLAIMERS

- **2nd - 4th September** – Presbytery Leadership Team face to face meeting in Townsville
- **5th September – 7th October** – Robyn on leave
- **1st July - 31st October** – Garry Hardingham's final annual leave and LSL before final day as Presbytery Minister Rural
- **18th-19th October** – Presbytery Officer Bearers and Synod Officer gathering in Brisbane
- **30th October** – Calvary Zone meeting at Cairns Emmanuel UCA
- **1st November** – Convocation for Ministry Agents at Mount Louisa CC, Townsville
- **1st - 3rd November** – Presbytery Meeting 2 at Mount Louisa CC, Townsville
- **4th - 7th November** – Presbytery Leadership Team Strategic Meeting in Townsville

Houses for Thursday Island were on the Barge last Sat and have arrived in TI



Stable at Riverway Update

As we approach the Christmas season, Stable asks again for your support.

Stable at Riverway is the major combined Church outreach in the year. It is a chance to express our love for the people of the city with this free gift. It is a chance for us to express our commitment to each other in working together. It is amazing that we can proclaim powerfully the Christmas story and is a wonderful chance to reach so many families that would never enter a Church.

Financially the future of Stable is tenuous as we have gone down 2 years running and have no reserves. God has sustained us incredibly and we are so thankful. This situation however is not sustainable.

Stable have created a little questionnaire this year to help us understand how you might give and save us from hassling you over and over again [Questionnaire / Survey for Churches](#). Please return asap!!

If your Church budget does not have room for Stable, may I encourage you to have a fundraiser for us or support some of the many fundraisers we hold.

Currently:

- *Galactic donuts have a great little fundraiser if you want to sell donuts. (Contact us via website: galacticdonuts.com.au OR via email: info@galacticdonuts.com.au)*
- *A day at Bunnings Domain could earn you up to \$3,000 - their contact is townsvilleAO@bunnings.com.au*
- *In November we will be joining the garage trail and inviting people/Churches to have a garage sale for us. We all have lots of 'stuff' we just don't need.*

A couple of other things

- We have people really keen to **share at your Church or with your board or even a meeting with you** to talk about the involvement of your Church
- **Prayer meetings** are underway, and information is attached
- A breakfast will be held at Fairfield Baptist Church on **November the 7th** to share some of this years exciting opportunities and to get any further feedback.

A big thank you to those who already given this year or give monthly. We truly appreciate your gift.



From The Word for Today...

Why does God choose weak people to do His will?

'God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty.' 1 Corinthians 1:27 NKJV

Answer: Because the only kind of people God has to work with are weak people! Moses' relationship with God is described in these remarkable words: *'So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. ...'* (Exodus 33:11 NKJV). So, was Moses perfect? Far from it. He spent the first forty years of his life as a prince in Pharaoh's palace, and the next forty years as a shepherd living in the wilderness. The Bible speaks about the strains in his marriage and his times of stress and despair.

In *The Ten Commandments* movie, Moses was played by actor Charlton Heston, who was tall, handsome, and articulate. But Moses was actually a weak, bashful stammerer who couldn't put two words together without verbally tripping over himself, much less speak in the courts of the most feared dictator on earth.

The Bible refers to the Israelites as a 'congregation', which made Moses a pastor. And no pastor had more trouble with a congregation than he did. You say, 'Why bring up Moses' shortcomings?' To encourage you! To let you know that your flaws don't disqualify you and your limitations don't limit what God can do through you. Paul writes: *'For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty... that no flesh should glory in His presence'* (1 Corinthians 1:26-27, 29 NKJV).

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