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Moments of Grace

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4: 10

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Meet a Fellow MBCer



Luke Bowie

What's something small that makes your day better?

When kids that I teach, or used to teach, just want to have a chat before school or during break times.

What's something people might be surprised to learn about you?

Before I became a teacher, I spent about 10 years working in the vineyards growing grapevines. I learned a lot more about plant biology through that than in biology class at school. I also grew a lot in my faith with a lot of time to ponder Scripture while working. The verses relating to grapevines are some of my favourites.

What's something you're proud of right now?

I'm always proud of my kids, but at the moment I'm especially proud of our soccer team. We formed a new team this year that is mostly from our youth group and it has been amazing. I love our team and I think God is pleased with what we are doing. It's been so positive and supportive.



Dave Bonsor

What's something small that makes your day better?

Coffee

What's something people might be surprised to learn about you?

I spent a night locked up in the Taree police holding cells.

What's something you're proud of right now?

How my two kids are so much better than I was. I can't really imagine them locked up in the police cells. I'm not sure how they are related to me.

Where have you noticed God at work lately — even quietly?

Quietly keeping me on track like a shepherd through soft nudges and convictions.

What's one hope you're carrying into the next few months?

To have worked through some problems and challenges because things break down in a world which isn't in its original perfect God-state.

Meet a Fellow MBCer



Grant Strickland

What's something you enjoy doing when you have time to yourself? Going on long bike rides.

What's something people might be surprised to learn about you? Before going into teaching I studied to become an accountant

What's something you're proud of right now? I'm in the last steps of completing my registration as a psychologist

Where have you noticed God at work lately — even quietly? Providing opportunities at work for to share my faith, even if it is discreetly

What's something you've had to learn the hard way? Trusting that God is in control, even when the miracle doesn't come.

Who's someone you appreciate right now?
My wife and Family



Amee Morris

Where do you feel most like yourself? I feel most like myself when I have spent time at the beach in the salt water or somewhere further out west where there is space forever and you can walk around on red dirt!

What's something people might be surprised to learn about you? Fossicking in opal country is very relaxing, I can sign the alphabet.

Where have you noticed God at work lately — even quietly? Our family has switched seasons and there are a lot of moving parts. I have also moved position at my school and learning the new position with my family's differing and changing needs has led to a lot of mental fatigue. God is so loving that He has quietly (and definitely loudly other times) shown me that this new load and time in life can only work when I have Him as the first priority to spend time with —not an afterthought when I have dropped the load again!

Who's someone you appreciate right now? I know some people will find this a cliché, but my husband is phenomenal! We have done a few seasons in life together now and my mind is always blown by how Ben allows God to work in him to change him and in turn us as a family. Ben has a teachable spirit with God and that flows through to the rest of his life, our marriage and for our children.



Ebony Payne

What's something small that makes your day better? A nice drive home after a long day at work, listening to worship music. There's something about having that quiet time to myself, reflecting on the day and just being reminded of God's presence that makes everything feel a little lighter.

What's something you're proud of right now? Myself. I'm proud of how far I've come in my faith and learning to trust God in every season. I'm showing up even when it's hard, choosing growth over comfort, and letting God shape me into a stronger, grounded version of who I am in Him.

When do you feel most at peace?

With my friends Amelia, Corey, Colin and James.

What's one hope you're carrying into the next few months?

One hope I'm carrying into the next few months is to keep drawing closer to God and remembering that He is close to the brokenhearted. I hope to trust that even in the difficult and uncertain seasons, He is near, healing what's been broken and leading me into something new.



Robynne Watts

What's something small that makes your day better? Starting the day slowly with at least an hour to ponder.

What's something you enjoy doing when you have time to yourself? Reading, watching the ocean, floating in the pool watching the clouds.

What's something people might be surprised to learn about you? I'm quiet and shy. Hahahaha... no, they probably have guessed that. I am trying to learn Spanish, Italian and German, with little success in the speaking department.

Who's someone you appreciate right now? At the moment I'm appreciating and being encouraged by those whose love for Jesus shines tangibly through them despite their circumstances. For example, I remember my 90-year-old great-grandmother, who, having just moved into a nursing home, casually shared with me that one of the nurses loved Jesus. As she told me, my grandmother's face was alight and her eyes sparkled, shining her own love for Jesus. Now in my sixties, I really appreciate her example and want to be like that.

When do you feel most at peace? When I am spending time with God appreciating His creation, I get to remember how small I am and while He loves me dearly, He is so vast and more complex than I can imagine.

From the Pastors Bookshelf

BY PASTOR ANDREW

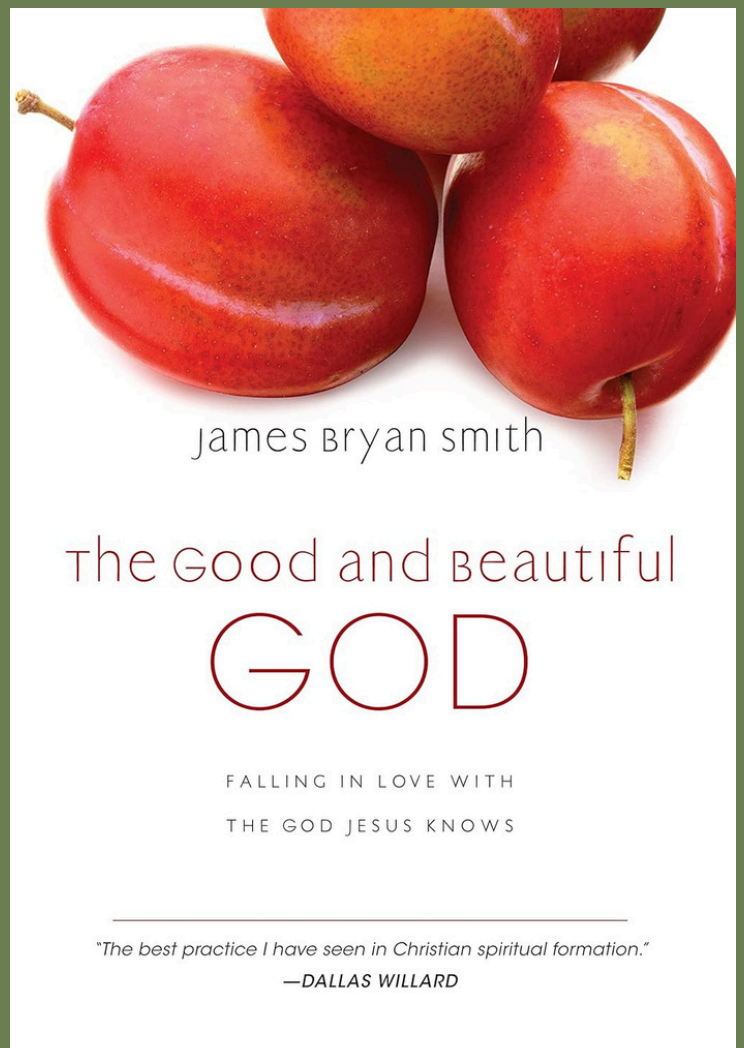
The Good and the Beautiful God | James Bryan Smith

James Bryan Smith addresses one of the most foundational yet often misunderstood aspects of the Christian life: our mental image of God. He argues that many believers live with distorted "God narratives" that quietly shape their faith, emotions, and behavior—and often hold them back from experiencing true spiritual transformation.

The Big Idea of this Book - Replacing False Narratives with Truth

The central thesis of this book is that spiritual growth begins by identifying and replacing false beliefs about God with what Jesus actually reveals. James Bryan Smith suggests that transformation doesn't come merely through willpower or religious activity, but through reshaping the stories we believe.

- **God Is Good:** Not distant, harsh, or easily angered, but consistently loving and trustworthy.
- **Jesus Reveals the Father:** The clearest picture of God's character is found in Christ's life and teachings.
- **Transformation Through Apprenticeship:** Becoming like Jesus involves intentional practices, not just intellectual agreement.
- **Soul Training Exercises:** Practical habits help internalize truth and reshape daily living.





1. Challenging Misconceptions About God

Smith gently but directly confronts common distorted views—such as God being perpetually disappointed or emotionally distant. He emphasizes that many of these ideas are absorbed unconsciously through culture, upbringing, or even church experiences. The book invites readers to examine and rewrite these internal narratives.

2. The Role of “Soul Training”

A defining feature of the book is its integration of spiritual disciplines. Each chapter introduces a “soul training exercise” (such as silence, gratitude, or fasting from media) designed to help move truth from head knowledge into lived experience. These practices are not presented as legalistic duties but as tools for relational growth.

3. Narrative-Based Transformation

Rather than focusing solely on doctrine, Smith uses storytelling—both biblical and personal—to show how beliefs shape behavior. He frames spiritual formation as a process of living into a new story: one where God is truly good, and we are deeply loved.

Key Takeaway for me as a pastor:

God is good, he is better than you think! This was a refreshing and renewing read for me. I loved the idea that spiritual growth does not happen by “be better and try harder”, but rather through allowing the Holy Spirit to change the stories that I have told myself about God and my world.

Final Thoughts

If you’re looking for a purely academic or doctrinal analysis of God’s attributes, this book may feel too experiential. However, if you’re seeking a deeply practical and reflective approach to spiritual growth, Smith offers a compelling and accessible guide. It’s especially helpful for those who feel stuck in their faith or burdened by an image of God that produces fear rather than freedom.

Shared Reflections

BY DAVID COLLYER

To Welcome or Not to Welcome? That is the Question

A story of our visit to another church while on holidays

There appeared to be several cars parked in the street out front — at least we won't be the first ones there. No one in the foyer! Hmm...do we pick up a book? Ah — a pile of yellow-coloured sheets on the table — do we take one? Better not — it doesn't look like a bulletin.

Now - where to sit? Lots of empty seats. Some of the wooden pews had comfortable-looking, padded, vinyl cushions — they must be for the old folk — don't want to pinch someone's regular seat. Up the back, near the windows — that' ll do!

We sat alone, while the worship team added the finishing touches to their practice, and the pastor greeted the regulars with hugs & kisses, and a joke or two about yesterday's footy results. Eventually, a couple sat along side us, and, after a pregnant pause, introduced themselves, just as the service began.

During the announcements, the pastor welcomed any visitors, while looking squarely at us. It was blatantly obvious that we were the visitors — after all, there were only about 35 people in the congregation.





As the service concluded, I looked about, eager to catch someone's eye — but everyone turned to their huddles - friends - excitement - a hubbub of laughter and joy. For what seemed like an eternity, Kristine & I sat talking quietly together. Not to be put off, I hijacked a young mum, with a couple of ankle-biters in tow, as she made her way up the aisle - assuring her that, contrary to her expressed fears, her two boys had not destroyed the service.

Now, for a second contact.... No! no one seemed to notice our presence, as we ever so slowly made our way to the exit. The pastor, who was excitedly engaged in conversation with another chap in the foyer, seemed oblivious to our presence, as we dolly-stepped our way through the front door — all the time trying to catch his eye. Surely, someone will speak to us — maybe someone will chase us to our car.

What a disappointment! The only conversation we had, was initiated by me! The sad thing is — we did not even appear on their radar. Did they receive so few visitors, that they didn't know what to do with us? Were they simply not interested in new people? Would we go back to that church?

Lessons for us at MBC:

Rick Warren says, "Long before the pastor preaches, the visitors are already deciding whether or not they will come back. They are asking themselves, "Do I feel welcome here?" To "welcome" well, we need a culture change — we need to turn on our radars — we need to "Look OUT, before we look IN."

We need to remember the blessings we enjoy here and be always prepared to tell people the reason for them. And not just that, but how to obtain the relationship with Him that doesn't just rationalise away bad as a new level of acceptable or good, but always lives in hope of better through Christ.

I'm very proud of our church for its energy and commitment to making Christ known through Connect Grow Serve. It is wonderfully intentional and the current international environment should make us more committed than ever to bring others to realise the source of our blessing.

Meet the Team

Kids and Young Families Director | David Southern



Can you share a little about your journey of faith?

I came to faith at eighteen, and I came the analytical way, which is to say I didn't want a nice feeling, I wanted to know if the thing was actually true. My mum was Filipino and nominally Catholic, which in practice meant we almost never went to church, so I arrived at all of this from the outside as an adult. I went digging half expecting it to fall apart under me, and instead the opposite happened. The more I pulled on it, the more it held. What undid me in the end wasn't an argument though, it was grace. I'd spent my life assuming you earn your keep with people, and here was a God offering the whole thing as a gift I could never pay back. Losing both my parents young was part of it too, because somewhere in that I worked out that God was the home I actually had. That's still the centre for me.

Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

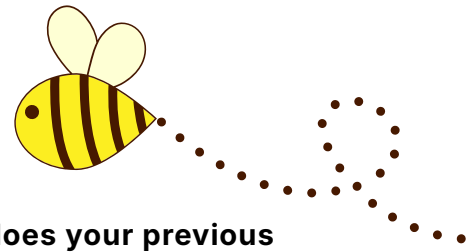
I grew up on the outskirts of Parramatta. My family moved to the Central Coast when I started Year 6, to Gorokan on Tuggerah Lake, and I came to Newcastle for university straight after high school. I came to faith through a uni Christian group during my prep year and promptly abandoned a perfectly sensible Biomedical Science degree to go into ministry, which my parents probably didn't have on their bingo card. Since then, I've studied at a few different Bible colleges, invested in a string of community-based kids and youth programs, and worked in OOSH, out-of-school hours care. More recently I've been at Belair Baptist and Saints Academy in St Philips Waratah, and now I've landed here, which I could not be happier about. I drive an orangey-red Corolla named Ron, I play the drums, and I have strong and public opinions about crocs, which I wear without shame.

What's something people might be surprised to learn about you?

Where do I start. I'm colourblind, which makes my current love of drama a bit of a plot twist, given how much of it involves costumes I can't fully appreciate. I wasn't a drama kid at all in high school, actually, I was a soccer kid, in the school's Targeted Sports Program, so nobody who knew me then would have predicted I'd end up playing Judas in a Bible drama. Aaaand my nickname since primary school is Rabbit.

Who or what has most shaped your walk with God?

Power to Change, the uni organisation I came to faith through, gave me an outward-looking, missional faith from the very start, which I've never lost. Honestly, the biggest shaping has come from ordinary Godly men and women I've been able to rub shoulders with, the people who showed me what following Jesus actually looks like on a Tuesday, not just from a stage. That's the stuff that sticks.



What is your role? And what does your role involve in the life of the church? I'm the Kids and Young Families Director.

Officially, I'm responsible for creating environments where children can discover and grow a faith in Jesus, by partnering with families here and in the wider community, and by leading, resourcing and equipping both the Kids Leadership Team and Mayfield Kids. Unofficially, I'd put it like this: It's holistic discipleship of our youngest ones, helping kids see the God who made them, loves them, knows them by name, and wants them safe. Practically that runs from Sunday mornings to holiday programs to schools ministry, and it's equal parts theology and logistics. One minute I'm working out how to explain the cross to a five-year-old, the next I'm arguing with a check-in iPad that has opinions of its own.

What part of the role are you most excited about? Getting to know a completely new context and watching how God is connecting with his children here. It's only ten or fifteen minutes from where I was, and yet it's its own world, its own families, its own story of what God's doing. There's something exciting about arriving somewhere God was clearly already at work and getting to join in.

What's something small that makes your day better? Cuddle time with my two dogs, Oreo and Junior. They have no idea I have a job, a title and I find that deeply restful.

How does your previous experience help you in this position? At Belair I had a hand in planning and leading pretty much every part of a role like this one, from the ground up. Now I'm facilitating it and leading others to do it, which means all that hands-on background feeds straight in, whether it's Sunday planning, holiday programs or schools ministry. I've done the doing, so I've got a feel for what actually works on the floor, and hopefully that makes me a better help to the team I'm now leading rather than someone directing from a distance.

Where have you noticed God at work in your life recently?

Getting me to Mayfield, without a doubt. When I trace it back, the pieces are almost comical. Old connections through Bluegum, which was a church plant of Mayfield, my years at Belair pouring into young people, and then crossing paths with people like Grant Watts and Nathan Holland over the last twelve to eighteen months, right at the point I was ready for a step up in leadership. Being approached by them in exactly this season is not something I could have engineered, and it has that unmistakable fingerprints-of-God quality where you look back and go, I definitely did not organise that.



When do you feel most at peace? Near the water. Not in it, nearby it, which I consider an important distinction. There's a reason so much of the Bible happens by the sea. God seems to like a big view, and so do I.

If you had a free Saturday with nothing scheduled, how would you spend it? A massive sleep-in, a fancy burger and fries ordered in, and some time on a video game. Possibly a parkrun in the morning to justify the burger. In reality a free Saturday is a mythical creature I've heard about but rarely seen, so if one turns up I intend to protect it fiercely.

Is there anything you'd like the church family to know or be praying for? Yes, one big one. My girlfriend and I are doing long distance at the moment. So please pray for us in this stretch, it's not easy loving someone from a distance, and we'd really value the church holding us in prayer. Beyond that, just know how genuinely glad I am to be here. Come and say hi. I'm the one in the crocs.

What do you hope to see grow or flourish in the life of the church in the coming years? Honestly, families and numbers, in the best sense. On Sundays I'd love to outgrow just Little Embers and Embassy Kids and have enough kids that we need to split the primary group into Juniors and Seniors. I'd love Thrive, our holiday program, to be a genuinely brilliant three-to-five-day event with up to a hundred kids, maybe even running more than one across the year. And I dream of Thrive building so much momentum that we start a during-the-term program to keep those connections alive, one that doubles as a leadership opportunity for our older young people. Growth in numbers would be wonderful, but what I'm really praying for underneath all of it is depth, kids growing up with a faith that's genuinely their own.

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Moments of Grace

BY IMAN SAWARIAN

Stories of where God has met us—in the ordinary, the unexpected, and the in-between.



Where did you grow up in Iran?

I grew up in Isfahan, one of the beautiful and historic cities in Iran. It is a place with a rich culture, wonderful people, and a long history. I have many happy memories of growing up there, and it will always be an important part of my life.

What was your childhood like?

My childhood was happy, and I was blessed with many good memories. I grew up surrounded by family and friends, and I am thankful for the experiences that shaped my life. Like everyone, I experienced both joyful moments and challenges, but overall I look back on my childhood with gratitude.

What can Australian Christians learn from Iranian Christians?

I think one thing we can all learn from Iranian Christians is to value our faith deeply and never take the freedom to worship for granted. Many believers have learned to trust God through difficult circumstances, to encourage one another, and to remain faithful with hope and courage. Those are qualities that can inspire all Christians.

How can we be praying for you?

Please pray for the people of Iran, especially during these difficult times. Pray that they would experience peace, hope, and comfort.





Can you tell us how you came to know Jesus?

I first learned about Jesus through some Christian friends. As we spent time together and had many conversations about faith, I became curious and wanted to understand more. The more I learned about Jesus and His love, grace, and forgiveness, the more my heart was drawn to Him. Over time, I chose to put my trust in Him, and that decision has changed my life.

Who were the people God used in your journey to faith?

God used several people throughout my journey, especially Christian friends and others I met along the way. Through their kindness, encouragement, and the way they lived out their faith, they helped me understand more about Jesus. I am grateful that God placed those people in my life at the right time.

What has been the hardest part of following Jesus?

One of the hardest parts has been not always being able to worship and attend church as freely and regularly as many Christians can. Even so, I have learned that God is always with us, and my faith has continued to grow through both the easy and difficult seasons.



Ministries & Missions

Painting Ministry

BY LIBBY COLLYER

Where do your ideas usually come from, and what does your preparation look like in the days leading up to painting?

My ideas often start with Scripture, worship music or an image that keeps coming to mind while I'm praying. Sometimes it's a conversation or something God has been teaching me personally. In the days leading up to Sunday, I spend time reflecting, praying and sketching. I ask God to help me create something that reflects His heart rather than simply something that looks beautiful.



Why do you choose to paint during the service rather than displaying the finished painting afterwards?

The process is part of the message/worship. Watching a painting slowly emerge reminds us that God is always at work, even when we can't yet see the finished picture. As worship unfolds and the painting develops, people are invited to reflect on God's presence in that moment. It becomes another way of engaging in worship together.





Have people ever shared how one of your paintings encouraged or challenged them? Is there a story that stands out?

One of the most humbling parts of this ministry has been hearing how God speaks differently to different people through the same painting. Someone once shared that a particular image perfectly reflected what they had been praying about for weeks, even though I had no idea what they were going through. Moments like that remind me that God is the true communicator. Quite a few new people have shared that they love seeing the art on the walls!

Has this ministry changed your own experience of worship? If so, how?

Absolutely. Painting during worship has taught me to listen more closely to God and to trust Him more deeply. It has reminded me that worship isn't about performance or perfection. Especially through my own journey with health issues -I've learnt that God often does His deepest work in our weakness and darkest times.



What would you say to someone who has creative gifts but isn't sure how God could use them?

Don't underestimate what God can do with what seems ordinary to you. The gifts He's given you weren't an accident. You don't have to be the best artist, musician, writer or creator—you just need to be willing. God delights in using ordinary people who offer Him their gifts with open hands. Start where you are, trust Him with the outcome, and let Him lead.

What do you hope people are looking at—the painting itself, or the God it points to?

Without question, I hope they see God. If people remember the painting but miss Jesus, I've missed the point. Art can capture attention, but only God transforms hearts. My prayer is that each painting simply becomes a signpost pointing people towards His love, His faithfulness and His presence.



How did you first begin painting during church services?

It started with a prompting from God. I have always loved being creative, but I sensed He was asking to use that creativity as part of worship - Grant also encouraged me after learning my spiritual gifts and ways to connect with God. The first time I painted during a service felt a little daunting because it's quite a vulnerable thing to do in front of people. But I realised it wasn't about creating a perfect piece of art—it was about being obedient and allowing God to speak and encourage.

What led you to see painting as an act of worship? Worship to me, is more than singing. It's offering every part of ourselves back to God. Painting became my way of saying, "Lord, this gift belongs to You." Every brushstroke is an act of surrender and praise. It's my prayer that as I paint, people aren't distracted by the artwork but drawn closer to the One who inspires it.

Most people probably assume you're painting spontaneously. Can you tell us how much preparation goes into a painting before a Sunday service?

There's actually a lot of preparation. I spend time praying, reading Scripture, listening to the worship songs, and thinking about the sermon theme if I know it. I often sketch ideas beforehand and consider colours, composition and symbolism. By Sunday, I usually have a framework in my mind, but I also leave room for God to change things during the service if He leads me in a different direction. I especially love when kids come up with ideas and want to share them with our church family.



MBC Favourites

The pages we're turning and the voices
we're tuning into.



SOUL FUEL DAILY
DEVOTIONAL BY BEAR
GRYLLS
- BOSTON



LECTIO 365
(CHRISTIAN MEDITATION APP)
- LYDIA



DIARY OF A CEO
- ANDY



DEFENSE OF THE BIBLE
BY GARY BAXTER
- JAZ



WORSHIP SONGS ON
YOUTUBE
- SANDY



THE TEACHERS PET
PODCAST
- BEA



THE BOOK OF JUDGES.
DI



THROUGH THE YEAR
WITH JOHN STOTT
- POPPY



TIM KELLER SERMONS
ON SPOTIFY
- LIBBY



BIBLE RECAP
BY TARA LEE COBBLE
- ROBYN



FIND ME IN THE STORY
BY LISA JORDAN
- JESS

From Our Tables

Taco Bake

Ingredients

- 1 red onion
- 1 lime
- 35grams taco seasoning
- 840grams Mexican-style 3 bean mix, drained
- 410g diced Italian tomatoes
- 8 street tortillas
- 1 1/2 cups shredded tasty cheese
- 1/4 bunch coriander
- 1 tbs extra virgin olive oil



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan-forced. Grease a 25x32cm baking dish. Thinly slice onion. Zest lime, then cut into wedges.
2. Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add seasoning and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds or until fragrant. Add beans and toss to coat. Add canned tomato and bring to a simmer.
3. For each taco, place a tortilla on a clean work surface. Top with 1/3 cup bean mixture and 1 tbs cheese. Fold in half. Repeat with remaining tortillas, bean mix and cheese. Place tacos in prepared dish, side by side. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden.
4. Pick leaves from coriander stems. Top tacos with onion. Sprinkle tacos with lime zest and coriander. Serve with lime wedges.

From Our Tables

Fireside Hemp & Cinnamon Cocoa



Ingredients

- 1 cup milk
(dairy or plant milk)
- 1 heaped teaspoon cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon ground hemp seeds
- A good pinch of cinnamon
- A few grains of salt (optional, for smoothness)

Optional Variations

- 1 tablespoon of cream makes this drink extra smooth and comforting.
- Creamy Oat Cocoa: Replace hemp seeds with ½ to 1 tablespoon of finely ground rolled oats for a smooth, creamy variation that stays light and comforting.
- Nutty Almond Version: Use 1 tablespoon of finely ground almond meal instead of hemp for a gentle nutty flavour without thickness.
- Coconut : Use coconut milk milk for a deliciously different , smooth and creamy dairyfree version.

Directions

1. Warm the milk gently on the stove.
2. In a mug, mix the cocoa powder, ground hemp seeds, cinnamon, and a splash of the warm milk.
3. Stir until it forms a smooth paste (this prevents lumps).
4. Slowly pour in the rest of the warm milk while stirring.
5. Add a tiny pinch of salt if you want the cocoa flavour to round out.
6. Enjoy warm and cosy.

From Our Tables

Pizza Muffins

Ingredients

- Extra virgin olive oil cooking spray
- 1 small zucchini, diced
- 1/3 cup tomato passata
- 1/4 cup red onion, diced
- 2/3 cup shredded light tasty cheese, diced
- 1/2 cup small basil leaves

Pizza Dough:

- 1 cup Greek-style natural yoghurt
- 1 1/2 cup wholemeal flour
- 2 tsp baking powder



Directions

1. To make pizza dough, place yoghurt, flour and baking powder in a medium bowl. Using a flat-bladed knife, stir mixture until a sticky dough forms. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead gently until just smooth. Wrap in baking paper and set aside for 20 minutes to rest.
2. Preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan-forced. Spray 8 holes of a 1/3-cup-capacity muffin pan with oil.
3. On a lightly floured surface, gently fold half of the zucchini into dough until well combined. Divide zucchini dough into 8 equal portions. Working with one portion at a time, roll dough into a ball and then press over a greased muffin hole to line. (Use floured fingers to make a cavity in centre, so that dough evenly lines base and sides.) Repeat with remaining dough. Place 1 tsp passata in each hole. Divide onion and remaining zucchini among holes. Drizzle with 1 tsp remaining passata. Top holes with cheese.
4. Bake for 15-18 minutes or until golden-brown. Set aside for 2 minutes before running a flat-bladed knife around edges to loosen and lift muffins from pan. Top with fresh basil and season with freshly ground black pepper. Serve.

From Our Tables

Refrigerator Slice

Ingredients

- 80g butter
- ½ cup sugar
- 1½ tablespoons cocoa
- 1 egg
- Vanilla
- 2 cups crushed biscuits
- 1 cup walnuts
- 1 cup coconut

Icing:

- 2 Cups sifted icing sugar
- 2 tbs custard powder
- 2 tbs of hot water
- 30 gr butter



Directions

1. Stir butter, sugar and cocoa over low heat.
2. Add beaten egg and vanilla.
3. Remove from heat and add biscuits, nuts and coconut.
4. Place in a Swiss roll tin and freeze.
5. Cream ¼ cup butter with 2 cups sifted icing sugar and 2 tablespoons custard powder, then heat in 2 tablespoons hot water.
6. Spread over first layer and freeze.
7. Melt milk chocolate with 30 grams butter and spread on top.
8. Keep in the refrigerator.



Looking Ahead

We'd love to hear from you—get featured next issue

Stories from our people.

We adore the "Meet a Fellow MBCer" section and are eager to include more of you.

Moments of Grace

We want to hear stories of grace, faith, and God at work among us.

From Our Tables.

Old, handwritten, much-loved recipes are especially welcome — photos also encouraged! Or just something you love to cook.

What are you reading or listening to?

Books, podcasts, music — tell us what's been nourishing you lately.

Do you enjoy writing?

Talk to Jess about contributing to Shared Reflections.

What are your hobbies?

Tell us what you enjoy — you may inspire or connect with someone else in our community.

Upcoming Events!

- Baptism Service toward the end of October
- Church Meeting November 22nd
- Carols December 6th
- Church Camp 11th-14th June 2027 (Kings Birthday long weekend @ Tahlee)

Thank You

We hope you enjoyed our third edition of *Living Hope*.
We're looking forward to bringing life and hope
through *Living Hope*.

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