

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 a.m.

We encourage everyone to attend the morning 9am Bible Study class.
Thank you, Chris, for standing in for Johan while he is away.
A reminder that there is also a class for the young ones.

Song Leader: Mike Baisley
Opening Prayer: Rudi Le Roux
Closing Prayer: Carry Hagemann
Servers: Rudi, Ray, Carry & Mike
Scripture Reading: Mike Baisley
Lord's Table: Ray Calder
Attendance last Sunday: 33
Lord's Table Prep (Nov): Erika

LESSONS FROM HAGAR

Delvin Defoe - Fishers Church of Christ

In Genesis 12: 1 - 3, God promised Abram that He would make him into a great nation, bless him and make his name great. Abram and his wife, Sarai, believed - but years passed and they still had no children. In Genesis 16, Sarai took matters into her own hands, offering her Egyptian slave Hagar to her husband Abram as a wife. When Hagar became pregnant, tensions rose. It escalated until Sarai mistreated Hagar so severely that she fled into the desert - pregnant, alone and unseen. Or so she thought!

1. God sees and knows us - Hagar was a foreign slave, overlooked by people, but fully known by God. When the angel of the Lord met her in the wilderness, she named Him El Roi—"the God who sees me" (Genesis 16: 13). He sees us too, even when no one else does.

2. Running away isn't the answer - At her breaking point, Hagar ran away from her mistress. Yet God sent her back to Sarai with the promise of His help (Genesis 16: 9).

3. God is always present - if we open our eyes - Years later, Hagar again faced despair when she and her son, Ishmael, ran out of food and water (Genesis 21:15 - 16). God heard their cries, opened her eyes and revealed a life-sustaining well already within reach (verse 19). We, too, can miss His provision when we're consumed by our struggles.

The same God who saw, heard and rescued Hagar sees us today. We are never unnoticed by El Roi—the God who sees.

REFLECTION: Hagar's story reminds us that God's eyes are never off us, His presence never leaves us and His provision is often closer than we think. This week, slow down, look up and ask: Where might God already be at work in my situation - and am I willing to trust Him instead of running ahead?

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SUNDAY TIMES:
BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00
WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00
22 NOVEMBER 2026

Preacher: Chris du Preez
Sermon Topic: "Why should we have a Church Family?"
Scripture Reading: Romans 12: 4 - 5

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

All the ladies are invited and encouraged to join in and attend the Bible Study classes, every Wednesday morning at 10am. The book of Job is being studied.

BIRTHDAYS

Mike Baisley – 25th November

A very Happy Birthday, Mike! We thank you for your guidance, your service and dedicated leadership to our Keam Rd congregation. May the Lord bless you abundantly this year and for many more to come.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us pray for those who are currently facing health challenges and recovering from illness, as well as those who are supporting and caring for them. We think especially of Nicky and baby Hallie and their families. Braam, Johan and Audrey are away for about two weeks. Please remember them in your prayers for travel mercies and a safe return. As the exam season begins, we need also lift up all our young people writing exams and assessments. May they feel supported by our prayers and anchored in God's peace.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are visiting today, we want you to know we are very glad you are here. You could have been anywhere this morning, but you chose to spend it with us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope to see you next Sunday again.

LOOKING AHEAD!

BENEVOLENCE OUTREACH PROJECT - DECEMBER 2026

As always, we want to bless families in need with special parcels filled with a few treats and some extras to make this time bright. We appeal to you to please add a few items that bring a bit of extra joy. The parcels will be packed for distribution on 16 December. If your have any questions, chat to Erika. **THANK YOU!**

TEA & BISCUITS - NEXT SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

Please stay after worship and enjoy tea & biscuits next Sunday morning, 29th November, while having fellowship with one another. Thank you to Gill B for preparing the venue.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER AND HOLD CLOSE IN OUR HEARTS.

Created in God's Image & Intimately Known

- **Genesis 1: 27:** *"So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them."*
- **Psalm 139: 14:** *"I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful; I know that full well."*
- **Jeremiah 1: 5:** *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart."*

The Story of the Three Trees

Three trees on a hill dreamt of becoming a treasure chest, a mighty ship and a tall tower.

Instead, they were made into a humble manger for a newborn baby, a simple fishing boat on a stormy lake and a rough wooden cross on Calvary.

God often answers our dreams and uses our lives in ways far greater and more eternal than we could ever plan.



Romans 8: 28, *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAST CAPE BIBLE COLLEGE COURSE

PLEASE NOTE THAT JOHAN IS AWAY AND THE COURSE WILL COMMENCE AGAIN FROM MONDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER.

East Cape Bible College is offering a 6 week course at 20 Keam Rd, Baysville, East London. Every Monday at 7.00 pm, commencing again on 30th November.

An Introduction to the New Testament. Topics will include the Text of the New Testament, the Literature used, the Synoptic Gospels, Acts and Revelation. There will also be a time to answer difficult questions every evening.

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