



Happy Rock Happenings

with David & Zoë Browne • October 2025



'Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith' Hebrews 12:2-3 This week marks one year since it was announced we had accepted the call to serve the gospel in Gladstone. This calling has been made possible by the prayers of many, in particular the saints of BCA.

Much has happened, much has changed, and there is much for which we thank God.

A lot has happened this year. Sunday services have been a source of encouragement and joy. Our preaching series has explored several biblical books and themes, including Luke's Gospel, salvation from Eden to Eternity, HOPE25, Daniel, and Hebrews. Our church family have responded well to series-style preaching, supplemented by Bible study books for group or individual Bible studies.

Sunday attendance has steadily grown over the year – a source of real encouragement. We are getting used to having new people at church most weeks. At St Peter's, Kids' Church recommenced in January and one Sunday we had 11 kids!

Give thanks to God for the faithful support and witness of BCA to 'go the distance' as we seek to share the Gospel in Gladstone and Central Qld.

Give God great thanks for our community of faithful

disciples, who are responding well to preaching. Give thanks for the spirit of encouragement and joy that is evident. Pray for visitors and newcomers to feel welcomed and engaged. Pray for the faithfulness of our kids and their desire to know Jesus.

Outreach is a core part of our mission to know Christ and make Him known. This happens in many ways, but particularly through our Op Shop, Soup Kitchen, Shed Sale and RI. In September, we hosted the National Police Remembrance Day service, honouring those who lost their lives in the line of duty.



Banner Image: St Saviour's Gladstone

Circle Image: The Browne family

Middle Image: New church sign in Clinton

Bottom Image: David holds the new church sign in Gladstone as it's screwed into place



Balloons in Cappadokya, Turkiye

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Every day, we have opportunities to serve our local community, pray for them and encourage them. Some of these conversations have borne good fruit including a parent and three kids coming to church.

Other conversations can take a lot of energy, wisdom and grace – caring for people struggling with homelessness, addiction and health issues. These ministries wouldn't happen without the faithful service of many volunteers.

Give thanks for the privilege of serving the community as an example of Jesus, tending to people's physical and spiritual needs. Give thanks for the volunteers and donors who make these outreach ministries possible. Pray for building strong relationships and wisdom in pastoral care.

Christmas planning is well under way. Life in Central Queensland has a different rhythm to the Darling Downs, but the birth of Jesus is at the heart of why we are here. We are currently discerning how to best use our time and energy for Christmas services.

Our hope is to provide opportunities for people to encounter Christ at Christmas,

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both in Gladstone and out in the satellite town of Calliope.

Give thanks for the privilege of sharing the Good News of the newborn Christ. Pray for wisdom and discernment in planning services and outreach; that we would be diligent in our efforts and God would be glorified.

Looking ahead, 2026 will have some different rhythms. After a very hectic year in 2025, we're glad to not be moving anywhere! Planning for preaching and Bible studies is well underway, with a chance to dig deep into a series on prayer, our baptismal vows, Matthew's Gospel, Genesis and Romans. We're also looking forward to joining in at CMS Summer School in

January, BCA Connect in April, as well as the BCA Field Staff Conference in July.

Give thanks for the privilege of planning for next year. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead all decisions in ministry. Give thanks for the opportunity to gather with fellow ministry workers and be encouraged through teaching and fellowship. Pray that more people would be willing to 'go the distance' in supporting BCA's mission.

In August, we headed off for a family wedding and much needed R&R. Travelling to Türkiye was an incredible



The church at Laodikeia

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opportunity to walk the path of early Christian disciples.

We were amazed by the culture, the people, the hospitality, and of course, the food! It was a special time as a family to travel together, to rest in God's goodness, and to be encouraged by the faithful witnesses of early Christians from over 1500 years ago.

We traversed the countryside and went to all the seven churches in the book of Revelation: Ephesus, Laodicea, Thyatira, Smyrna, Pergamum,

Sardis and Philadelphia.

In September, we got to celebrate Zoë's graduation from her Master of Theology (Biblical Studies). We're reminded that everything we do as a family, including rest and study, is to strengthen and sustain us as disciples.

Give thanks for safety and rest from time on leave. Give thanks for time together as a family. Pray that we will rest in the Lord for all our physical and spiritual needs.



The boys in Türkiye



The Jesus Mosaic in the Hagia Sophia



Zoë at her MTh graduation

Thank you for your prayers and support!

David, Zoë, Micah & Jude

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