

# NEWSLETTER November 2024

# The Word for Today by Bob and Debby Gass "Today God is calling you"

'Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle.' Romans 1:1 NKJV

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God reached into a part of Paul's background that had been formed before he became a Christian, and He found some very useful things there. And they weren't all spiritual things. They were also academic and cultural. Even though Paul seemed unqualified because of his monumental hatred for Christians, his background actually qualified him in a unique way.

As a former Pharisee, he understood the Scriptures and the mindset of those who would oppose him. And his former spiritual blindness gave him compassion for the lost. God used both the good and the bad experiences in Paul's life. And He can do the same for you too!

Think about it: when God looked for a man to be an early leader in His church, to write down the theology of His church, to debate religious leaders who argued against His church, to advance the cause of Christ in academic and social arenas, to carry the message all the way from the lowest person on the street to the throne of Caesar, God found a man who already had the necessary qualifications – and that man was Paul.

Here is how God works: first He seeks you out, then He prepares you, then He positions you, and then He empowers you to do what He knows you can do most effectively. And God's call is the only thing that will make you completely happy, although you don't always know that in advance.

So, is God calling you? Is He preparing you? Is He positioning you? Is He empowering you? Your highest level of joy and fulfilment in life will come when you surrender to Him and say yes.

SoulFood: 1 Kings 16:1 – 18:15 Matt 14:13-21 Ps 121 Pro 12:23-24

PLEASE NOTE THE SUTCLIFFE'S WILL BE AWAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOV UNTIL 6<sup>TH</sup> DEC – THEY WILL NOT HAVE INTERNET OR PHONE ACCESS DURING THIS TIME-



#### **November Newsletter**



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10th following the service

PLEASE RSVP (either via email or sign-up sheet) we will supply meat Please bring a plate to share

## LOCAL MISSION PLAN

Opportunity for input November 10th

We would love everyone to have the opportunity to share together as we put together our 2025 local mission plan, we welcome thoughts and ideas in the lead up to (or after) this date as well. We will be looking at:-



## **Creating faith pathways**

How do we create opportunities for people to explore the Christian faith? How do we help followers of Jesus grow in love and service of God and others?

#### **Building healthy communities**

How do we promote mutual flourishing in our Salvos community AND

... contribute to building a healthy wider local community?

#### **Social Justice**

How can we raise awareness of injustice and actively work alongside others for a more just world?

What are the social justice needs of our local community?

## **Caring for People**

How can we move from transactional models of assistance to opportunities for transformation? How do we care for "our" people?

## With each of these the overarching questions are:

What has been working well in our mission expression? What would we like it to look like? How can we improve what we are doing? What could we start doing? What could we stop doing that has not been working? How can we care for people engaged with other mission expressions?





## Hope Revealed

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, we hear from Major Matt Reeve as he shares via video about Hope Revealed

Hope revealed conversation starters The writer of Job says, "Having hope will give you courage. You will be protected and will rest in safety" Job 11:18, NLT

- How does having hope help you?
- How does your faith in Jesus bring you hope?
- · How could you create hope for someone else?
- In what ways have you seen hope revealed in our community?



TSA are so excited to see launched the A Year of Prayer on the Bible App, with all-new weekday devotionals for each weekly scripture.

Each Year of Prayer weekly scripture now has five individual Bible reflections, prayer and actions to match. Just search 'A Year of Prayer' on the App! We have just released Season One, with three more seasons to be launched next!

You can begin any time, and invite friends to do it with you. As you participate, the YouVersion App means can share comments and connect.

You can also choose to receive daily notifications to remind you to read the Bible, pray together and connect.

The devotions are accessible and can be read for Area Leadership Teams, or small groups, or meetings, or discipleship groups, or reflections, or gatherings, or anything you could imagine needing a simple Biblical thought, prayer and action.

Join in reading A Year of Prayer: Season One Weekday Devotionals:

The Ordination, Commissioning and Sending Out of The Champions of The Mission is coming soon. Please mark **Sunday 24th November 2024** in your calendars for this significant event in the lives of our soon-to-be-commissioned cadets. The online link will be available closer to the time



#### **November Newsletter**



#### Join us for the Last Post Ceremony

Featuring the story of William Bramwell 'Bill' Tibbs (1909-1943) — the only Salvation Army Red Shield Representative who never came home.

#### Thursday 7 November 2024

LOCATION: Australian War Memorial, Canberra TIME: 4.30PM



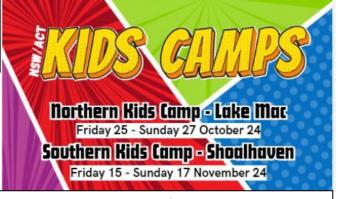
To register attendance or to lay a wreath, scan the QR code

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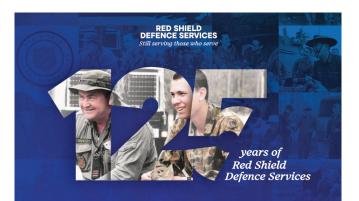
For more information or assistance with registration, contact: Brett Gallagher at brett.gallagher@salvationarmy.org.au



Gungahlin Launch Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November @10am



Jodie is taking a number of kids away to camp in November, please keep both the kids and leaders in your prayers



#### **Dinner celebrating 125 years**

Join us for a special evening marking The Salvation Army's 125 years of service alongside Australian Defence Force members, beginning with the Boer War. The night will include the launch of Lindsay Cox's new book on The Salvation Army's ministry during the Boer War and World War I

#### Thursday 7 November 2024

TIME: 6.00PM VENUE: Aircraft Hall, Australian War Memorial, Canberra COST: NO CHARGE



Scan the QR code to register. Limited to 100 attendees, including invited guests.

Contact: Brett Gallagher at brett.gallagher@salvationarmy.org.au



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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 25 November

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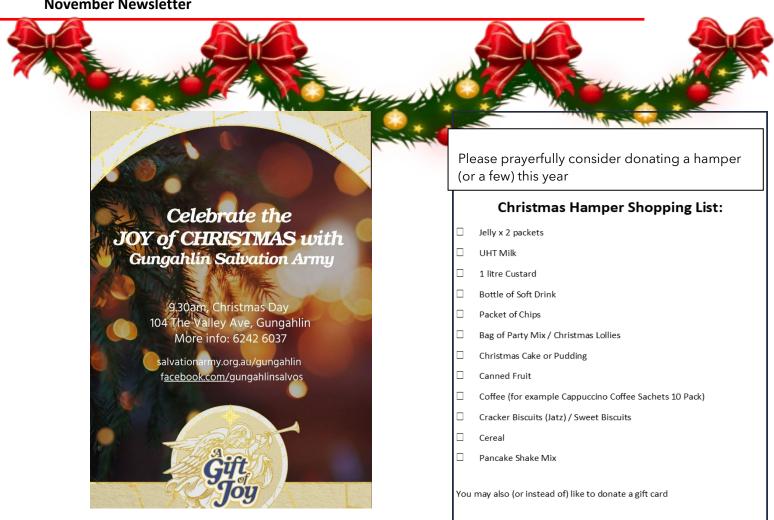
# LOVE IS:

"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion — how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."

1 JOHN 3:16-18, NLT

RECOGNISE. WHERE TO FIND HELP RESPOND. REFER.







Information regarding other carolling locations and dates will be available shortly

## Christmas Cheer

We need help to set up and hand out Christmas Cheer hampers and toys

Christmas Cheer Hampers and Toys - Set up 18th December - distribution 19<sup>th</sup> and (20<sup>th</sup> depending on numbers). Please reach out of you can help

Need some assistance at Christmas or know someone who does, please use the QR code to apply for a Christmas hamper

