



# NEWSLETTER

27 June – 3 July 2022

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## NRCC News and Notices

### ▪ **Callisters Preaching on July 17**

Bill & Sandra Callister will be sharing their recent mission journey as well as a God's message with us. Please invite your friends or family members to this wonderful opportunity to know what the Lord is doing through the hands of His followers.

### ▪ **Baptism & Confirmation**

If you have not been baptised into the Body of Christ in your faith journey or want to have a personal reaffirmation of your previous baptism, please contact Steve.

## Community News and Notices

### ▪ **Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links**

Uniting Church Assembly: <https://uniting.church/news/>

NSW & ACT Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/>

### ▪ **Moderator's Flood Appeal to help devastated communities**

The Uniting Church NSW/ACT has launched a special appeal to help those communities devastated by record-breaking floods.

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/media-release-moderator-s-flood-appeal-to-help-devastated-communities/>

## Reflection of the Week

Fear hinders your potential for God and robs your joy. It can ruin your family, friendships, and relationship with God. It always masquerades as something else—as extreme caution, timidity, insecurity, a lack of confidence, or procrastination. Do you live in fear? If you are constantly afraid, then you may be living behind bars more powerful than steel.

Paul—along with many other Biblical heroes—discovered the antidote to fear: faith in Christ! In other words, when you realize that God is in total control of your life, fear will be banished, for "perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18). In Acts 18:1-17, we see how God strengthened Paul at a time when discouragement could have defeated him.

Firstly, God provided Paul with godly friends. Aquila and Priscilla came to Corinth from Rome because Emperor Claudius made a declaration that all Jews, whether they were Christian Jews or not, must leave the city of Rome. By God's providence, they ended up in Corinth.

Secondly, God blessed Paul's faithfulness. Despite the havoc that ensued following his uncompromised preaching of the Gospel and its poor reception by the Corinthian crowd, God sustained Paul and blessed his faithfulness as a Jewish leader and his family came to Christ.

Thirdly, God fellowshiped with Paul personally in a very special way, speaking to him in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city" (Acts 18:9-10). God made it clear that Paul would fulfill His purpose in Corinth and that there were many people to be won to Christ in that city.

And fourthly, God frustrated the enemy's plan to thwart the spread of the Gospel (see Acts 18:12-17). The Jews took Paul before the proconsul to have him decree it unlawful for Paul to proclaim the Gospel. But instead of having a landmark decision to stop the Great Commission throughout the Roman Empire, what did the proconsul do? Gallio, who was known for his acute sense of justice, dismissed the case.

Just as God ministered to Paul in Corinth, He will minister to you in your trials as you are faithful to Him. When you desire to honor and serve God, He will provide for your every need. When your life's goal is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, God will always minister to you.

*Prayer: God, thank You for Your lovingkindness to me and the ways You minister to me as I seek to do Your will. Help me to rest in You and to see the encouragement You bring to me. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

**"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7).**

### **E - give** (Direct Electronic Giving)

**Account Name:** North Rocks Community Church  
**(BSB):** 634634 **Account Number:** 100025906

### **Prayers**

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn, Steve or Pastoral Care Team.  
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## **Ministry Leaders**

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### **Church Council**

Chairperson: Cathy Nelson      Secretary: Jenny Keyte      Treasurer: Anne Crabb

### **Team Leaders**

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