

# With out

*October Seniors Fellowship*

# Borders

# Seniors



*We had an enjoyable time of fellowship, as we ate our meal out on the patio, enjoying the beautiful vista of the green hills and farms for the last time at Arnold and Sheryl's home at Gordonvale. We are looking forward in anticipation to the next season the Lord has for us as seniors fellowshiping together and sharing His life as one.*

*Noel chose a mixture of old hymns and newer songs, including Amazing Grace, How Great Thou Art, He Lifts Me Up, and Cleanse My Sin. He chose these because they all uplift and reinforce our belief and trust in God's love and power to make us feel safe and loved, even when times are tough. And the older hymns have such great music and are easy to sing!*

*We heard a testimony from Robynne of how the Lord met her again when she was in a time of need. She shared that she had had some knowledge of Christianity in her early years, but when she again sought to live a Christian lifestyle it was the body of Christ that first drew her in. The members radiated the life of Christ and the unconditional love and acceptance with which they embraced her made her feel secure and safe. This action was the starting point on the journey that we share for eternity. She shared that finding true fellowship, love and acceptance has brought peace to her heart.*

*Lynnette spoke from the book of Esther, particularly focusing on Esther 14:4, to encourage us, as seniors, that we are 'here for such a time as this'. Mordecai asked Esther to lay down her life to save the Jewish people, saying, in effect, "Who knows but that you have come to this place for such a time as this." Esther had a choice and she chose to do what God was asking of her.*

*Ps 119 tells us that God had his hand on us in our mother's womb. We are in the right place, at the right time, to fulfil God's will for us. This gives us assurance and confidence. But, the choice is ours.*

*A few people shared their thoughts, that we might think we have nothing much to offer, that we are all ordinary people, but because the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us, through Him, we can do extraordinary things. A reflection on the afternoon was that it was all about new beginnings.*

*Arnold shared from Proverbs 29: 18-19. We spend our lives with visions and aspirations of this and that. All now failed to fulfil in us what we hoped they would. Importantly, the Lord sets the seasons and boundaries for our lives, which will not change.*

*Proverb 29 v 18 says without a vision we perish, cast off constraint. And v 19... we need to be under instruction / happy is he.*

*So to see the season and the boundaries and to know where we are called to do His will, we are not to have a vision for ourselves. Consequently, we need a messenger to bring a word, in order to receive the vision to do what God wants. That word contains faith to make substantial, the hope that God has set before us.*

*Just as Esther, with Mordecai, there is no other way for the human race.*

*The Lord has seasons for us. He makes no mistakes. We were born at this time, for this season. We only have to live this one day- this one day that the Lord has created for us to serve and obey Him. We need to let others see the life of Christ in us as we attend to our daily activities. It should not be too hard, because, after all, we only have to do it one day at a time.*

*Ps 118:24 comes to mind:*

*“This is the day the Lord has made;*

*We will rejoice and be glad in it.”*



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*More photographs of our fellowship together*

