



*Greetings and welcome to our service.  
If you are a guest or looking for a new Church home,  
you are especially welcome.  
Crèche facilities are located next to the foyer for your convenience.  
Please join us for morning tea after the service.*

*Happy  
Father's  
Day*

The righteous  
man walks in  
his integrity;  
**His children  
are blessed  
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7

**Today**

**5TH SEPTEMBER  
2021**

**10am - Worship &  
Lord's Supper**

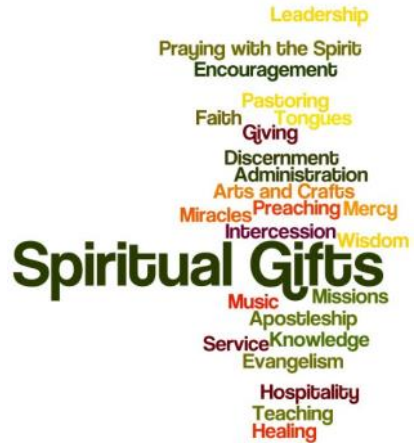
**Speaker - Tony Burgum**

Series: The Gospel Message of Romans

Study 29: Gifted For Service - Romans 12:3-8

*Having then gifts differing  
according to the grace  
that is given to us,  
let us use them.*

Romans 12:6a



## A Word From Tony

### Using Gifts Provided

As we turn to Romans 12:3-8, we find Paul talking about the metaphor of the body to describe the first purpose of every Christian. He is showing what it looks like to sacrifice our bodies and minds in service to God as a response to His great mercy to us.

All Christians together are meant to operate as a single human body. Since we are all in Christ, by definition, we are Christ's body on earth. We are to function in the world as a single entity. That does not mean, however, that God intends for each of us to be exactly the same. We are not robotic. We serve wildly different functions just as all the different parts of a human body serve different functions. Our job is to serve our function, in service to God and each other, in the power of God.

And Paul makes the point, God provides power to all believers to undertake that task. Paul talks of Spiritual gifts, referred to in verse 6 as “gifts according to grace”, and in verse 3, “a measure of faith.” And we need to understand that Spiritual gifts should be understood to be different than talents or abilities, as the list of gifts Paul provides in Romans 12-6-8 makes it clear. Three other lists of Spiritual gifts are found in the New Testament in 1 Corinthians 12:8–10, 28–30; 1 Peter 4:11; Ephesians 4:11.

But it is important to notice that God intends for us not just to have these gifts of grace but to actually use them. He begins by saying those with the gift of prophecy should use it in proportion with their faith. In other words, proclaiming a prophecy from God to the other members of the church is an action that requires faith that the message has been given by God.

## What's On This Week

Due to COVID lockdown, all ministry and meetings have been suspended including home groups in private homes or at the Church.

## Next Sunday 12th September

Speaker: Tony Burgum

Series: The Gospel Message of Romans  
Study 30: Genuine Love In Action  
- Romans 12:9-21

## Treasurers Report – To end of August 2021

Income: Aug \$8,136.20  
YTD \$16,263.20  
YTD Wkly offering \$1,807.02

Expenditure: Aug \$8,015.56  
YTD \$22,115.50 YTD  
YTD Wkly expenditure \$2,457.28

Proposed budgeted average weekly offering for 2021/22; \$1,925.00

Budgeted figure projected \$17,325.00

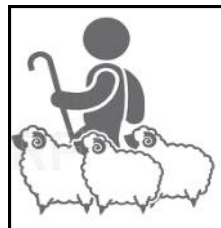
Income YTD \$117,98.78 less per week

Cheque account: \$56,594.00.  
(\$8,000 building fund included in this)

## Pastoral Availability

During lockdown Pastor Tony is restricted in visiting but he can be contacted on 0406 686715.

Day off— Thursday



If you wish to do a bank transfer into the Church bank Account the details are:

ANZ - Ferntree Gully  
Baptist Church

BSB: 013278

Account: 296710027

Come near  
to **GOD**  
and he will  
come near  
to you.

-James 4:8

**FERNTREE GULLY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Series: The Gospel Message of Romans**  
**Study 29: Gifted For Service**  
**Romans 12:3-8**

**Introduction**

**. All Are Gifted – Romans 12:3**

**. All Are Gifted as Part of One Body – Romans 12:4-5**

**. All Have Different Gifts – Romans 12:6-8**

**Conclusion**

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*Beautiful Lord, wonderful saviour  
I know for sure, all of my days are held in Your hands  
Crafted into Your perfect plan*

*You gently call me, into Your presence  
Guiding me by, Your Holy Spirit  
Teach me dear Lord  
To live all of my life through Your eyes*

*I'm captured by, Your Holy calling  
Set me apart  
I know You're drawing me to Yourself  
Lead me Lord I pray*

*Take me, Mold me  
Use me, Fill me  
I give my life  
to the Potter's hands  
Hold me, Guide me  
Lead me, Walk beside me  
I give my life  
to the Potter's hand*

Songwriter: Darlene Joyce Zschech



## **Annual Church Life Meeting**

Due to the extension of the COVID lockdown, we will not be able to have our planned Annual General Church Life Meeting next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Instead, later next week, we will be sending out annual reports, including a financial report for 2020/21 and a proposed budget for 2021/22. These reports will be sent via email or hand delivered.

Upon receiving the reports, we encourage you to read them through and ask any questions or provide comments. With regard to the budget and membership, we will be providing a two week period for any questions, then we will proceed with the recommendations.

## **Pastoral Search Process**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I want to give you an update of how we are going with the Pastor Search process. The Covid pandemic has not made it easy, but despite that, we have been in contact with the Baptist Union and informed them of our need for a new Pastor from the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 onwards.

Our contact person at the BUV is Robert Hayman who was the guest speaker on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August and gave a good message. We have been in contact him a number of times. Also, during his recent leave, we have also been in contact with Jonathan Stark, Head of Pastoral Leadership Support & Development for the BUV. The BUV have indicated that they will support us through this period.

Jonathan and Robert have also assured us that the BUV can provide an Interim Pastor until the time when the new Pastor can start. Jonathan said that they will let us know very soon who it could possibly be. The Church, has the final say on any proposed interim.

Apart from that, the BUV will also provide a Moderator to help us with the pastor search meetings. These meetings will have to be done on ZOOM for the time being. Robert Hayman has indicated that it is not advisable for the Pastor Search committee to meet without a Moderator so we will have to wait until we know who it will be.

In the meantime, let us continue to pray that Lord God will guide us all the way and that He will provide for us a Pastor of His choice.

Rainer Luppa, Church Secretary.

## **Mukti India**

Pray for the teachers who are continuing to provide classes face to face and online.

Pray for the possibility of purchasing two acres of land next to the highway for our Green City Campus.

Praise God that according to the Govt. norms, all of our residents and staff have been vaccinated. We are thankful for the generosity of friends who made this possible.

Praise God for weekly online services, Sunday schools, Prayer times and women's fellowship.

Pray for a few candidates who are praying about their calling and commitment to work at Mukti long term.





## The Privilege of Prayer

Prayer for dads and grandads/opas for their ongoing leading and supportive roles in families.

Pray for those today who have not had a good experience of dads in their lives.

Continue to pray for Giovanni as he settles into the Wantirna Palliative Unit. Pray for good care and support of staff and the ongoing opportunity for family to visit.

Pray for those who are significantly impacted by the ongoing COVID lockdowns; teachers (Mirjam), parents, business owners, workers, people in isolation and others.

Pray for Joy as stitches are removed and decisions made shortly about what next - rehab or coming home. Continue to uphold Russell as he supports Joy, but also prepares for the next stage.

### **Wings of Hope Sri Lanka**

Pray for our communities as the Delta variant spreads. Daily death toll is over 150 and new cases are over 2,000.

Pray for hospitals and quarantine centres that are full and patients who are sent home to self- quarantine.

Pray for God's protection for our children as reports of child abuse and domestic violence continues.

Praise God for the recognition Wings is receiving from government officials when distributing relief aid.

Praise God for the recent survey on the property in Hatton.

We are excited to be moving into these premises in the near future.





Rainer will be ordering the German book calendars for 2022 soon. If you would like one or more, please speak to Rainer. Cost will be approximately \$20.

## Church Fellowship Camp

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been asking people to provide feedback with regard to the Church Family Camp we'd planned at the Belgrave Heights Convention Lodge from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.



A number of people have indicated that they no longer wanted to be involved because of the ongoing and possible future COVID restrictions, including the strong possibility of having to wear masks.

So we have cancelled our booking with Belgrave Heights. This will allow them to possibly offer the weekend to other groups. If lockdown restrictions allow we now hope to hold some small event sometime on the weekend that the camp had been planned for. Tony

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