

This Sunday at Riverside

This week Darren will be entering the final stages of his series in Ephesians by looking at Paul's teaching on submission within families. (Eph 5:21-33).

Next Sunday at Riverside

Next week Darren will continue in the book of Ephesians, please read Ephesians chapter 6:1-9 in preparation for Sunday's teaching.

This Week at Riverside

Monday	12th January	Building Closed	Brekky Packs available
Tuesday to Friday		Brekky Club	9am - 10:am
Tuesday	13th January	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
Wednesday	14th January	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
Thursday	15th January	Café and Play Café Creationships Prayer Meeting	9am - 1:30pm 10:30am - 12noon 6:45pm
Friday	16th January	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
Saturday	17th January	Brekky Club	9am - 10am
Sunday	18th January	Prayer Meeting Riverside Splash	9am 9:45am 11:45 am

Annual General meeting - Thursday 22nd 7:30pm

Everyone is welcome to the Riverside AGM that focuses on our financial situation and outlook at Riverside. Kate and the Divisional Finance team will be presenting. The coffee machine will be on!

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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January 11th
2026

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Onward into 2026

At New Year I received a message and a video from our friends Daniel and Monica in Sudan, they are still serving Jesus joyfully and faithfully in very difficult circumstances.

I was deeply impacted by Daniel's New Year Greeting and I share an extract with you now. Please keep in mind that Daniel and Monica are serving in a war zone, caring for over 100 abandoned or orphaned children in the midst of poverty, persecution instability. Maybe it was knowing that, that made his message so challenging to me!

Blessings for 2026

Dear Brothers and sisters



*New Year's Eve on the
children's home,
Aweil, Sudan.*

It's amazing that we are 2026 years into 'The year of the Lord', (Anno Domini) or more fully 'The year of our Lord Jesus Christ' (Anno Domini Nostri Iesu Christi). Similarly it's been almost 2000 years since Christ died, rose again and ascended to His Father's side.

We look forward to his imminent return, knowing that with the Lord 'a thousand years is like a day and a day like a thousand years! Very soon we will be standing before the King and giving an account for our lives (we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ).

What will you tell Him if he asked you to give an account for 2025? It's a sobering thought. May we genuinely reflect on the past year and make adjustments for 2026 as needed in light of eternity!

Daniel and Monica.

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Christmas 2025 - Thank You

If I tried to name everyone who volunteered, supported and assisted during our entire Christmas season I would undoubtedly miss someone out, but please know how grateful the leadership team is for every soul, who wrapped, served, cleaned, sang, washed, greeted, prayed, read, decorated, hugged, delivered, encouraged, watered, cooked, smiled.....*I could go on.*

Please know how much you are cherished, valued and loved. I simply love the way we demonstrate our key value of servanthood as we serve our community.

A Fresh Start

The New Year is always a good time to organise, clean up and start fresh and that is certainly what has been going on at Riverside in the last few days. We've patched holes, painted and scrubbed floors. (In fact we've still got a bit more painting to complete as the hot weather held us up a bit - especially the pom!).

I want to say a huge thank you to all who worked so hard - Josh Sanders, David George, Mary Hill, Chris Watts & David Cooper plus a few of our friends from the Brekky Club who chipped in by moving around furniture.

SHOUT Youth

The holiday program for young people at SHOUT youth continues this week with an event on the 15th from 11am-2pm. A 'Crafternoon' - Tie Dying your T-shirts. BYO T-shirt & \$5. RSVP 0452 201 271 or 85234844

Riverside Café and Play area

The café and soft play area opens again on the 13th of January after the Christmas break. Please continue to pray for more opportunities to reach our community with Jesus through the outreach of the cafe.



Mary politely telling me to get off her freshly cleaned floor!!

Touch Point

Sermon by
Darren Dwyer
Available on App
and Website



Read Ephesians 5:21-33

Q1. Are there any passages of Scripture that you struggle with and just don't like? Please be honest and share why and how you handle your struggle.

Q2. The above passage in Ephesians has always been highly contentious as Paul talks about wives submitting to their husbands and husbands being head of the wives. Why do you think this is problematic?

Q3. In your opinion who is this passage really written to. Husbands or wives?

Q4. Should a wife submit to a husband who is disobedient to Paul's teaching in verse 25?

Q5. Darren said that it's not what you know, but what you do with what you know that is important. So men, what are you going to do? It is clear that the first step is always going to be yours just in the same way it was Christ who made the first move to see us redeemed and cleansed.

Read John 13:1-5

Q6: It says in verse three That Jesus knew exactly who he was and what authority he had? So how did Jesus demonstrate his authority to those he loved and were closest to them?

Q7. Are there any parallels to be drawn between Jesus and Peter and husbands and wives in this passage. Feel free to discuss.