



St Clair/Erskine Park Christian Church

Sunday 1st February 2026

If Day

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. —

James 1:2-3

February 19, 1942, was a fascinating day for Canada. It was “If Day”—a World War II staging of a fake Nazi invasion of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The intent was to show what it would be like if Canada fell under the harsh occupation of Nazi forces, and so that Canadians would support the war effort more fully.

As one person described the event: “If Day brought home the reality of Nazi occupation. Manitobans got a very bitter taste of nearly every aspect of Nazi brutality.” The key word there is *nearly*. While “If Day” was a valiant attempt to educate people about danger in the world, it could not begin to recreate the actual suffering that was sweeping Europe.

Real trials in life are not *ifs*—they are *whens*. In fact, life’s most profound lessons cannot simply be observed, they must be experienced. It is there, in actual seasons of heartache and loss, that we gain greater insights into life, faith, and our need of God. To that end, James wrote, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience” (James 1:2-3).

Trials come because we live in a broken world, but we decide if we will learn the lessons taught. There are no “ifs” about it—it is an important way to grow.

**Though you cannot see the outcome,
Trust the Lord—He knows what's best;
Be assured He sees your trial,
And He's with you in your test. —Hess**

Tough times can teach us to trust.

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TODAY'S SERVICE 1st February 2026

8:30am **Lord's Supper**
Welcome: Enzo Leto

9:45am **BDT/Teaching Service**
Welcome: Enzo Leto
Chairman: Brett Rossiter
Speaker: Allan Driver
Morning Tea: Coman's



TEACHING PROGRAM

1 st Feb	James 1:1-12 The Christian's Attitude to Trials Speaker: Allan Driver
8 th Feb	James 1:13-18 The Christian's Attitude to Temptation Speaker: Elliot Wright
15 th Feb	James 1:19-27 The Christian's Attitude of Obedience Speaker: Allan Driver
22 nd Feb	James 2:1-13 The Christian's Attitude to the Rich & Poor Speaker: Elliot Wright
1 st Mar	James 2:14-26 The Christian's Attitude of Faith and Action Speaker: Michael Smith
8 th Mar	James 3:1-12 The Christian's Attitude to the Tongue Speaker: Mark Fleming

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12 ESV



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

BDT 9:45am Sunday – Resumes 1/2/2026

Bible Discovery Time (BDT), Sunday School for Preschool to year 10 and a crèche for the toddlers.

ERV 2:00pm Wednesday 4/2/2026 (TBC)

Sharing God's word at Emmaus Retirement Village, Kemps Creek

4:12 Friday Night

Resumes Friday 13th February 2026

Youth Group for ages 11 to 16

7pm to 9pm

at Cook Parade Neighbourhood Centre

Contact Belinda on 0418 268 002

BIBLE STUDIES & FELLOWSHIP

Ladies Bible Studies:

Monday Night, 7:30pm at the Leto's

Contact: Jenny Leto

Tuesday Morning, 10:30am at the Raj's

Contact: Annie Raj

Prayer Night

7:30pm Wednesday Night VIA ZOOM

All welcome – If you don't have the Zoom Link please contact Jenny L

FROM THE MAILBOX



- ❖ AMT Global Prayer Matters 2604
- ❖ Ireland Outreach "Mission Exposure 2026" Newsletter
- ❖ Ireland Outreach Harvest Highlights October-December 2025
- ❖ Bible League Prayer Calendar February 2026
- ❖ AMT Urban Mission Camp 6-11 April 2026, Melbourne
- ❖ Barnabas Aid Prayer Focus Update February 2026
- ❖ Trumpet's Sound Magazine November-December 2025

And God Said Conference Saturday 21st February 2026

Decisions that Please God

9:30am to 2:00pm

Riverstone Community Church
15 Hamilton St, Riverstone

Speaker: John Fleming

[Register](#)

CHURCH LUNCHEON Sunday 22nd February 2026

If anyone is interested in organising this, please let Jenny L know. Thanks.

BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday 10th February 2026
7:30pm
at the Leto's

NEXT WEEK

8th February 2026

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Teaching Audio

Audio's of our Teaching are now being uploaded onto Spotify—Podcasts—STEP CC Bible Teaching.

[Visit Spotify](#)

OFFERING

For those wishing to do a Direct Deposit:

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Acct No. 1024 4479
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Christian Church
Reference: Offering

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