

Vision Statement:

We see a Jesus-orientated church having a passion for the Gospel and compassion for the world expressed through dynamic worship, love in action, the empowering of the servant leaders and the growing of disciples.

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I am available in the event of emergencies at any time, but other than that would appreciate not receiving calls on Wednesdays, where possible, as this is my day off.

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This Week's Roster

27th October, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Neil**
Leader (pm): **Jonathan**
Welcome: **John**
Duty Elder: **Ray**
Reader: **Kay**
Musician: **Pat**
Stewards: **Myra & Ray**
Manager: **Neil**
Crèche: **Katherine**
Kidz Connect: **Tina**
Morning Tea: **Chris DeB. & Coral**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Kay**
Cleaning: *********

Next Week's Roster

3rd November, 2019

Preacher: **Jonathan**
Leader (am): **Kathryn**
Leader (pm): **David**
Welcome: **Chris DeB.**
Duty Elder: **Andrew**
Reader: **Joan C.**
Musician: **Heather**
Stewards: **Cath & Graham**
Manager: **Ray**
Crèche: **Chris DeB.**
Kidz Connect: **Michelle**
Morning Tea: **Joy & Katherine**
Audio: **Jim**
Visual: **Alan**
Cleaning: *********

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Keeping in touch with the G.G.U.C. family

<http://goldengroveuniting.org.au>

Sunday, 27th October, 2019

Thanksgiving and Blessing Service

Preacher: **Jonathan**

Theme: **Ego is a dirty word**

Scripture Readings: **Philippians 3: 4b-9 and Luke 18: 9-14**

Mission Statement: To draw people



to our Lord Jesus Christ

and nurture them through our church

We Are Our Brother's Keeper

Does this mean that we are ultimately responsible for other people, and that they are not responsible? No, ultimately every person stands before God, and before all people, and is responsible for their life.

But what it does mean is that every one of us has a responsibility to love our neighbor as we would love ourselves. To love someone means to give them the best thing that we can. The best thing that we can give anyone is God's saving truth in Jesus Christ, offered to all people. So John said, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1Jn 4:10)

We have a responsibility to love everyone by giving them this truth, and calling them to embrace it as their own. But we have a greater responsibility to love our Christian brothers and sisters in this way, because we are closer to them (Mt 12:49-50). Christ is our head, and we are members of the same body with everyone who believes in Him (1Cor 12:12). We are above all to love them by praying for them, and encouraging and admonishing them to hold fast to the truth of God's Word (Col 3:15,16).

This includes not only the members of our congregation, but every member of our denomination, and indeed every person in the world who claims faith in Jesus Christ. As we do this, we will find ourselves more and more full of the love of Christ for His people, and for all people.

Grace in Christ, Jonathan

A Message from the Elders

Reading the Bible is one of the ways in which we can have a personal encounter with God. It is through His Word that God offers us directions and answers to the things we have been praying about. A daily devotional can be a useful tool to assist you in regularly immersing yourself in the Word for your alone time with God.

If you prefer a more sociable time to engage with others whilst studying the Bible, we have the following Bible study groups at our church:

Women's Bible Study (KYB) every Monday at 10.00 am (contact: Joan Checkley)

Men's Bible Study (morning group) every Tuesday at 10.30 am (contact: Andrew MacTier)

Men's Bible Study (evening group) every Thursday at 6.45 pm (contact: Jonathan)

Our church elders are: Jonathan, Andrew, Cath, David, Ray and Richardt.

Visit of Bishop Michael Musale

Thank you, the members of the Congregation, for your very generous retiring offering on Sunday for the work that Bishop Michael Musale does at the Victory Christian School in Turbo Town, Kenya. At total of \$795.00 was presented to Bishop Michael in order to assist in this wonderful outreach to the children in Kenya. God bless you all.

Steptoe and Son

Steptoe and Son Inc. (alias Ray and Neil) has no intention of retiring. Please contact the father or the son if you are anxious to dispose of some metal.

Church Council Election

Sunday, 24th November

Nomination forms are available.

Nominations close at 12.00 noon on 27th October.

Dates for our Vernal Diaries

- Samaritan's Purse Boxes Final Deadline: Sunday, 27th October
- Close of Council Nominations: Sunday, 27th October: 12.00 noon
- Working Bee: Saturday, 2nd November: 8.00 am
- Estia Worship Service: Monday, 4th November: 2.00 pm
- Women's Fellowship: Thursday, 7th November: 1.00 pm
- Worship / Music Ministry Team : Saturday, 9th November: 10.00 am
- Elders Pastoral Care Meeting: Tuesday, 12th November: 7.00 pm
- Day of Prayer: Thursday, 14th November: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm
- The Dinner Table: Thursday, 14th November: 6.00 pm
- M&WW Sausage Sizzle: Sunday, 17th November: After Worship
- Church Council Election: Sunday, 24th November: After Worship

Women's Fellowship Thursday, 7th November 1.00 pm

Starring the Knitter Extraordinaire, Janet, and, hopefully, a speaker from the City of Tea Tree Gully

It will be interesting to see what progress has been made with the blankets for the Christmas hampers.

Thanksgiving and Blessings Service

Today we welcome Ollivander Daniel Sampson and his Mum and Dad, Skye and Rhys Sampson, to this special service, at which we give thanks for bringing this precious little child safely into the world and share in the blessings that God provides for him. May the feet of God continue to walk with you always, Ollivander.

Today's Hymns and Songs

Be still, for the presence of the Lord (Praise and Worship 527)
Change my heart, O God (Praise and Worship 540)
Give thanks with a grateful heart (Together in Song 717)
Ye servants of God (Together in Song 215)
The power of Your love (Praise and Worship 621)
Nothing more than a sinner (New Creation Hymn Book 181)
We treasure these moments