

From Noel Whittaker:

-We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

-And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce, and hammers don't ham?

-If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, two geese. So, one moose, two meese? One index, two indices? Is cheese the plural of choose?

-If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

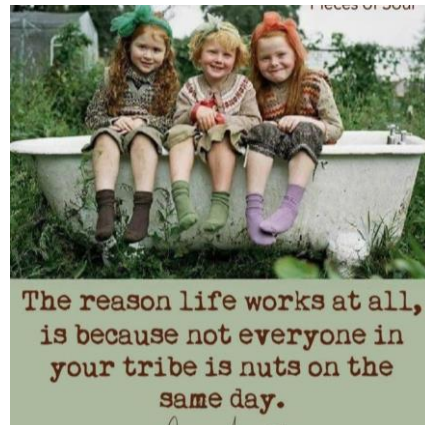
-In what language do people recite at a play, and play at a recital?

-Ship by truck, and send cargo by ship?

-Have noses that run and feet that smell?

-Park on driveways and drive on parkways?

-How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?



The Maroochydore Herald

Uniting in Christ
acting with love
living with hope
witnessing in faith
working for justice

Pentecost 9
July 30th

*We seek to be a prayerful and listening church
Please note the location of the Hearing Loop in the church*

Leadership Team

Property:	Theo Quick	Korean Members:	Gil Park
Treasurer:	Bev Lacey		Winni Yun
Secretary:	Jan Strudwick		
	Margaret Holmes	Rev Jan Rossow	

Thank you for the ongoing support for the Ministry, & Ministry of our Church. A reminder that direct deposit offering is available. Our Church Banking Details: UCA Maroochydore Uniting Church
- St George Bank. BSB 334 040: Account No. 553864 511

Uniting Church Links - For Information from the Wider Church
Qld Synod Information - <https://ucaqld.com.au/>
For links and information to Synod Resources and Activities.
National Assembly News - <https://assembly.uca.org>.

Items and notifications for inclusion in the Herald are gratefully received.

Please send any notices for the 'Herald' to janstrudwickart@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon

Lectionary Bible Readings

July 30 Pentecost 9 Gn 29:15-28 Ps 105:1-11, 45b or Ps 128 Rom 8:26-39 Mt 13:31-33, 44-52	August 6 Pentecost 10 Gn 32:22-31 Ps 17:1-7, 15 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:13-21
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Sunday 30th July 8:30 am Preacher: Darren King
Saturday 29th July Indoor bowls
Sunday August 6th 8:30 am Rev Jan Rossow (Communion)

A big thankyou to Robert Finney (and Luke) for repairing the church door, and side gate.

A number of our members are in need of prayer:

- Lyn Fielding, who has had a fall
 - Robin Dingle who isn't able to attend at the moment
 - Eileen Unwin, who has had a tough week
 - Russ Skellern, also has had a difficult week
 - Bernie Charles, who has mobility problems
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Devotional by Katherine Hannon **When You Don't Feel Like It**

We all struggle with spiritual discouragement and lethargy. Some days our circumstances threaten to overwhelm us, and we struggle just to pray. Many times we just don't feel like doing the things we know we should. For one reason or another, God sometimes seems far off and unreachable.

David faced times like these in his life. The Psalms are filled with verses that express his despair and feeling of abandonment.

Yet the Psalms also give us the key to living victoriously during the dark periods of life. Let's take a quick look at Psalm 119:89-95*.

"Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands. They stand this day according to Your ordinances..."

My circumstances or feelings have not changed God. He is the same God today as He was when He hung the stars in the sky, led the Israelites through the Red Sea, and fed the five thousand.

"For all things are Your servants..."

All things, even the things affecting me right now, are God's servants. The circumstance, people, and events around me are all under God. They are His servants, designed to help and bless me spiritually.

"If Your law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have revived me. I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts. The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies."

Recalling God's faithfulness and control over everything that touches us gives us strength to walk with God even when we feel like giving up in despair. After all, our feelings and circumstances have not changed God. He is perfectly capable of sustaining us if we will only let Him. We simply need to choose to *delight* in and *diligently consider* God's precepts (His principles and character) despite how we feel. Choosing to delight in God might not be easy. It might even involve hard work. But only God can revive and save our soul from spiritual lethargy.

Next time you feel spiritually drained or inadequate, remember that you have a choice. You can wrap yourself up in excuses and self-pity, or you can choose to draw your strength from an unchanging God.

TRIVIA NIGHT

August 12th, 2023, 7 to 9 p.m.

Mooloolaba Uniting Church

6 Meta St, Mooloolaba

\$5pp entry or \$25 for table of 6

Instant coffee and tea provided - BYO snacks

Available to purchase - Pod Coffee and Cheesecake

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