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Scripture Focus

¹⁶ Respect your father and mother, and you will live a long and successful life in the land I am giving you.

The fifth commandment includes reciprocal duties. While grammatically it is written to the one showing honor or obedience, it includes the responsibilities of those in positions of authority and honor.

The command isn't simply that children honor their parents but also "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

Husbands are to love their wives and live with them in an understanding way (see Ephesians 5:25 and 1 Peter 3:7). Spiritual leaders are to speak the word of God (Hebrews 13:7), labor and admonish (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13), and lead by example and persuasion (1 Peter 5:1-3).

To put it simply, those in positions of authority or honor must protect, provide, bless, and love those that are under them, and do nothing that would detract or lessen the honor and authority God has put on them.

The fifth commandment also contains a promise: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12).

This promise is not set aside in the New Testament but is emphasized as a motivation for its keeping: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land'" (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Where lawful authorities are not submitted to, nor honor shown to those to whom it is due, or when those in such positions abuse and misuse that which God has given, no blessing can be expected.

In fact, the Bible and experience shows the disastrous consequences of unruly children, domineering husbands, rebelling citizens, wicked rulers, and selfish shepherds. But there is temporal blessing and prosperity promised to the household, church, and society where the fifth commandment is obeyed.

Kyle Borg

Child Safe Sunday

This Sunday the 3rd of September is Child Safe Sunday. This day recognises the church's call to be a safe place for all people; our commitment to do that; and celebrates us being a community.

Thank you for the role each of you plays in helping to make AUC a safe place for all people - whether that is updating your Screenings, undertaking training, or reporting something which seems concerning to you.

If you have any questions, concerns, or want more information about what we are doing to safeguard our community, please chat to Victoria Pederick. Thanks for helping to keep everyone safe!

Please be aware that our worship services are live streamed on ZOOM so if you are not comfortable in having your image captured then we encourage you to sit in the back row of the church in front of the creative tables.

Worship Online or at Home

If you wish to join in our online Zoom service on Sunday mornings at 9.30am, you can view the service as it is happening, using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88191652947?pwd=M1pMZCtXY2FGOENtaGN3M3EwcVh6Zz09>

or enter this Meeting ID: 881 9165 2947 and passcode: 7777

Services are recorded each week. To request a copy please contact the church office.

If you are away or not able to connect with us on Zoom you might find the Worship at Home resource a helpful alternative to use. This self-guided resource has been prepared by Rev Cheryl Wilson of Ascot Park Uniting and can be accessed each week at the following link: <https://sa.uca.org.au/worship-at-home/>

MISSIONAL

September is Shoeboxes!

Remember that September is when we collect and fill our shoeboxes.

The October TOFS meeting will be for the ladies to pack as many boxes as we can.

Remember now is the time to go shopping if you haven't already done so.

I will have the boxes and pamphlets for you to take home each Sunday in September.

If you feel that you are unable to pack a box, there are other ways that you can help:

1. We still need donations, not only of goods, but also of money. It costs \$10 for each shoebox and our congregation has been wonderful in the past in helping to cover these costs for us.
2. You can now give boys and girls in need a tangible expression of God's love through a gift-filled shoebox packed from your computer or mobile device. Just follow this link:

<https://occdonations.samaritanspurse.org.au/product/pack-a-shoebox-online/>

Bless you all. Friederike

Missions

Here are just some of the mission projects, and how you can support them at Athelstone UC:

Uniting Communities	Please keep bringing in your donations and let's fill the giving table. Contact: Brenton Summers.
Aussie Breadtags for Wheelchairs	Bring them to church to support the charity Aussie Breadtags for Wheelchairs. You'll find a container on the giving table.
Sally Stamp	Bring stamps to the office to help with this ministry.
Samaritan's Purse	See note above re donations required for Operation Christmas Child in September.

CONNECT GROUPS

TOFS

Our next TOFS coffee afternoon is on Tuesday 5th September at 2pm. We will be meeting at Bake and Brew Café, 571 Montague Rd, Modbury. This is next to the Tea Tree Gully Council Chambers and Library. The Café closes at 3pm so please be prompt. Sue has promised to make some scones for us. All are welcome.

Sheralyn Robertson

Wirra – Watch & Wonder



Enjoying the sunny days? Spring, wirltuti is on its way and is a perfect time to connect with nature. Take time to view the new information on the display board in the lower hall and enjoy the colours emerging in the wirra.

The wirra continues to need maintenance and promotion, so if you are interested in assisting, please make contact.

Joy and Bruce Stewart

Connect Groups

At Athelstone Uniting Church we encourage everyone to find ways to find connections within our church community. Here are some of the Connect Groups you might consider joining.

Connect Group	When/Where	Contact
Book Club	1 st & 3 rd Tues of the month at 9.30 am in people's homes	Office
Threads	2 nd & 4 th Tues of the month at 2-4 pm in Indigo Espresso Cafe	Office
Triple Cs – Men's Group	2 nd Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Venues vary.	Ray Walter
TOFs Fellowship Group	1 st Tues of the month. 2 – 4pm. Venues vary.	Sheralyn Robertson

NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

Communion Helpers Wanted

Now that we are returning to our pre-covid style of communion, we would like to return to having 1 or 2 volunteers rostered on to prepare the elements and 4 volunteers to assist with serving communion. So we are inviting you to please prayerfully consider if this is something that you can help with on a Sunday morning. Communion is held on the 1st Sunday of each month. Please let Carol in the office know if you would like to assist with communion preparation, serving, or both. You can email Carol at office@athelstonechurch.org.au or call during church office hours on 8336 9905.

Carol Lang (Office Coordinator)

Worship Rosters for Sept-Nov 2023

The worship rosters for Sept – Nov have been released and emailed out to volunteers via email. If you need, or want a hardcopy, there are copies available for collection in the pamphlet display in the entry foyer.

Remember that this is a roster template and you can swap, or find a replacement, if can't do your rostered turn. Please just communicate any swaps with the office so that we can update the master version.

Worship at Home Emails

Please be advised that we will be ceasing the weekly Worship Reminder emails sent to your inboxes on Saturdays for the time being. Please refer to this weekly newsletter for the links to worship online or at home.

Congregational Meeting

Save the Date! A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday 24th September, following the morning service.

School Ministry Support Group

The Campbelltown School Ministry Group have invited us to send some representatives to join them for lunch at Rostrevor Baptist Church on Thursday 28 September from 12.00 – 1.30 pm. The purpose of this lunch is to hear about what being involved in a support group means. Please let Jeff Dry, or the office know, if you would be prepared to go along to the lunch to find out more and/or to act as our church representative/contact for Schools Ministry. They do such amazing work in our Schools!



**inside the
school gate.**
wellbeing for the schools of Campbelltown.

12:00–1.30pm Thursday 28 September
Rostrevor Baptist Church,
288 Montacute Road, Rostrevor

SMG loves partnering with local churches to extend its ministry within the schools of Outer North East Area of Adelaide. Frank Eames will share what role a Support Group has in School Ministry and how being a part of the local support group can help bring purpose, value and hope to school communities in your area.

Come and enjoy a light lunch at Rostrevor Baptist Church. (lunch included, refreshments available for purchase at the café).

For more information contact Lorraine Poole
p: 0490 373 164 or e: lorraine@smg.net.au

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Prayer Requests

Can we support you in prayer? Here's how:

Prayer Chain - send an email to, or call Brenton Summers, who will pass your prayer request on to a group of people who faithfully pray in response to Prayer Chain emails.

Confidential Prayers - if the issue is more personal you are invited to contact Ken Wright for individual prayer or one of the members of the Pastoral Care Oversight team (Lee O'Connell, Brenton Summers, Ann Brown, Bob Stevenson). All prayer requests going to the team will be kept strictly confidential within this team.

Prayers for Others (Sunday Worship) - If you have something you would like to be included, please let Brenton Summers know. "We are all called to pray for one another, and so we are all encouraged to offer to pray for, or with others, especially if they share a concern with you." (James 5:13-16).

Offering

Why do we give? We give to support the ministry and mission of the Church. We give in response to all that God has done for us. Giving is an act of worship.

How much do we give? We give as we are able. Pray for wisdom on how generously you are called to give. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV)

How do we give? Regular electronic giving and one-off donations can be made using the following details:

Account name: Athelstone Uniting Church Account **BSB:** 704 095 **Account number:** 110043

Application forms for setting up regular e-giving through UC e-give are available at: <https://ucinvest.com.au/forms-and-information#page=page-1>.

Cash Offerings are received on Sunday mornings in the Offering Box on the Giving Table. Contact Glen Luestner for more information.

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

Voice to Parliament Resources

During this year, Australians will be asked to consider supporting a Voice to Parliament for the First Nations of our country. Through a referendum we will be asked to support a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice. Our Uniting Church members, along with other Australians, are engaging in the conversation about a First Nations Voice and The Uluru Statement from the Heart. For a list of helpful resources as you consider your response, please consult one of the links below:

<https://uniting.church/voice-to-parliament-resources/>

<https://uniting.church/statement-from-the-heart-study-guide/>

<https://voice.gov.au/community-toolkit>

Wider Church News

Uniting Church in Australia: <https://uniting.church/>

Uniting Church in South Australia: <https://sa.uca.org.au/>

To receive SA UC E-News personally, subscribe at <https://sa.uca.org.au/uc-e-news/>

The New Times is available online at: <https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/new-times-print-edition/>

Wimala Presbytery website: <https://wimala.ucasa.org.au/>

Frontier News: <https://frontierservices.org/news-media/our-resources/frontier-news/>

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

Role	3 rd Sept	10 th Sept	Role	3 rd Sept	10 th Sept
Prayer with Preacher	Meg E	Robyn F	Tick & Flick	Trevor C	Brenton S
Worship Leader	David W	Robyn S	Door	Jenny R David R	Jan R Gus R
Preacher	Ken W	Ken W	Notices	Worship Leader	Brenton S
Singers	Eric H Ann B Sylvia M	Jean R Bob S Janet L	Count Offering	Don B Sylvia M	Bob S Friederike A-W
Sound Desk	Don B	Noel M	Bible Reader	Noel M	Jean R
Data Projector	Sam W	Sam W	Flowers	Marie H	Carole W
Chair Steward	Sharon T Scott T	Bob S Brenton S	Communion Prep	Leanne S	N/A
Building Steward	Noel M	Richard R	Communion Servers	Jean R Victoria P	N/A
Zoom Production	Graham J	Graham J			

If you cannot take your turn, please swap with someone, or if late notice contact the worship leader or Rev Ken Wright for that service as appropriate. Thank you.

CHURCH BUILDING – BOOKINGS

Special Event or changes to regular bookings or location are highlighted **in bold**.

Day	Time	Location	Hirer/User
Monday 4 th September	4.45 - 6.45 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday 4 th September	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 5 th September	9.30 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Tuesday 5 th September	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday 6 th September	9.30 – 10.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 7 th September	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Thursday 7 th September	7.30 – 8.30 pm	Auditorium	Worship Practice
Saturday 9 th September	9.00 – 11.30 am	Lower Hall	GM Pilates
Saturday 9 th September	9.30 – 11.30 am	Auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 – 3.00 pm	Top hall	AGPN (Medical HQ)

Booking Note: The Australian Electoral Commission intend to use Athelstone UC as a pre-polling and voting sight for the upcoming referendum between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm from Monday 2nd October through to Saturday 14th October. A period of time will also be needed to set up and pack up on October 1st, 13th & 14th. This will likely impact chair set up for services and cleaning times. During pre-polling hours we will still have access to the lower hall, office and meeting rooms but we will only have access to the auditorium outside of pre-polling hours. As it is school holidays our regular calisthenics hirer has not been impacted. Perfect timing for her! Further details to come.