



# MOUNT ISA BAPTIST CHURCH

local church, regional footprint, global impact

Follow Us



## NOVEMBER 2019

**Welcome** to Mount Isa Baptist Church, and thank you for joining us this morning. We do hope that your time with us is helpful for your life and faith.

We invite you to stay for morning tea after the service.

### House Keeping



The **toilets** are located through the door next to the stage.



The **parents' room** is located at the back of the auditorium. A video feed of the service is available.



**Sunday School** is available for primary aged and young children throughout the school term.



In an **emergency**, please gather in the carpark.



### Prayer Points

\*The healing for those who are not well at the moment.

\*People's hearts and minds in Mount Isa- That God will continue to steer them towards His love.

\*That we are prepared to be fruitful on the frontline, and live as witness to God's Glorious Grace and Love.

"...Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."

Esther 4:16

ESV



Perhaps like me, you have struggled with some of portrayals of Esther and Mordecai in the initial chapters of the book. As Christians, we are eager to read of the people of God in a virtuous light, or perhaps even impose that standard if it's absent or ambiguous.

But as I continue to read over these chapters, it seems that the best reading is that after years in exile, the spiritual vitality of God's people had declined. We see this in Esther, keeping in step with the empire, and with Mordecai's ambiguous decision not to bow to Haman. What should we conclude from this?

I like the Clarification that Karen Jobes brings to the issue,

The Bible from Genesis to Revelation is the story of God's reconciling fallen humanity to himself in Jesus Christ. Other than Jesus himself, the people in the biblical stories are no paragons of virtue. Each of them has serious character flaws and questionable motives. Because of this, we must be cautious and discerning before imitating the specific behaviors of any biblical person, particularly those of the Old Testament. As Christians our exemplary role model is Jesus, and the basis for ethical living the fruit of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal. 5).

The point is there needs to be no tension here. There is only one hero in the Bible, and all of history. It's not the supporting characters in the Bible, it's certainly not you or I. The gaping holes in the character of God's people causes to cast our eyes off of each other, and onto the only one who is worthy... Jesus!

Jobes, K. H. (1999). Esther (p. 140). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.



## Monthly Calendar

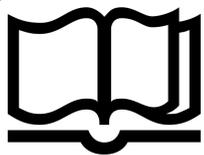
\*5th \*Mens Shed is at the Salvos Shed at the Mount Isa Airport, 6:30- 8:30. \$10.

\*10th Coffee Club Youth Study. All youth are invited to a Study with Debbie Elmslie, which will be held at the Coffee Club. Meeting in the study room in church, at 11am.

\*17th Annual General Meeting and the Members Meeting will both be held after Church on Sunday, the 17th of November.

\*17th YWAM: Please have your glasses into the foyer box by Sunday the 17th, for Debbie.

\* 24th, 1st Big Hearted Gifts Kathy Grosser will be holding a stall over the two Sundays mentioned.



## Monthly Sermons

\*3rd Esther Makes a Stand (Esther 4)

\*10th The man the king Honors (Esther 6:1-14)

\*17th Meekness and Subtlety (Esther 5:1-14)

\*24th Surprise in Susa (Esther 7:1-10)

## Happy Birthday



Please don't forget to let the office know about your families birthdays!

\*4th Kathy Grosser

\*5th Eliza Grant

\*16th Heidi Skinner

\*29th Ben Beard

May you be blessed on your special day

## Giving



### Direct Deposit

Bank: Baplink  
BSB: 704 913  
A/C: 400039228

A/C Name: Mount Isa Baptist Church Operating Account

*\*Please leave a reference for your deposit*

### Online Giving

<https://mountisabaptist.com.au/give>

### Text to Give

Text ' give' to 0427868347 and follow the prompts

## Cleaning & Morning Tea Roster



3 <sup>rd</sup>	Holly Page & Audrey Cullen
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Dunn & Amanda Smart
17 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Easzon & Jess Skinner
24 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Mahaffey & Karissa Smith

May God bless you in your beautiful service!

## Church Leaders



### Pastor

Timothy Grant 0401953213  
tim@mountisabaptist.com.au

### Elders

Justin Elliot 0423093991  
elliottjl@hotmail.com

Ron Bishop 0411519154  
debishop60@gmail.com

### Treasurer

Christie Jones 0439910388  
christiekate15@hotmail.com

### Children's Ministries

Karissa Smith 0429033286  
mopar68@bigpond.com

### Creative Ministries

Graeme Foster 0459253496  
ghfoster07@gmail.com

## Ministry Leaders



### **KYB - Thursday 9-10am**

Hannah Foster 0432664282  
Summer Maheffey 0422372785

### **KYB - Thursday 7:30-9pm**

Jan Dunn 0497982473

### **Mainly Music - Wednesday 9:15-11pm**

Karissa Smith 0429033286

### **Girl's Brigade - Wednesday 6-8pm**

Janette Lewis 0419735814

### **Boy's Brigade - Wednesday 6-8pm**

Sam & Jess Skinner 0400357882

### **Sunshine Corner - Sunday 9:30-10:30am**

Sarah Beard 0431804031  
Janice Cusack 0428155668

### **Junior Church - Sunday 9:30-10:30am**

Debbie Elmslie 0416577600

### **Creative Ministries (Worship Team)**

Graeme Foster 0459253496

### **Mary Martha**

Church Office  
office@mountisabaptist.com.au

### **Small Groups**

Justin Elliot 0423093991