

## Wulguru Uniting Church

February/March  
2025



### ***e-NEWSLETTER UPDATE***

The Wulguru UCA e-Newsletter normally comes out monthly. However, from now on the Newsletter will be bimonthly.

Because I was confused, I had a quick check of Merriam-Websters dictionary as to the meaning of bimonthly. "Bimonthly" means "both "twice a month" and "every two months." The Latin root bi-, meaning both "twice" or "double".

#### **Are you confused?**

To clarify, the Newsletter is now being sent out every two months.  
(NB. Wendy will breathe a big sigh of relief!)

However, Abraham has agreed to help keep the Wulguru FaceBook page up to date with times and dates.

### ***A few thoughts...about having devotions at home, with your family or spouse***

Where devotions aren't, or never were a habit; then, perhaps it is time to start building that habit.

If devotions were a part of life, but now have been relegated to the past; then, perhaps it is time to restart building that habit.

The benefits of interpersonal devotions are many... and here are a few.

#### **Devotions help keep God at the centre of your lives.**

For couples, shared devotions ultimately keep Christ at the centre of your marriage. Husbands need to remember that it is our responsibility to make sure we are pastoring our families. Engaging in daily or weekly devotions is a wonderful way to keep your marriage strong and simultaneously keeping Christ at the centre of your lives.

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**Devotions bring families closer.**

Devotions are a quality conversation between those present and God. Bringing the participants closer. Watching TV, board games, shared hobbies and even dinners together, though pleasant, don't promote the closeness that spending time in worship promotes.

**Devotions open up untouched topics in a marriage or family.**

Devotions often give the opportunity to ask important social and faith questions and bring up topics that are rarely touched on in our culture. AS we touch on these things there is the chance to offer up advice. Relate ways on how to act. There is also the chance for all parties to have an opportunity to voice their opinion. And, devotions are a perfect way to ask those hard, but necessary questions!

**Devotions give the opportunity to pray together.**

Disagreements and relational distance can sometimes make praying together difficult and awkward. But don't avoid it. The advantage to doing devotions together is that it allows the perfect opportunity to reconnect. When seeking forgiveness from God, seek forgiveness from those others in your family that you have offended. Even short, awkward, uncomfortable and stilted prayers can be used by God to rebuild a closeness and trust within the family.

**Devotions are Quality Family Time.**

Doing a family or couples devotion is the perfect way to decompress from the day. Forget about work or school. Focus on God and family. Step back from the hectic and busy.

Spend time with the Master.

Devotions are a great way to relax and unwind with the one you love the most.

I fully admit that sometimes it is neither practical nor possible to have daily devotions as a family or as a couple. As with all relationships, there are situations and tensions that make shared devotions relationally difficult.

In some cases, family devotions were never a habit, or are a forgotten habit. It is never too late to start, or restart.

Even if your spouse isn't a believer, I can still think of a few ways - feel free to ask - that a person might start, no matter how belatedly, a family devotion. (Disclaimer: if this is the case, ... please, please, please DO NOT push for a daily devotion immediately. It WILL blow up in your face!!!)

Blessings  
Andrew

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## *Missions .....*

### *Missions ..... West Africa*

Please continue to pray for **David, Taryn, Micah, Noah and Caleb Price in West Africa**

You can find more information on the SIM Australia website  
<https://sim.org.au/davidtaryn/>

### *Missions ..... Kenya*

Also please pray for **Ps. Fabin Mathew** in Kisii County Kenya and the Orphanage.

The “long drop” toilet is complete, as is a temporary undercover Kitchen that will be used in the foreseeable future.

The number of orphans has climbed from 17 to 25.



### *Church Prayer Meetings*

Every Sunday at 8:30am in the hall  
 Every Friday at 8.45am in the Church Hall  
**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 7.15pm –**  
 Combined Church Prayer Meeting

### *Church Craft*

First Thursday of the Month in the Church Hall

### *Bible Studies*

Bible Studies in February

- February 11<sup>th</sup> - Romans *Chapter 12*
- February 18<sup>th</sup> - Foundations of Doctrine  
*The Doctrine of Man*
- February 25<sup>th</sup> - New Testament Preview  
*The Silent Years*



Plan ahead and consider coming to the Bible Studies.

If you are wary of driving at night, perhaps we can arrange a pickup and delivery. Or, you could always watch the live stream. (Though you will miss out on the discussion afterwards.)

## ***Wulguru Church Online***

This ministry is growing. Thank you for following Wulguru Uniting Church on Facebook.

If you are a regular Facebook User we would truly appreciate if you would check out our You Tube Channel ([YouTube.com/@wulguruuca](https://www.youtube.com/@wulguruuca)) and click the subscription button.

We will continue to Live Stream both the Sunday Service and Tuesday night Bible Studies (and occasionally the monthly Combine Prayer Service) because people are watching.

If you happen to miss a particular sermon, do not despair. The sermons are uploaded to Facebook, You Tube and Vimeo and are normally available within 24 hours.

The URLs for Facebook, YouTube and Vimeo:

**Facebook:** Facebook.com/wulguruuca

**YouTube:**

YouTube.com/@wulguruuca

**Vimeo:** Vimeo.com/anff

WUCA Website is

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### ***Preaching Schedule February & March 2025***

<b>Sunday 2 February</b>	Trials & Tribulations – Part III
<b>Friday 7</b>	Combined Prayer Service – Malachi – Praying for Pastors
<b>Sunday 9</b>	Borrowing Worry
<b>Tuesday 11</b>	Romans Chapter 12
<b>Sunday 16</b>	Judgement Vs Discernment
<b>Tuesday 18</b>	Christian Doctrine - Man
<b>Sunday 23</b>	Spiritual Procrastination & Selfishness
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	NT Preview – Leading to Jesus. The 400 Silent Years
<b>Sunday 2 March</b>	Communion Sunday
<b>Friday 7</b>	Combined Prayer Service – Malachi – Praying for People
<b>Sunday 9</b>	Colossians 2:6
<b>Tuesday 11</b>	Romans 12
<b>Sunday 16</b>	Colossians 2:8
<b>Tuesday 18</b>	Christian Doctrine - Man
<b>Sunday 23</b>	Colossians 2:9
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	NT Preview – Leading to Jesus. The 400 Silent Years
<b>Sunday 30</b>	Colossians 2:10

## Church Bank Details

If you would like to make a regular

Voluntary gift by direct debit towards meeting church expenses then our details are:

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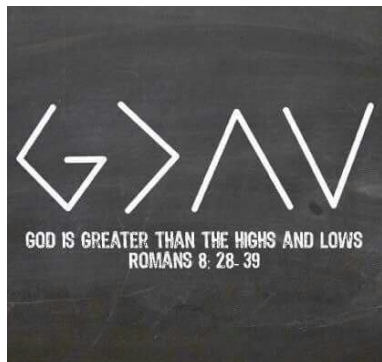
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## Lectionary Readings

Available on the table at the back of the church



## Memory Verses



Each week we are being challenged to learn and remember a memory verse.

2 February – Psalm 121:5-6

9 February – Psalm 121:7-8

16 February – Romans 8:28

23 February – Romans 8:29-30

2 March – Romans 8:31-32

9 March – Romans 8:33-34

16 March – Romans 8:35-37

23 March – Romans 8: 38-39

30 March – Galatians 6:14



## Bottles and Cans for Cash

Please save your empty bottles and cans.

Normal milk bottles are not accepted but flavoured milk bottles and cartons are as well as fruit drink cartons and bottles.



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