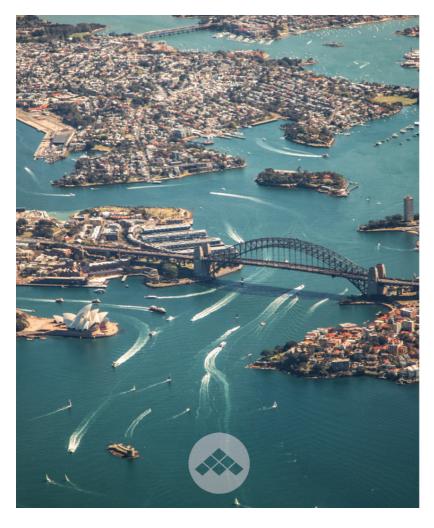
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HOPEPOINT

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A place to call home

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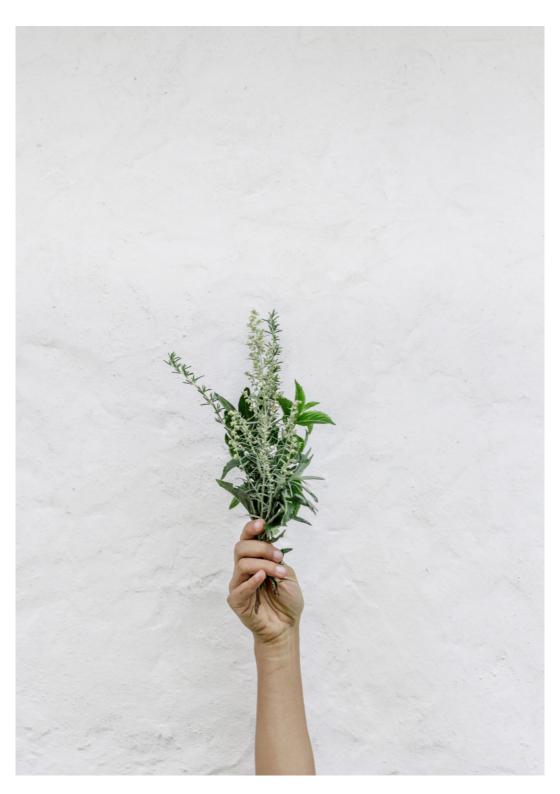
We love that you have joined us today!

HopePoint is a place where people of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds join together to worship Jesus and to become like Him in our world. We do this as we grow together in community and make a difference in people's lives by sharing the love of Jesus in practical ways. Our gatherings centre around Jesus, and making room for the Holy Spirit to work amongst us.

What you won't find here, are perfect people! We're growing in our faith and in character as we journey together. What you will find here, is a place to belong! We've been waiting in anticipation for who God would bring into our church family and it's an honour to be apart of the next chapter of your lives.

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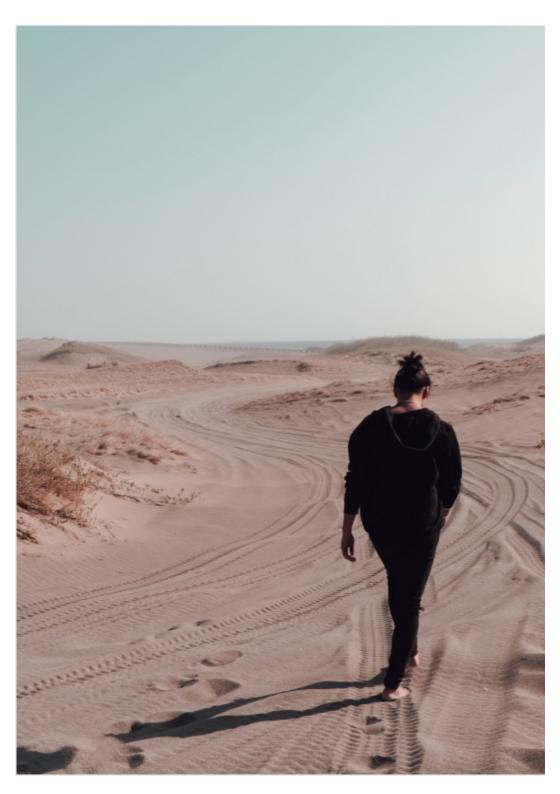
ABOUT US

We are affiliated with The Church of the Foursquare Gospel which is a part of an international organisation of over 27,000 churches in more than 150 countries. The word Foursquare means 'firm', 'dependable', and 'steady'.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is "foursquare" in that it is the unshakable, unchanging truth of God's love and salvation for the whole world.

We exist to help people walk with Jesus, grow in community and make a difference.







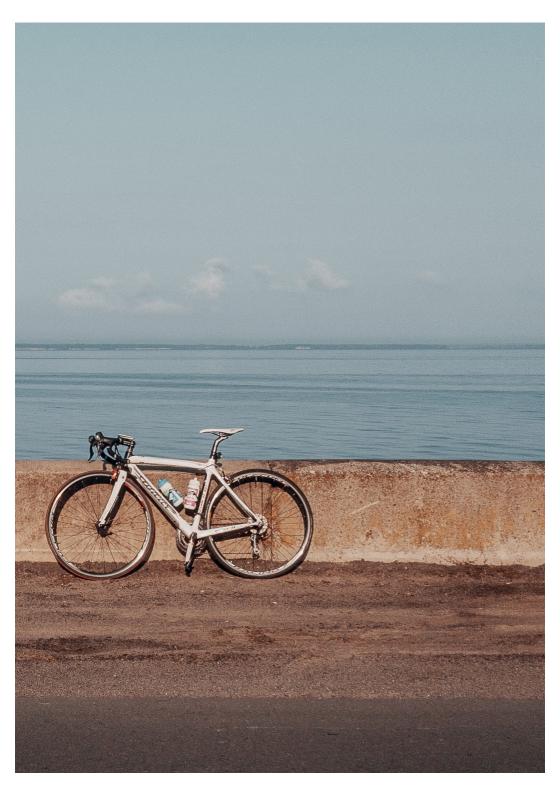
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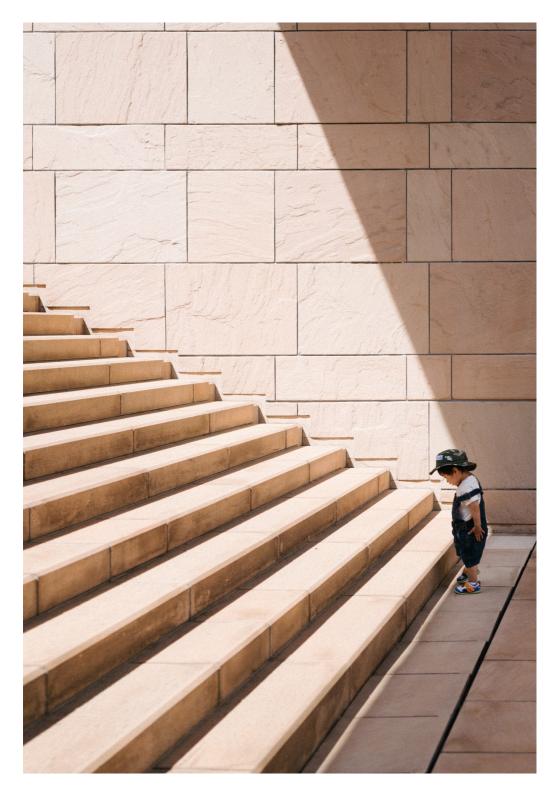
God wants to know us personally.

He wants a relationship with us.

At HopePoint we learn more about what it means to follow Jesus and grow closer to Him.

Our strategy focuses on the STEPS and STOPS of our walk with Jesus as we journey with Him.





FIRST STEPS

Beginning your faith journey is a brand new experience. Just like it takes a lifetime to know our friends and family, it is the same way with God. When we accept Jesus as the Lord and Saviour of our lives, we take the first BIG step, and that's just the beginning of the journey.

The first steps after that are important as you begin your daily walk with Jesus and become a part of our church family community.

ALPHA

Alpha is a 12 week course for new Christians that is designed to build the foundations of your faith.

BAPTISM

We encourage our new believers in Christ, to be water baptised as a declaration of their faith.

COACHING

Once you have completed Alpha, we invite you to participate in our Discipleship coaching program. We give you a journal and match you up to a coach in our church leadership who is committed to walking out your first year of faith with you.

NEXT STEPS

God intended for us to live out our faith together as His family on the earth. To grow in your relationship with God, it is important to find a church you can be a part of.

BELONG

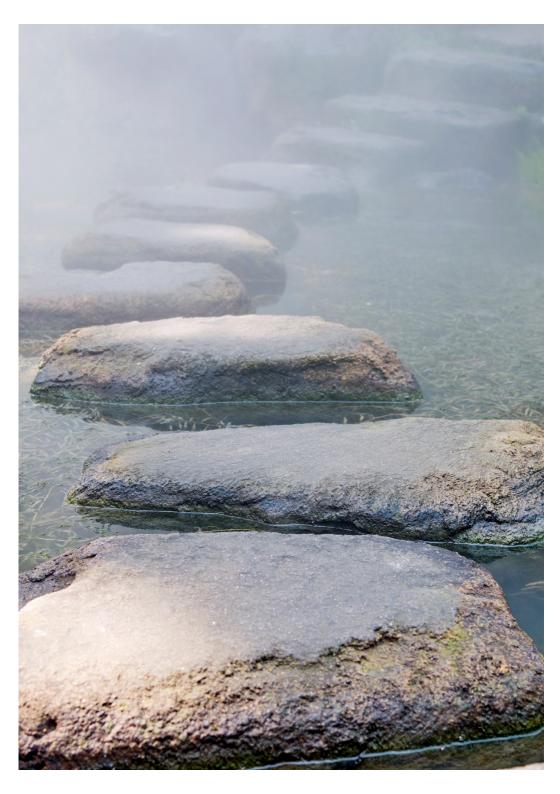
Belong is a three week short course to introduce you to the HopePoint community.

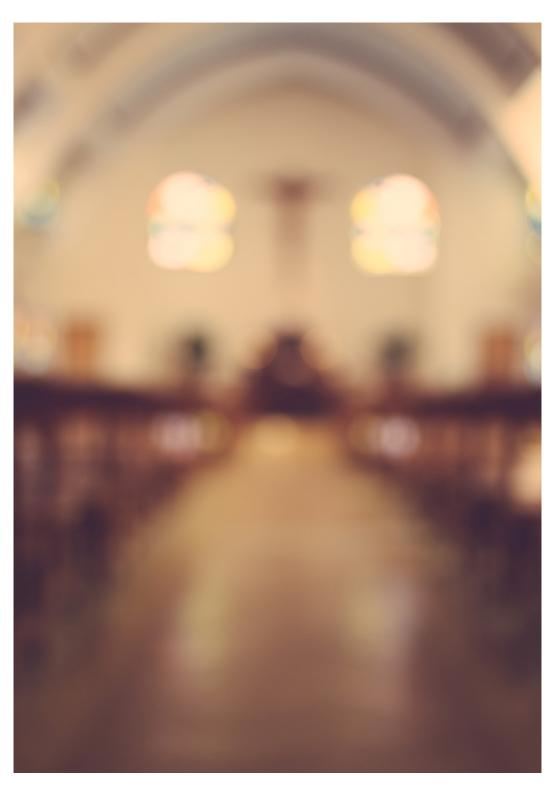
Belong begins with "Welcome to Church" lunches (that happens every couple of months), after these lunches we run two belong classes after the Sunday service. These are designed to help you find out more about us as a church and help you get more comfortable with your new church home.

THE DAILY JOURNEY

Walking with Jesus happens one step at a time, putting Jesus in our everyday lives. Some of the ways to put God first in our lives include:

- VALUES: Living God's way is different to how the rest of the world lives. Letting God shape our decisions, speech, thoughts, attitudes and actions is part of living a spirit formed life.
- TIME: Spending time with God each day in prayer,
 worship and reading the Bible are vital spiritual
 practices that we engage in to develop our trust in Jesus.
- **FINANCES:** God has promised to give us all we need. We are to include **generosity as a part of our lifestyle**. We give our weekly tithe (10%) to God, we give to those in need and to helping others.
- **RELATIONSHIPS: Connect with others** and build relationships within the church family. **SHARE with** others by telling the story of your faith in Christ to those who don't yet know God's love





WEEKLY STOP

Finding a place to stop each week and worship, learn and connect with others is vital to spiritual growth. Having rhythms where we stop and rest are important.

Every week our HopePoint family stops to gather together. These times are centred around loving God and loving each other. Each large gathering includes music, relevant bible teaching, prayer and time to chat around the table. It's often been said that food is our love language!

No matter your age, race, or background, everyone belongs at HopePoint. When you step through these doors, you are family.

Welcome Home.

GEORGES HALL

Sunday Morning - 10am

Kids (walking to Year 6) - Kids check-in before the service, then come in for the beginning of the service and are sent out to their programs.

Online - online.hopepointchurch.org.au or subscribe to our channel on YouTube.



DAILY STOP

If you're looking for a starting point in carving out time to BE with God each day, an easy way to start

 $5 + 5 + 5 \mid 15 \text{ mins a day}$

There's nothing magical about the number 5, it's just a starting point. Actually, it's likely that once you have a strong daily rhythm going, that the time will change as you grow.

BIBLE

Reading your bible for 5 minutes everyday is an easy place to start. You can read the chapters outlined or read until something stands out to you and stop.

At the end of the 5 minute you could write a reflection of what you have read OR write out the verse that stood out to you. Write whatever you need to, to help you remember what God said in the scriptures.

PRAYER

Prayer is talking to God and listening to God. Taking time in your day to talk to God is important. Tell him how you feel, what's happening in your life, what you are concerned about

AS WELL AS taking time to LISTEN for His still small voice A heart impression that directs your thoughts that is in line with the word and will of God.

WORSHIP

Worship is a broad term. We are instructed to bring our whole selves before God in worship with how we we live our lives.

Specifically, in this context we are talking about time to express our thanksgiving, praise and adoration to God with music. This might include singing or listening to music. Raising your hands in a posture of openness before God. Enter His Presence with

5 MINS

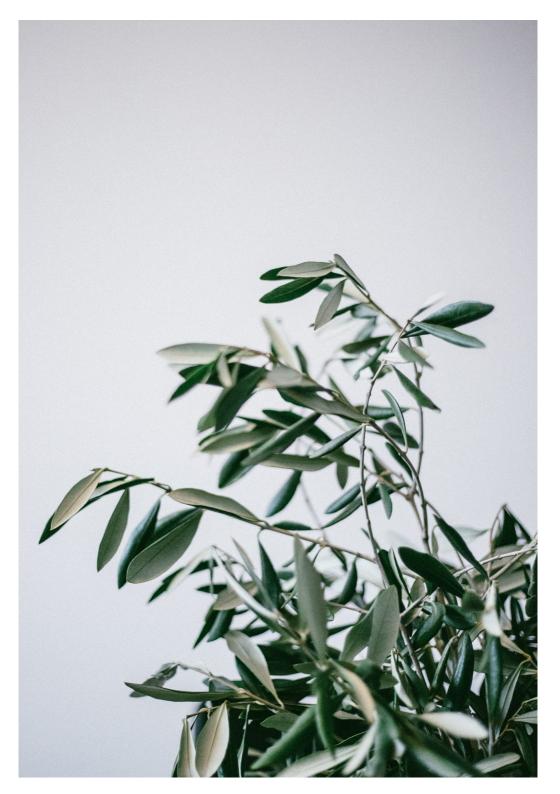
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You may like to use the following acronym to help you write down some reflections each day:

- S Scripture (Write the verse that you just read)
- Thanks (Write 3 things you are grateful for)
- Observation (What was your highlight and response?)
- P Prayer (Write out a prayer)





SURVIVING TO THRIVING

We need each other to grow spiritually mature and follow in the ways of Jesus. To become more like Jesus, we need the love, support, guidance, experience, correction and wisdom of other believers.

When we choose to connect with others, we go from surviving to thriving.

ROWS TO CIRCLES

We choose to move from our rows and find circles of connection. In church we find ourselves sitting side by side, but in a smaller context, we get to to sit and meet face to face in a circle.

There are two ways that you can connect in circles at HopePoint. In Generations or in a variety of small groups.

GENERATIONS

We are a community where every generation is loved and valued! We want to build people in EVERY stage of their life.

Our Generation ministries have regular events and gatherings. These are times to connect and provide a pathway for people to develop friendships with people their own age as well as another avenue to provide Pastoral Care support.

The focus of Generation Ministries is to follow Jesus TOGETHER. Walking out our faith in authentic community.

KIDS: Birth to Grade 6

Kids ministry is available on at the Georges Hall Campus Sunday Morning

Creche: 0 to Walking

In the mother's room on a Sunday morning. Carers look after their children in the soundproof room, where they can watch a live feed of the service.

Adventureland

Minis: Walking to Kindergarten

Primary: Grades 1 to 6

STUDENTS

Grade 6 to Grade 12 HOPEPOINT YOUTH Meets every Friday night of school terms at 6.30pm. You can check their socials for details (Instagram: @hopepointyouth)

ADULTS

30+

Groups Events (Marrieds, Empty nesters, Families, Singles, Men's and Women's events)

YOUNG ADULTS

18yrs – 30+ Our Young Adults meet fortnightly.

SENIORS

65+
Our Seniors meet for a
Monthly Worship and Payer
Fellowship Night
and weekly at
THE PROJECT
10am - 12noon Thursdays
(during school terms at
Georges Hall Campus)



GROUPS

Connection is at the heart of every healthy family. Our groups are inter-generational and cross a lot of different interests.

COFFEE GROUPS:

Our men's and women's meet regularly in person or online to connect and pray together.

RECREATIONAL GROUPS:

Meet regularly around a common interest. (eg; photography, golf, walking, cooking, gaming)

PRAYER GROUPS: We have different prayer groups operating. Our Prayer Network has been going for many years. Many people pray for prayer requests given. We have an Intercessory prayer group and an online prayer group that meet regularly.

FREEDOM GROUPS:

A sample of some of the short Courses we often run at different times throughout the year.

- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
- EHS Relationships
- Pre-Marrieds Mentoring

GROW

We are committed to doing all we can to help you grow in your faith and in the call of God on your life. Our Grow department has two main tracks that we use to do this, they are Deeper and Mobilise.



DEEPER

The Learning Track

Our Deeper programs are designed to help you dive into the scripture and increase your knowledge and understanding of the Bible. These programs are:

KIDS - The Breakfast Club

Kids meet each Sunday morning at 9:15am to have breakfast together and learn more about the Bible

YOUTH - The Transfer

Students meet regularly in small groups to do studies of Books of the Bible or Characters in the Bible. There is also a Podcast that accompanies the learning for students to listen to during the week

ADULTS - Study Groups

When we begin a series at Church, we have a study group that meets to discuss the scripture.

MOBILISE The Leadership Track

Developing and training leaders is a priority for us. Leading God's people is a privilege and an honour. To ensure we are helping our leaders in their leadership journey, we have a streamlined Leadership Track.

DEVELOPMENT

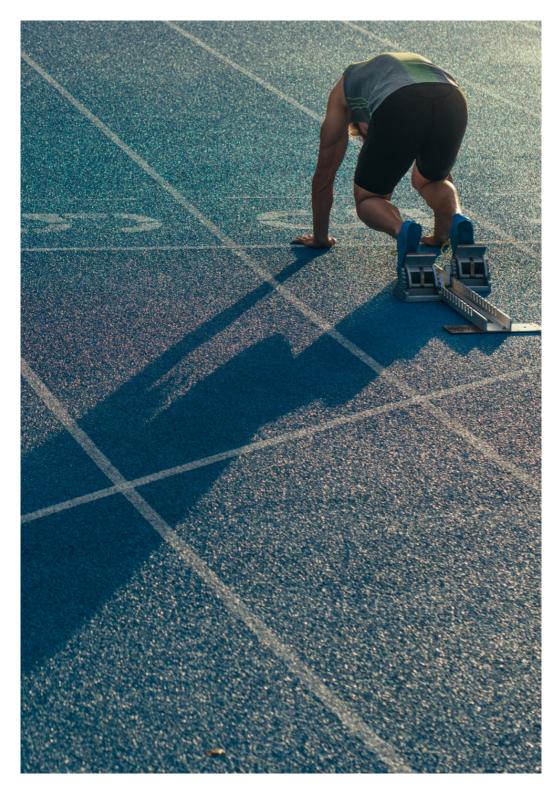
Our Development team begin in Kids Ministry, and have programs in Jnr High, Snr High and for Emerging Leaders in their early 20s.

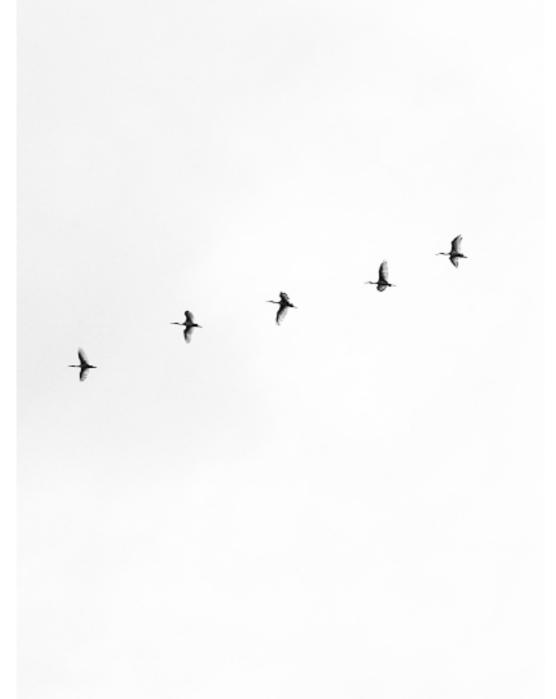
TRAINING

Our training team look at ways to create resources, training days and upskilling for our existing leaders at different times throughout the year.

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We ensure our volunteers have agreed to our codes of conduct, understand our values and standard practices. Our Kids, Youth and Core Leaders have WWCC numbers and participate in the required Safe Church Training to enable them to serve Kids, Youth or Vulnerable People.





MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GO AND GIVE

We were created for a purpose bigger than ourselves. As part of HopePoint Church we commit ourselves to GO and GIVE.

We are on mission to share the love of Jesus wherever we go. In our homes, workplaces, schools, local area and even the world.

GO AND GIVE TO EACH OTHER

PASTORAL CARE

The first place we GO is towards each other in love and practical care. The bible reminds us that people will know we are Christ followers by the love that we show each other. We do this through our groups and in our generation ministries.

HopeCare is the name we use to talk about how we provide pastoral care and assistance to our church family and wider community.

Our staff facilitate teams of people who have a gift and passion to show the love of Jesus to those in need. We do this in many different ways. Some of these teams include our: Meals Team, visitation Team, 24/7 Prayer Team, Crisis Support, Pastoral Guidance and Professional Counselling Referrals.

SERVE

At HopePoint we believe that EVERYBODY can and should find a place to serve in our church family. We encourage everybody to serve a minimum of once a month.

We have a lot of opportunities each week in many different areas, and we're coming up with new ways ALL the time to get people actively contributing to church life.

GIVING

Members of HopePoint Church understand that we are building a strong foundation for the next generation. Each week we have a part of our service for people to bring their tithes and offerings to God as part of their worship.

Some years, we take up a PLANTING DREAM offering. This offering is a sacrifical gift that the church family makes "planting seeds for the future.

GO AND GIVE TO OUR LOCAL AREA

We are a church that loves to move outside our four walls into our Local Area and serve others. We do this to show God's love for all people and to create connection with those around us. Our Mission arm is made up of different educational facilities, programs and partnerships.

Hopepoint Preschool

HopePoint Preschool is a Christian not-for-profit, community-based preschool, serving families of the Bankstown local government area and surrounds.

Hopepoint Christian School

Hopepoint Christian School is a K-6 school located on the grounds of Hopepoint Church. HPCS aims to provide an excellent Christ centred education which will build, grow and empower children in partnership with parents.

PROGRAMS

We have 3 main outreach programs that we focus on:

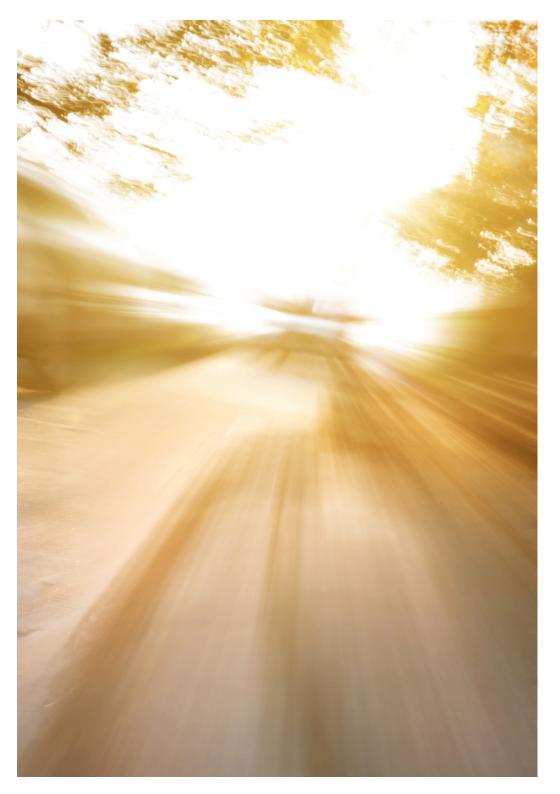
Playtime - Our busy playgroup runs every week during school terms.

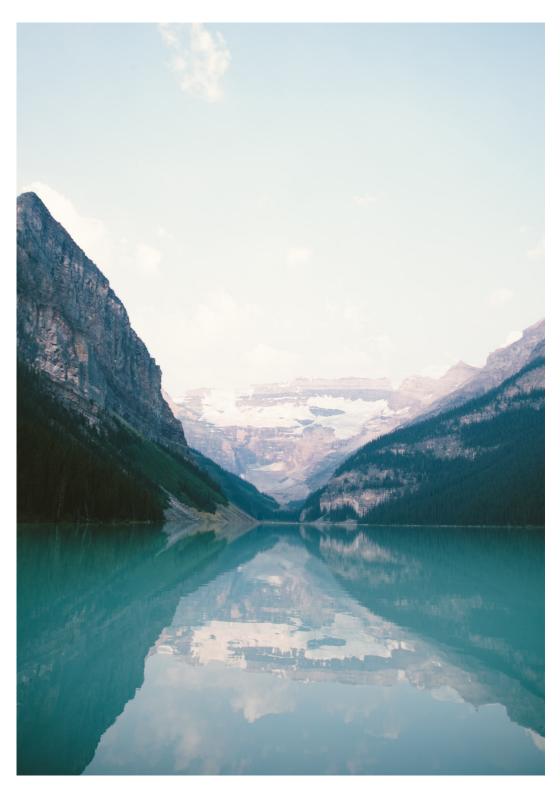
Project - Weekly program for Seniors from 10am-12noon on Thursday. Activities including arts, crafts, cards, table tennis.

The W Outreach - Our outreach teams go into our local University and cook dinner and build connections with the students.

PARTNERSHIPS

When we see a need in our local area, we love to support other churches or organisations who are making a difference in that area, coming alongside them to support them.





GO AND GIVE TO OUR WORLD

Our church has a BIG heart for world missions. As a church we have helped finance and build a Hospital and Pallative Care Wing for the Irene Baker Clinic in Papua New Guinea. The hospital has now seen over 1 million babies delivered safely in the highlands of PNG. We have helped support Widows of Pastors who have died, provided transportation vehicles, support for bible college students and many other needs over recent years.

Mission Trips

We have sent mission teams to Vanuatu, PNG and different countries of Asia to help with practical projects, tell the Good news of Jesus and show the love of God to all.

The Foursquare denomination have a very strong missions department that work throughout the world with people on the ground in the various countries to see the Gospel preached in word and in action. We partner with them financially.

Disaster Relief

We love people and often when a disaster strikes in our own country or around the world, we will partner with Foursquare Disaster Relief or an Australian Organisation to distribute funds to those in need.



OUR VALUES





Our logo is made up 6 diamonds. They help us remember that as a church family, we have values that are core to who we are.

Just like diamonds are formed, we are all being fashioned and fitted together by the Creator.

We are a church family where:

EveryONE matters
Kindness is practiced
Environments are welcoming
Faith is put into action
Generosity is natural
Serving is a joy



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