

**ROSTERS: TODAY 15<sup>th</sup> October**

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*Assoc. Pastor Steve Messer  
Watch out for Wolves Acts 20:17-35*

**10am Service 15<sup>th</sup> October  
2017**

**Love in action**

Who would you walk two days to see? Paul was on his way back to Jerusalem by ship after his third missionary journey. The voyage takes him via the port of Miletus, 78 km by land from Ephesus where he had preached for over two years and established a church (Acts 19:8-10). Acts 20:17 says, "Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him." Think about what that simple sentence required practically.

In those days before modern communications, Paul would have had to find and pay a messenger to make the journey to Ephesus to find the leaders of the Ephesian church. They in turn would have had to change whatever arrangements they had made, no doubt setting aside their work, to make the long journey by land to Miletus.

These people cared so much for the Apostle and he for them that they made this demanding journey to see him again, each knowing that it would be for the last time on earth. That sentence speaks of the deep affection that existed between Paul and the churches he "planted".

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:34-35). In Acts 20 we see genuine obedience to that command.

What can we each do to make sure that kind of love is normal in Pakenham Baptist? Who would you walk two days to see?

**Welcome to our  
Worship Service this  
morning.**

We pray you will be blessed and encouraged as you worship with us.

Please stay and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

Whether you're just visiting or looking to stay, it is great to have you with us.

Please fill out a Visitor's card before you leave.

Our church website has details of programs run by the church and podcasts of recent sermons.  
*pakenhambaptistchurch.org*

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Pakenham Baptist Church

**General Fund:**  
BSB - 704 922  
A/C - 100005120

**Property Loan details**  
BSB - 704922  
A/C - 100013899

Please include a reference if the deposit is for something specific.

**Elders:**  
Dennis Graetz  
Richard Thurrowgood  
Boe Waterhouse

**Our Vision is: To see every person, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, grow in Christ-like character. To see every person's gifts, ministries and callings identified, endorsed and fully pursued. To see every person's daily sphere of influence recognised as a very important ministry of the church. To foster a vision in each person for the proclamation of the gospel and the extension of God's kingdom.**

Prayer is available after the service at the front of the worship centre.

Prayer request slips are available in the foyer. Completed forms can be placed in the box available in the foyer or in the offering bag.

Pray with us: Sundays at 8:30am and Thursdays at 6pm.

## *An invitation to the marriage course*

Starting Today 15th Oct. at 4pm.

Venue Pakenham Baptist Church

A seven session course for any married or cohabitating couple, whether your relationship is strong or you are struggling.

### Introducing God

Starts tonight at 6PM. Please pray that God would use this program to cause participants to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.

**1 John 3:10** By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

### Regular Activities

Usually run during school term.

### **Pakenham Praise**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

5:00pm.- 6:pm.

Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings:

### **Playgroup**

Coffee and chat for ladies

**Wednesday at 10 am at the church**

Fridays 9:30 – 11:30am: **Make & Mingle**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month: **Men's Breakfast**

### **Bible Study and Life Groups**

There are various groups run throughout the week.

For more information please see the notice board in the foyer or visit our website or contact

**Don and Pam Garcia**

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### **Thursday morning Bible Study**

If you are free on Thursday mornings how about joining the Thursday morning Bible study? We meet on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays of each month from 10-11.30. We are currently studying Mark's Gospel. Contact Steve Messer for more details

**William Barclay on Acts 20: "Through this entire scene runs the dominant feeling of an affection as deep as the heart itself. That feeling should be in every church; for, when love dies in any church, the work of Christ will inevitably wither."**