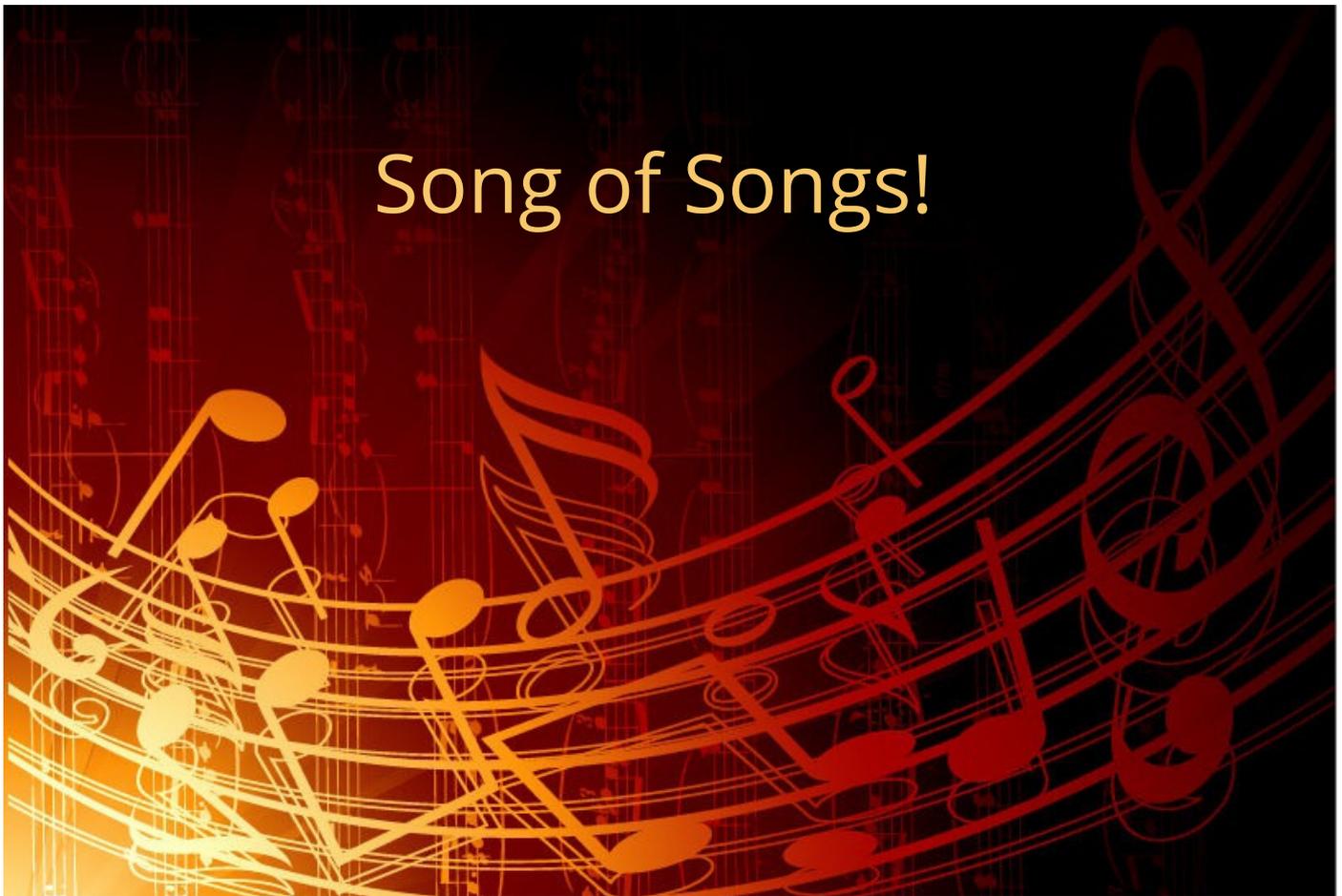


# SBC BULLETIN



We welcome everyone at church this morning. May God bless you as we worship together and share our lives and our faith with one another.

Today Andre is in Moora, Chad is at home looking after a sick child and Matt is leading the service and preaching. This will be the second sermon in a series on human sexuality and on relationships both between men and women, and humanity and God. We read a number of times in the New Testament of the church as "the bride of Christ"; it is sometimes easy for us to "spiritualise" the Song of Solomon, but the Song wants to remind us that God is interested in our physical existence as well as our spiritual lives. Helmuth Thielicke has said that it touches on the core of our existence, our identity as human beings.

## PERTH WOMEN'S CONVENTION

On Saturday 27 August -  
Please speak to Lyn or Anne if you need a lift  
to the Perth Convention Centre.  
The programme is as follows:

8:30am Arrive / Registration  
9:00am Session 1  
10:40am Morning Tea  
11:30am Session 2  
1:10pm Lunch  
2:00pm Session 3  
3:30pm Close

Today is the last day to register.

### Refreshment Centre and Car Park

As you will see, things are moving quickly now.  
Thank you for your patience as you negotiate  
your way through mud, tools and partially  
completed work. Please continue to pray for the  
team involved in all of this construction.

### Prayer requests:

- Margaret - for healing and a decrease in pain
- Krina - struggling with pain
- Iris & Malcolm
- Carmen - bereavement
- Denise
- Lucy - unwell

### Recycling:

10 cent refund for certain bottles and cans - please check the labels on yours before popping them into the blue recycling skip in the parking area.

### Notices:

All church activities are open opportunities - so everyone is always welcome.

Tonight: Sundays@6

Monday 9.30am: Bible Study at the church

Tuesday: Craft Group between 9 and 11.30am

Thursday 10.30am: Mainly Music for small children & their carers

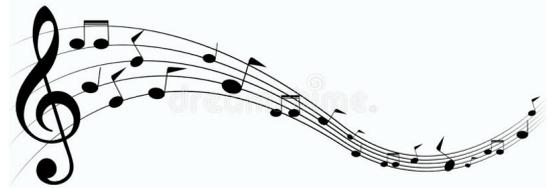
Thursday: Bible studies at 6 and 7pm at the church

In 1970, Chuck Girard formed a Christian band called "Love Song", one of the first Christian rock bands. These are the opening words of the song, "Love Song" on their first album:

*Lend an ear to a love song  
Oooh a love song  
Let it take you, let it start...*

and in a subsequent song on the same LP:

*Jesus is the One that makes me never  
Ever want to spend another day without Him  
Jesus is the One who shows me every time  
I turn around that I could never doubt Him  
Jesus is the One that makes me want to shout the news  
Above the rooftops  
Shout the joyful news and let the people know  
That Jesus is the Lord!*



There are so many sections of the Bible that refer to God's love in terms of songs. God initiates the song, and we, his precious children, sing back to him.

*"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness." Jeremiah 31:3*

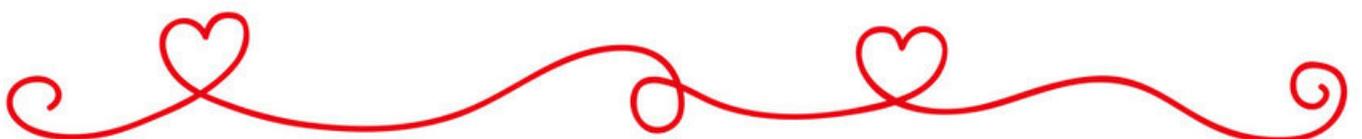
*"By day the Lord directs his love, and at night his song is with me." Psalm 42:8*

*"...in the morning I will sing of your love." Psalm 59:16*

*"...my unfailing love for you will not be shaken..." Psalm 54:10*

*"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you." Psalm 63:3*

Not only does God sing to you, but he rejoices over you with the melody of his love.



*She speaks:*

I am merely a rose  
from the land of Sharon,  
a lily from the valley.

*He Speaks:*

2 My darling, when compared  
with other young women,  
you are a lily among thorns.

*She Speaks:*

3 And you, my love,  
are an apple tree  
among trees of the forest.  
Your shade brought me pleasure;  
your fruit was sweet.  
4 You led me to your banquet room  
and showered me with love.  
5 Refresh and strengthen me  
with raisins and apples.  
I am hungry for love!  
6 Put your left hand under my head  
and embrace me  
with your right arm.  
7 Young women of Jerusalem,  
promise me by the power  
of deer and gazelles  
never to awaken love  
before it is ready.

*She Speaks:*

8 I hear the voice  
of the one I love,  
as he comes leaping  
over mountains and hills  
9 like a deer or a gazelle.  
Now he stands outside our wall,  
looking through the window  
10 and speaking to me:

*He speaks:*

My darling, I love you!  
Let's go away together.  
11 Winter is past,  
the rain has stopped;  
12 flowers cover the earth,  
it's time to sing.  
The cooing of doves  
is heard in our land.  
13 Fig trees are bearing fruit,  
while blossoms on grapevines  
fill the air with perfume.  
My darling, I love you!  
Let's go away together.  
14 You are my dove  
hiding among the rocks  
on the side of a cliff.  
Let me see how lovely you are!  
Let me hear the sound  
of your melodious voice.  
15 Our vineyards are in blossom;  
we must catch the little foxes  
that destroy the vineyards.  
*She Speaks:*  
16 My darling, I am yours,  
and you are mine,  
as you feed your sheep  
among the lilies.  
17 Pretend to be a young deer  
dancing on mountain slopes  
until daylight comes  
and shadows fade away.

