



ENNIS EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
EEC Newsletter

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Storing Up For Winter

As autumn approaches, you may notice the animals storing up food for the winter. We see the squirrels gathering the nuts and storing them for later consumption. The black crows in our garden take the bread and eat some of it and the rest they bury in the grass, again presumably to eat at a time when food is scarce in the winter. If you watch carefully, you will see that the animals are more clever than we give them credit for, in that they secretly watch each other to see where the food is stored and then they steal it when the other animal who stored it is not looking.

It is a natural cycle that there will be a time of plenty and a time of famine. We read in scripture that we need to plan and store in the time of plenty so that we have food in the time of famine. (Remember the story of Joseph in Egypt). We know that God cares for our physical needs but more important we are told in **Luke 12:31** "But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well." **Deuteronomy 8:3** "He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

We provide for physical life but what about our spiritual life? Just as we need food every day for the body, we also need spiritual food every day for living our lives. It is good to start the day with food, but we also need start the day with the Word of God. So, is there ever a need to store up spiritual food? The answer is a definite yes in that the same way you may crave a snack during the day between meals, there will be times that we don't have access to God's Word, and we need to draw unexpectedly during the day on our spiritual food that we have stored up in our memories. As we store the Word of God in our hearts and minds, we are effectively equipping ourselves with the armour of God and can use the sword of the Spirit (just as Jesus did when He was tempted), correctly quoting the Word of God to Satan who is waiting to catch us off guard. We guard our hearts by praying and allowing the peace of God to guard our hearts and minds.



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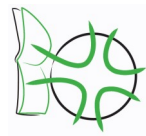
Verse of the Month

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
4 Ladies Prayer 10:00 - 12:00 am	5 19:30 pm Prayer and Praise	6	7	8	9	3 Prayer 9.45 Service 10:30am Alan
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### People / Events News

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

**Genesis 1:1 (NIV)**

#### Give Thanks for Every Season

Enjoying God’s autumn creation in Ennis. Can you recognise these two quiet



places to walk and relax?



#### Quote

“In our prayers we talk to God, in our Bible study God talks to us, and we had better let God do most of the talking.

**D L Moody**

#### Praise & Prayer

Teach me to do Your will, for you are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground! Psalm 143:10 (ESV)

#### This month, please pray for

- † Healing for those who have ongoing health issues and those in hospital.
- † Protection of the liberty to publicly live out a faithful

Christian life.

- † Those in authority in the government as they lead the country especially with respect to moral issues.
- † The Sanctity of life and that the legislators will acknowledge that we are fearfully and wonderfully made and it is not our decision to destroy what God has created.



### Technology and Scripture

Technology has dramatically changed the way that things are made and done, especially over the last 40 years with computers making things so much easier for us. Traditionally scripture would have been hand copied on scrolls, then in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century scripture was first printed and by the 18<sup>th</sup> Century it would have been a luxury to have a large family bible. Currently the bible is much more available with the complete Bible translated into just over 700 languages, while the New Testament is translated into over 1,600 languages. The world’s smallest Nano Bible was created as an experiment in miniaturisation by scientists who etched the 1.2 million letters of the Old Testament onto a disk no larger than the tip of a pen. Reading it requires an electron microscope magnified 10,000 times. Technology now allows us to have the bible available to us online and we can even play back audio scripture when we not in a position to read the Bible.



Scripture has even been read to us from space. Christmas eve 1968 when the Apollo 8 was orbiting the Moon astronauts Bill Anders, Jim Lovell, and Frank Borman recited verses 1 through 10 of the Genesis creation narrative from the King James Bible. Anders read verses 1–4, Lovell verses 5–8, and Borman read verses 9 and 10. David Scott commander of the Apollo 15 was the seventh person to walk on the moon and he left a copy of the Bible on the lunar rovers control panel which remains there on the moon today.

This is all wonderful information, and we are in a very privileged position today with all this scripture available to us, but we have to ask ourselves the question “Am I daily reading the Bible and have I read the entire Bible and if not what is preventing me from doing so?”

#### Tell Us About it!

If you’ve got some news make sure you tell us about it!

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#### ENNIS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Know Jesus-Make Him Known

This church is a New Testament community of faith. Our teaching and practices are based on the Bible. We seek to serve our local community, reaching out with the love, hope and salvation found through faith in Jesus only.

#### Pastoral Team

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