

Beenleigh Region Uniting Church Survey: 2 May, 2021.

Total responses received: 38

1: What does 'worship' mean to you?

Number of responses; percentage of respondents; comments.

33	(86.8%)	Spend time with God/ Focus on God/ Loving God/ Thanking God/ Communicating with God/ Praising God.
12	(31.6%)	Explore/learn more about God. (through prayer 4 = 10.5%; sermon/message 4 = 10.5%; scripture/God's word 4 = 10.5%)
8	(21.1%)	Fellowship with other believers in Christian family.
5	(13.2%)	Singing/songs.
4	(10.5%)	Corporate worship.
3	(7.9%)	Love.
2	(5.3%)	Inspiration. Security. Very much. Everything. Reverence – God honouring.
1	(2.6%)	Awe and peace. Faith and joy. Be challenged. Humble myself. Know that I am loved. My response to the grace and goodness of God. Strengthens me for the week ahead. Fundamental to my Christian journey. Preparation for the next world. Ps 100: 1-5; John 4:24; Matt 22:37.

2: How important is worship in your life?

Not at all: 0 Somewhat: 0 Fairly: 3 = 7.9% Very: 21 = 55.3% Vital: 14 = 36.8%

3: Baptism:

- i) Have you been baptised? **Yes: 23 = 60.5% No: 15 = 39.5% Not sure:0**
- ii) If not, would you like to speak with the minister about becoming baptised?
- Yes: 0 No: 0
- iii) If not sure, would you like to find out? Yes: 0 No: 0

iv) If you answered 'Yes' in part i), **what does it mean for you to live out your baptism?**

- To accept Christ and follow His teachings/Live out strongly held beliefs/Live a Christlike life/Seek to represent Jesus faithfully and fruitfully/ Immersed in the ongoing ministry of Jesus/To serve the Lord/Sharing God's love/ Sharing the Good News of the Gospel/ Seek to bring others into the Kingdom of God (10 responses = 26.3%).
- I am part of God's family/I was claimed by Christ as a child/Part of the Body of Christ with all its privileges and responsibilities/To love my brothers and sisters/belonging to God's universal church (5 responses = 13.2%).
- To enjoy newness of life and obedience.
- To be nearer to God/Prayer.
- Acceptance and professing belief in the Holy trinity and Gospel in and throughout life.
- Narrow the gap between what I do and what I believe.

4: Confirmation:

i) Have you been confirmed into the Uniting Church in Australia?

Yes: 26 = 65.8% No: 6 = 15.8% Not sure: 4 = 10.5%

No, not UCA, but have been baptised into Anglican Church: 2 = 5.3%

ii) If not, would you like to speak with the minister about becoming confirmed?

Yes: 0 No: 3

iii) If not sure, would you like to find out? **Yes: 2 No: 2**

iv) If you answered 'Yes' in part i), **what does it mean for you to live out your**

confirmation?

Many responses to this point were to the effect of 'As for Baptism'. Other responses were:

- Confirming the promises made for me as a child/affirming the covenant of baptism (5 responses = 13.2%).
- Belonging to God/Part of the family of God/Growing God's kingdom.
- Learn His words of love and faith.
- Live out beliefs as a member of UC/Live a life honouring to God/Walk in faith.
- Serving where I can.
- Pray for others and families far away.
- Faith/Love/Joy.
- Assured of salvation/God has redeemed me.
- Everything.

5: How much a part of BRUC do you consider yourself to be?

Not at all: 1 = 2.6% Somewhat: 1 = 2.6% Fairly: 10 = 26.3% Very: 18 = 47.4% Vital: 8 = 1.1%

6: What does being part of BRUC mean to you?

- Fellowship/Friendship/God's family/Joyful part of a community of fellow believers/Sense of belonging. (23 responses = 60.5%)
- Encouragement/Support/Company/Contentment/Wellbeing/Peace of mind. (14 responses = 36.8%)
- A safe place to share God's love without judgement/Safe for hurting and lonely people/An outlet to bless others/It reaches out/ Looks out for others in the community. (8 responses = 21.1%)
- Staying connected to the vine/It is my Spiritual home/BRUC is the vehicle for my spiritual journey/I can express my faith/Believing. (5 responses = 13.2%)
- Grow God's kingdom/ I meet new people every week.
- Participating in corporate worship.
- Family, praise, worship, prayer sermons and hope and growth; encouragement.
- A place to give thanks to our Lord and Saviour.
- God called me into worship, witness and service at BRUC.
- Holy Communion.
- Growing/maturing in faith.
- Narrow the gap between what I do and what I believe.
- Christian worldview.
- Very important.
- Everything.

7: Do you engage with BRUC through:

Number of responses; percentage of respondents:

37 (97.4%)	Face-to-face worship
14 (36.8%)	Zoom worship
5 (13.2%)	Catching up with Sunday worship via the website at a later time
7 (18.4%)	Messy Church
20 (52.6%)	Life Groups and activities on at church
21 (55.3%)	Faith Life Groups and Bible Study
22 (60.5%)	Volunteering my time in support
31 (81.6%)	My giving (tithes and offerings)

Other, please specify:

- Support for the minister *Transport people to and from BRUC *Leadership *Church Council *Gardens *Prayer shawl *RI in Schools *Pastoral Care *Catering *Community Support *Rosies *Cleaning *Footpath sign *Men's breakfasts *Visiting others

8: What influences or concerns impact on your capacity to engage with BRUC?

Number of responses; percentage of respondents:

- i) Family: 11 = 28.9% ii) Health: 16 = 42.1% iii) Work: 5 = 13.2%
- iv) Time: 8 = 21.1% v) Hobbies: 2 = 5.3% vi) Different beliefs: 1 = 2.6%

Other – Please specify: Weather; Living outside the area/Distance; Other Christian activities.

9: If you could, how would you like to engage with BRUC?

- Support the minister when/if needed. (3 responses = 7.9%)
- Be more active in the church/Volunteer/Anywhere that is helpful. (3 responses = 7.9%)
- Be more regular at worship. (2 responses = 5.3%)
- Other worship and evangelism activities/Lead group to discuss worship message after church.
- Do courses to learn about, and interact more with, the Spirit. (Eg: Karen's retreat and Companions in Christ).
- Bible readings on Sunday.
- Go to a regular Faith Life Group at church.
- Picnics, Coffee and Chat, Annual market and community events.
- Continue face-to-face or zoom worship to build connections.
- Giving increases each year.
- Visiting people in Aged Care facilities.
- Taking the elements to others.

10: Additional comments received:

- I am puzzled why we have to book a seat. God will keep us safe if we believe.
- The survey is stupid, what am I meant to say?
- I don't know the difference between baptism and confirmation. Why is that important?
- Why does Church Council want to collect all this info and tell us what to do all the time?
- God bless, peace and love to all who interact and engage or play a role in BRUC. Prayers for continued growth and financial as well as Spiritual support.