

The Friendly Word

Marion
Church of Christ Inc
2021 Year of Restoration

Discovering Jesus . Valuing People . Building Community

21 February 2021 —Please join us—Everyone's Welcome

God, You are always worthy of my praise! I am so in awe of You. For the rest of my life, help me to begin and end each day by giving You the praise You deserve because You have done great things, and all glory belongs to You alone. Amen



Welcome

Today we continue in the series, "A restored Soul in Psalms". Pastor Bill Tyrie will share from Psalms 42:1-2, Psalm 63:1 and John 4:13-14 'Applying the "Thirst" principle'

Don't forget to bring your Bibles, your journals etc to take notes as we explore what God has for us to absorb this week.

For online viewing, tune into MCC YouTube channel by following this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuf3erXUSKs9D54c8_LEwaw



Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9.30am—1.30pm | Dine-In & Take-away



OPEN
Monday to Thursday
9.30am—1.30pm

(Plus last Saturday of the month during February only)



Some of our LIFE GROUPS are availing of the Bible Study questions that are a flow on from our Sunday Sermon series. If you would like to be part of this and delve deeper into God's Word, you are very welcome. Contact the Church office to be connected to a Life Group or you can pick up a copy of the study each week, to do on your own or with a buddy.



Please remember to check the pigeon holes when you check in so that you don't miss out on any important correspondence!



Term 1 Sun 21 Feb 10am

Parents update your 2021 K@M Registration Forms for your kids on Sunday.



Lighthouse and JAM kids—see you there!



EXTRA Word:

- ◆ Bush Fire Appeal for Western Australia — GMP contact 1800 467 222
- ◆ Keys – New locks on the main church building are installed. If you have an existing key, it will no longer work and you will need to see Ruth Davidson (Church Office) to arrange for collection of new key.
- ◆ Easter Services 1-5 April

Special Event:

World Day of Prayer Fri 5 March 10am, City Service hosted by Churches of Christ



Ways we give with generosity & commitment

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DETAILS FOR CHURCH:

BSB: 703 810

Account No.: 05 300 944

Acc Name: Marion Church of Christ

Ref: Offering

DETAILS FOR MARIONLIFE

BSB: 035045

Account No.: 408616

Acc Name: MarionLIFE Gift Fund

Ref: Your Name (for receipt)

Stay Connected with the MCC Team

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Mark Selke, Stephen Scott

ML Director: Leighton Boyd

Thoughtful Word : Applying the Thirst Principle

One of the Psalms we will look at today is Psalm 63:1

'You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;

I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,

in a dry and parched land where there is no water. PSALM 63:1 NIV

David, the psalm writer, says that he is thirsty for God, just as he were in the desert. Take a few moments and place yourself in the middle of a desert in your **mind's eye**.

You are in that desert, it is extremely hot. The hot air is very still and envelops you. Your lips and mouth are dry. You are perspiring with the intensity of the heat. You need something to drink! All your thoughts are about water. You think about finding water. You wonder if you could dig for water. It is hard to think about anything else but water, water, water!

You feel that driving impulse? That overwhelming focus? Your thoughts about water have become all consuming.

Linger on those feelings and imagine now, that thirst, that intense focus on water, is replaced with Jesus!

Sometimes we forget just how blessed we are and we take a lot for granted. If we know Jesus, and have accepted Him as our Saviour—we are grateful, yes, but how often do we give Him our attention and focus?

The Bible tells us over and over how much He loves us:

- He calls us His children—1 John 3:1
- He chose us, "a people for his own possession" 1 Peter 2:9
- He made us a new creation—2 Cor 5:17
- He wants to help us—Is 41:10
- He gives us purpose, loves us forever—Ps 138:8
- He watches over us—Prov 15:3

The list goes on and on. How are we going to respond? How can we long after Him, the way He longs after us?

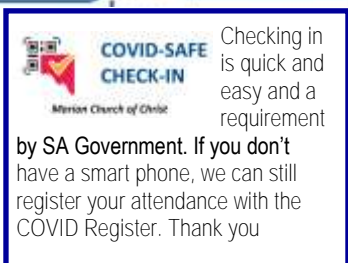
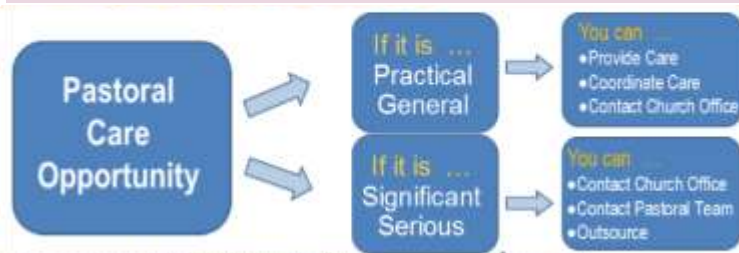
Let us consider Him as our first priority when we arise, as we prepare for the day; as we eat, as we work, as we interact. Let Jesus be in our thoughts, mind and our focus.

This week, consider how you might thirst after Jesus, the Living Water!

Praying is one of the best ways to do this:

We can pray:

- to feel closer to God | [for guidance and inspiration](#) |
 - to affirm your faith | [for your loved ones](#) |
 - for people around you who will support and encourage you to enhance your spiritual journey.
 - [for distance away from people and places that pull you away from God](#) | for Jesus' example and character to influence your life as you strive to be more like Him.
 - [Give God thanks for who He is](#), for what He has done, and for His faithfulness.
- Thank Jesus for dying in your place to be the sacrifice so that you could be in relationship with Him. Thank the Lord that although you are not perfect, you are deeply loved.



Prayer Word: It is our privilege and responsibility to offer prayers of thanksgiving & praise to God and to pray for others. Please join us in praying for:

- ⇒ Those who are in need of justice
- ⇒ The many who have need to flee their homes, fearing for their safety
- ⇒ For the COVID vaccination to be successful and freely available for everyone
- ⇒ The many who have nowhere to go for relief, protection and their basic needs
- ⇒ The leaders of countries, governments and authorities
- ⇒ Give thanks to God who is just, loving and merciful
- ⇒ Give thanks to our God for His protection and comfort
- ⇒ Give thanks to our God for His blessing of gifts and talents for us to bless others
- ⇒ Give thanks to the Lord for those who work tirelessly to support the many in need. Bless their work we ask.
- ⇒ Give thanks to the Lord for He is the King of kings and Lord of lords and He is in control.

- We give thanks for our Schools/Uni's, Teachers & Staff—we pray for them and thank them for their care for the students.
- We pray for the Pastoral Care Workers in our area. We pray for the position at Brighton to be filled quickly & by the right person God has called for the role.
- We pray for our families and loved ones who do not yet have the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We pray that their hearts are opened to allow God to begin His wonderful work in their lives.
- We pray for the many who are facing various health issues, both minor and serious. We thank the Lord that He cares deeply for us and walks with us each day.
- We ask God for help with turning our complaints into prayers. To remember to give thanks in everything, for this is the will of God
- We pray for a thirst for Jesus, that we seek to bring glory to God in every aspect of our life.
- May God work in our heart, mind and soul to equip, enable and empower us to do what He has called each one of us to.

1 John 5:14 "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

MarionLIFE

We're excited to be a host site for iDrive! a supervised driving program that aims to provide behind the wheel experience for learner drivers! See MarionLIFE re being a Teacher or Learner.

MARIONLIFE 2021 SERVICES

We are pleased to offer the following Services through MarionLIFE in 2021:

- >Australian Refugee Association Case Managers
- >Big Dish Up Cooking Course
- >Brekky for Blokes
- >Business Incubator
- >Christmas Day Lunch
- >Community Garden
- >Community Meal
- >Emergency Relief
- >Financial and Budget Counselling
- >Garden Tool Library
- >Marion Mugs (Coffee and Chat Group)
- >MarionLIFE Youth (Drop In + Events)
- >Tax Help
- >Women Together (Group for all Women)

For more information about each service please contact us by phone 8277 0304 or email info@marionlife.org.au. Our website is www.marionlife.org.au and you can follow us through our social media accounts on Twitter and Instagram.



Donation Bin Now in the church foyer—ease of access.

Please bring along Emergency Pantry Items like long life pantry and hygiene groceries.