

14th April - 21st April 2024			NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER Sunday 21st April 2024	
SUN	9:00 am	Morning Worship	Speaker:	Rhys McFadden
MON	3:00 pm	Mission Meeting	Worship Leader:	Marcus Barnes
TUE	7:00 pm	Team Leaders Meeting	Communion:	
WED	9:30 am	Ladies KYB Morning Tea	Prep:	Denise Hughes
THUR	9:30 am	ASD Support Group	Stewards:	Dianne Fenton & Marilyn Barnes
SUN	9:00 am	Morning Worship	Welcomer:	Marilyn Barnes
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			Flowers:	Judy Barnes
			Counting & Lock-up:	Marcus Barnes & Graham Hughes

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Correction to Financials Apologies from Shannon, last weeks YTD Average should have been **\$2217.57** not \$2402.37 as printed.

FINANCIAL OFFERING UPDATE		ONLINE BANKING			
7/04/2024	\$1,654.00		General	Mission	Property Development
YTD Average	\$2,177.32	BSB	704-913	704-913	704-913
2024 Budget	\$2,797:53	A/C	400039301	400046348	100001860



GOD CENTRED • PEOPLE FOCUSED • MISSION ORIENTED

Sunday, 14th April 2024

What Jesus started 2, Contagious Relationships, Mark 2:1-12

When Tori* started following Jesus, all of her 'church' friends began telling me I had to meet her partner, Gus*. Sometime later Tori's dad passed away and I was asked to officiate at his funeral. When I went to discuss arrangements, Gus was there and he said, "I've been hearing about you for a while from a lot of Tori's friends. I just want to let you know I'm not really a religious type." I said to him that neither was I. I explained to him that I was just a simple follower of Jesus. His interest stirred, he said, "so what do you mean, I went to a Catholic school as a kid and nothing I heard there ever made sense to me." I said to him that this was the very reason Jesus came, to sort out the confusion, put a human face on God and set the record straight. And I could see his cogs turning...

After the funeral, Gus was standing outside with a few of his mates having a quiet moment. When I walked out to say "G'day" Gus smiled at me, shook my hand, and said to his mates... "Let me introduce you to the coolest follower of Jesus I know." And in front of them he said... "do you remember the conversation we had?" I nodded. He said "I want to take you out for a steak and glass of red to talk about it again...you made so much sense then and now again today...I want to hear more..."

Many people are exposed to just enough religion to inoculate them from the truth. But if we have ears to hear a more profound truth, about a Jewish carpenter who shatters the grip of human brokenness, law and death, it is such an intriguing story that when we truly engage it to understand it, it has the power to change everything, and people will unashamedly tell their friends...and that is how a movement is sustained.

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Welcome to MARYBOROUGH BAPTIST CHURCH

Are you new to town? Just visiting or a newcomer to church-going? We are happy to welcome you and pray that you may experience the presence and blessing of God here today. We invite you to join us after the service for a cuppa and a chat in the hall at the rear of the church.

Today's speaker is: Rhys McFadden

Prayer Points:

- Pray for our church as we enter this time of transition. Pray also, for patience in the congregation and wisdom for the leaders as we progress the report recommendations.
- Pray for Jeanette as she recovers from breaking her ankle.
- Pray for those whom we support through our Mission Support Committee: Tanya Johnson, Mark & Caroline Ossola, Max & Helen Sahl, Carl & Gail Musch, Jean-Claude & Joyce Manirakiza, Ryan & Suzie Smith and Pastor Edward & the New Hope Education Centre.

If you have any **news, events, prayer requests** to be included in the bulletin please email either: Pastor Rhys-rhysmcfadden@me.com, Or Elders-eldersmbc23@gmail.com or the church admin staff-mbhbaptist@bigpond.com by **Wednesday 5pm** of the week you want it included.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.
1 Peter 1:3-5

The Lord is righteous in all His ways and loving toward all He has made. The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.
Psalm 145:17-18

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

CONNECT GROUP

We will recommence on Tuesday 16th April with Study 9 of the Spring Feasts "Preparation for Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)".

New Office Hours

As of tomorrow, the Church office will be open on Mondays and Fridays from **8.30am to 11.30am**.

Mission Support Committee Meeting

The Mission Support Committee will be meeting on tomorrow, **Monday at 3pm** in the Oasis Room. Anyone with a heart for Mission is welcome to attend. Contact Helen Brain for more information.

KYB

Ladies KYB will be starting back next **Wednesday 17th April** with a morning tea at **MAD Providore at 9:30am**. This term's study is Prayers of the Old Testament and new ladies are always welcome to join the group. Please contact Denise if you would like more information.

ASD Support Group

The ASD Support Group will be held this **Thursday, 18th April at 9:30am** in the Oasis Room. This is a support group for parents and carers of adults and children with ASD. See Denise for more details or visit the Facebook page – **ASD Support Group – Maryborough QLD**.

2024 Directories

As we are now in the new year, we are gathering information for our 2024 Church Directory. If are new to the church and would like to have your details added or you need to change your details or you want an updated photo, will you please see Shannon or Marcus and they will be able to assist you. We hope to have them out for collection by next term if possible.

I wait patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.
Psalm 40:1-2