

The Quarterly

Spring
2024



We exist to help more
people find life in Jesus

From the Lead Pastor

"It's the most wonderful time of the year." Well, almost.

The release of this final edition of *The Quarterly* for 2024 marks the beginning of the fourth and final term of the year and begins the countdown to Christmas. Although, just to be clear, it is definitely still too early for the Christmas tree to go up!

When I look back on the year so far, I am deeply grateful to God for his goodness to us as a church. God has strengthened and sharpened us through his word. I remember fondly our time spent in Matthew's Gospel ('*Who is Jesus? Matthew 8-12*'), our Easter series exploring reasons to believe ('*Reasons to Reconsider: Why Christianity is (Still) Good News*'), the beginning of our journey in 1 Corinthians ('*Church in Chaos: 1 Corinthians 1-4*'), and more recently, our series through the book of Revelation. The word of God really is '*...living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword...*' (Heb. 4:12).

I also reflect gratefully on our Sunday gatherings where we sang together, prayed together and worshipped God together. I love the buzz on our campus before, after and in-between services as people talk with each other, often over good coffee (thanks to our team at The Park!) and food.

I am thankful for our many life groups and life group leaders who help us to devote ourselves to life together. I also look back with gratitude on many of the different events and ministries we've hosted, whether it is Easter on the Lawn, Alpha courses, Men's and Women's events, Membership Courses, or our fortnightly Conversation Club gatherings. Not to mention rejoicing together over some of the milestones of life; celebrating births, baptisms, engagements, and weddings, as well as grieving together over various losses and trials. It truly is a privilege to be part of a healthy, growing church community.

And the year is not over yet! There is still much for us to look forward to this term. I am especially excited about our upcoming series in 2 Kings called '*Faith in Faithless Times*'. We will follow the story of Israel's decline and eventual exile, learning important lessons about living faithfully for God in unfaithful times. For Advent (the period leading up to Christmas), we will explore the Scriptural background to some of our most well-known Christmas carols in a series called '*The Sound of Hope*'. As we get closer to the end of the year, it will be time for our annual Christmas Festival, which is happening on Sunday 15th of December. Make sure you put it in your diaries!

There are many other exciting things coming up this term, which you can find out more about in the pages that follow. Please join me in praying for the term ahead and all that it holds and ask that God might use us to help more people find true and lasting life in Jesus.



Adam Schoenmaker
LEAD PASTOR

In these pages you'll find encouraging articles, information on what is coming up at Oasis and how you can get involved to help more people find life in Jesus.

What's On

October

- 14th Young Adult Prayer & Worship Night
- 18th Women's Conference
- 24th Futureproof with Stephen McAlpine

November

- 2nd Women's Event
- 9th Men's Breakfast
- 23rd Young Adults Event
- 24th Kids Water Fun Day

December

- 6th Community Christmas Dinner
- 9th Young Adults Christmas Dinner
- 11th Women's Worship Night
- 15th Christmas Festival

Important Dates

- 18th-19th Oct Women's Conference
- 15th Dec Christmas Festival

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Join us on Sunday

8AM 10AM 6PM



Services are live streamed at 8AM & 10AM if you are unable to join us in person. On Facebook and YouTube www.youtube.com search for Oasis Church, links are accessible at oasischurch.com.au



Download Church Center

Church Directory, Groups,
Event Info, Registrations,
and More!

Sermon Series

9 Week Series in 2 Kings



5 Week Advent Series



Our Purpose

To help more people find life in Jesus

Our Priorities

Life in Jesus
Life Together
Life for Others



CHURCH SURVEY

It is a clear biblical truth that every member of the church body is indispensable, and every person has a role to play (1 Cor. 12:12). There is no one whose contribution is not needed or whose voice is not valued.

This survey is a practical outworking of that conviction.

Your voice is valued and we want to hear from you. We've crafted a variety of questions to get your input on our church and its ministries, not only to see where things are going well, but also to get an honest look at where we can improve and ideas we can implement to become more effective into the future. Your feedback will be vital in shaping the future direction of our church.

The survey should only take 5 minutes or so, and your responses are anonymous.

If you have any questions, please contact office@oasischurch.com.au.

**TAKE THE SURVEY
HERE!**



Adam Schoenmaker
LEAD PASTOR

Giving

We believe that regular, joyful, and sacrificial giving is an act of worship and an offering of thanks to God who has given so generously to us. When we give, we are proclaiming our faith in God as the provider of all things and our belief in the importance of the church.

Ways to Give

Direct Debit

Name: Oasis Church
BSB: 014 234
ACC: 367048692

Online

oasischurch.com.au/give

Church Center App

In Person

Donation boxes are located at the entry and exits.

EFTPOS is available at the Connections Centre



The Park

Specialty Coffee

7AM – 1.30PM
Monday – Friday

*50% of profits support
School Chaplains*



How to live for Jesus in a culture that

keeps changing



Futureproof

with Stephen McAlpine

Thursday 24th October

At Oasis Church 7PM

Free Event

Come early and grab a coffee from The Park Specialty Coffee

Life Groups

Life Groups are continuing on strong this year. Stephen Khu and I have been leading this ministry together and his wisdom has been a huge help. We have trained more leaders and launched more groups. We are almost keeping up with the growth of new people coming to church as our percentage of church regulars in groups actually dropped from 41% to 40% since the beginning of the year even though more people have actually joined groups this year! This happened because the total pool of people coming to church has grown faster than the total pool of people in Life Groups. Praise God for the growth of our church but pray that God might help us raise up more leaders and groups so that people can keep growing in their faith in Life Groups here at Oasis.

Life Groups are one of the primary ways we disciple people as a church. In these groups people find belonging, open up God's Word, pray together and encourage one another in the Christian life. Please pray for our 39 leaders who are investing in these groups and discipling group members. And consider joining a group if you aren't part of one already! If you'd like to join a group you can use the QR code below to express your interest.



Ben Fien
COMMUNITY PASTOR

Want to join a Life Group?

contact: ben@oasischurch.com.au



Or scan the
QR Code

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

SUNDAY
15TH DECEMBER

FESTIVAL:
4PM-7PM

SHOW TIMES:
3PM, 5PM & 7PM



JUMPING CASTLES

FOOD TRUCKS

MARKET STALLS

FACE PAINTING

CAROLS SHOWS

LIVE MUSIC



oasischurch.com.au
10 Youngs Crossing Rd, Bray Park

FREE!
FAMILY EVENT

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL IS TO REACH OUT TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS.

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO HELP US DO THIS.

PLEASE USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO SIGN UP TO SERVE OR EMAIL OFFICE@OASISCHURCH.COM.AU



CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

15TH DECEMBER

8AM & 10AM

CHRISTMAS CAROL SHOWS

3PM, 5PM & 7PM

(NO 6PM SERVICE)

24TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM

25TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY 9AM

29TH DECEMBER

8AM & 10AM SERVICES

(NO 6PM SERVICE)

TRAVELLING OVER CHRISTMAS?

OUR 8AM & 10AM SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED EACH WEEK ON YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK

Church Council Update

Welcome to term 4! The warmer months have now arrived, and as I discovered on a recent bike ride around our neighbourhood, magpie swooping season is also well underway.

What does this time of year mean for us at Oasis Church?

Among other things, it is a time of transition. While there is still much to do this year, we will take some time to pause and reflect.

We have finished our time as a church in the book of Revelation and will now be moving to the book of 2 Kings. As we reflect on Revelation, we can be thankful that Pastors Adam and Ben have helped to guide us so well through the book so that we can now grasp the overall big picture and understand the key symbols and imagery without getting lost in the detail. The glory of Jesus Christ and the riches of His love for us shine through each page. I have heard many of us comment that this area of the Bible has become much clearer thanks to this series, and I know it has sparked some great conversations after the Sunday services and in Life Groups.

Year 12 students will soon be completing their final exams and graduating high school. For some, it will also mark the end of their time at Oasis Youth. Let's pray that the seeds of faith sown in these young people will bear fruit as they transition into young adulthood. Year 6 students will be graduating from primary school. We will recognise this milestone on stage on a Sunday morning, as it also means that their time with Oasis Kids will end and they will now join adults in the main service on a Sunday (doing the D&M program with their peers each fortnight).

The staff team will soon host their annual planning day where they reflect on God's work in our church over the past year and plan for the coming 12 months. One thing they will consider is the results of the annual church survey, which will be released in October. This is an opportunity for us to examine how we are growing in the faith and how we can better encourage, serve and equip one another as we

seek to follow Jesus together. Could I please ask you to keep an eye out for this?

From a Church Council perspective, we will get ready to farewell some of our existing elders and pray for God's leading as the church appoints two new elders. In particular, Nathan Lloyd-Jones has recently stepped back as an elder, and Lorne Campbell (our Treasurer) and James Lane will both be completing their terms at the end of December. We are so thankful for the contribution that each of these men have made.

We are preparing for the Christmas season. Oasis Kids have already completed packing shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child, the deacons are planning our annual community Christmas dinner, and preparations for the Christmas Festival are already underway. Please could you pray that God would use the Festival to give people a taste of joyful Christian community and an opportunity to hear the thrilling message of Christmas hope found in the gospel? Please could you also consider how you might be able to serve at this event and who you might be able to invite to join for a fun afternoon?

We can reflect and be thankful for how God has continued to provide for all our needs financially. For the first eight months of the year, through the end of August, we have generally tracked in line with the 2024 budget, which was approved at the May AGM. Financial giving has remained at a similar level to 2023 while we have continued to see growth in the number of people joining Oasis Church.

Finally, over the next few months we will be preparing to formally launch the proposed building project with the church family at the beginning of 2025. For background, to position ourselves for continued growth, a little while ago we obtained an architect designed masterplan to revitalise and reconfigure the church campus. We have recently established a Building Committee, chaired by James Lane, which is progressing the technical side of the project. We have also established a Vision & Giving Committee, which is chaired by Pastor Adam. This Committee is responsible for communicating where we think God is leading us and sharing the vision for the project, which will occur next year.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in the gospel.



Will Barker
CHURCH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN

Mission in Action or Missing in Action?

Have you ever realised you've overlooked something important? Maybe it was a work deadline, a bill payment, or a family member's birthday? In the hustle of daily life, it's easy for things to slip from our minds. But what if we're missing something even more significant? Something that speaks to our deeper purpose, beyond our daily responsibilities?

As we journey through life and faith, we experience seasons of change. Sometimes we feel deeply connected to God's work, and other times we feel distant. These different seasons can be seen as moments of "mission in action" or "missing in action". Jesus speaks of this idea in Matthew 9:37:

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few".

With these words, Jesus invites us to see life differently. He's calling us to something greater than our normal routine responsibilities – a mission we're all invited to join. As we explore what it means to be part of God's harvest, we'll

discover how our everyday actions can make a difference.

The Harvest is Ready

Imagine a field ripe for harvest. That's how Jesus describes the world around us. It's not about crops, but people whose lives are ready to be transformed by God's love. This harvest is all around us – in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and communities.

Unlike a typical harvest, which happens once a season, this calling is ongoing. Every day presents a new opportunity to share our faith, encourage growth and be part of something larger than ourselves. The question remains: Are we actively taking part in this work?

From Missing to Mission

The idea of being part of God's mission might seem overwhelming. We might think, "I'm not qualified" or "I don't know where to start." But here's an encouraging thought:

God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called. As we're reminded in 2 Corinthians 9:8:

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

When we step out in faith, God provides abundantly all that we need – not just to survive, but to be fruitful in His mission. Think about the disciples: they were ordinary individuals – fishermen, tax collectors, everyday people with their own doubts and struggles. Yet God equipped them to make a difference. In the same way, He equips us today, ensuring we have everything necessary to fulfil His purpose and bless others.

Embracing Your Mission

Moving from "missing in action" to "mission in action" doesn't require becoming a full-time missionary or a pastor. It's about being intentional in your daily life. It could be as simple as praying for those around you, showing kindness to a colleague, volunteering in your community, or sharing your faith journey with a friend.

As Max Lucado writes: *"God is able to accomplish, provide, help, save, keep, subdue... He is able to do what you can't. He already has a plan. God's not bewildered. Go to Him."* This reminds us that we're not alone in this mission. God has a plan, and He's inviting us to be part of it.

Facing Challenges

Embracing this mission isn't always

easy. You may face doubts, fears, or opposition. But every meaningful pursuit comes with its challenges. You might encounter challenges such as the fear of rejection when sharing your faith, feeling inadequate or unprepared, or struggling to balance your mission with other life responsibilities. The key is to keep your focus on the potential impact – the lives that can be positively shaped through your faithfulness. When things become difficult, remember Paul's words in Galatians 6:9:

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up".

Persistence in our mission brings blessing, even when the path is challenging.

The Joy of Harvest

There's a unique joy in being part of God's mission. It's the joy of seeing lives transformed, hope restored, and faith ignited. When we align ourselves with this purpose, we discover a sense of fulfilment that goes beyond our everyday achievements. In John 4:36 Jesus speaks of this joy:

"Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together".

This reminds us that participating in God's work brings a special kind of joy – one that connects us with God and with others who are engaged in the same mission.

Your Mission Awaits

As we consider this journey from "missing in action" to "mission in action", each of us has a unique role to play. It's not about being perfect or having all the answers. It's about being intentional in taking steps in our mission each day.

The harvest awaits, and you can make a difference. Each day brings new opportunities to engage with God's mission, from sharing a kind word to simply being present for someone in need. These moments, though they might seem small, can have a lasting impact.

As you go about your day, consider: Will you be missing in action or will you be on mission in action? Your unique gifts, circumstances, and relationships are tools crafted for serving others. Just as a potter moulds clay, God has shaped your experiences and abilities to help those around you. Each person you encounter may be part of the harvest field Jesus spoke about, waiting for the kindness, compassion you're uniquely prepared to give that will open the door for you to share the good news of Jesus with them.

Trust that God can work through you in unexpected ways. May you find joy, purpose, and deep fulfilment as you discover what it means to be doing "mission in action" in your everyday life, using the qualities God has equipped you with to make a difference in the lives of others.



Dewald Werner
MINISTRY INTERN

2025 Church Internships

Who can apply to join an Internship?

Anyone who is seeking to grow closer to Jesus and who is keen to explore serving their church family in different ministry areas! [Provided you're over 18 and have (or can successfully apply for) a current Blue Card.]

Maybe you are a school leaver looking to take a gap year or wanting to explore serving more at church? Maybe you are someone who works part-time? Maybe you work full-time, but still want to invest more time into growing in your faith and serving your church family? Maybe you are retired and want to invest your time in church ministry?

Our entry-level internship focuses primarily on serving on Sundays, with the training component able to also be held on Sundays. This means that there is the potential for little involvement (other than reading) during the rest of the week.

What does an internship involve?

Overall, there is an expected time commitment of approximately 4 hours per week. This includes serving in ministry, as well as some theological training in biblical and systematic theology. You will also be matched with a mentor, who will journey with you throughout the year.

As mentioned above, our internships focus on serving in various ways at our Sunday services, particularly during the school term. We usually take a break during the school holidays. However, there is an expectation that interns will be available to serve at Easter & Christmas services and events.

Areas you might serve in on a Sunday include welcoming and ushering, praying for people, next gen ministry (D&M's, Kids Church, Junior Kids Church, Creche), the creative team (music, sound, lighting, and AV), the kitchen team, and the Park coffee team. If you're available during the week, then opportunities to assist with things like the Alpha Course, Community Cupboard, Chappy Brekkies, youth ministry, or Gems & Cadets are also possibilities.

What will I come away with?

At the end of the internship, we hope that you will have grown a deeper love for God and his word, that you will have grown a deeper love for God's people, and that you will have had opportunities to discover and explore how and where you can best use the gifts and talents that God has given you for the building up of his people, the church.

Apply Now!

Our internship applications, or expressions of interest, are now open. You can submit yours online by filling out this online form.

If you have any questions and would like to find out more, you can also chat with me on a Sunday or email me (stephen@oasischurch.com.au) and we'll arrange a time to catch up.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in doing an internship at Oasis Church, I would love to hear from you!

Keep trusting Jesus,

Stephen



Stephen Khu
YOUTH PASTOR

Partner Report

Bapulal and Dura



We are serving the Lord in a ministry to our own tribal people in India. We have one son (6). God continues to bless our family and ministry. Thanks for partnering with us in this harvesting ministry.

Last year, God blessed our fellowship groups with 4 people who came to put their hope in God.

There are now two village prayer groups and two larger congregations.



At this time there are another 6 more people who are being taught about God's grace and we trust they will soon declare their faith in Jesus alone.

We continue to be busy in God's Kingdom and trust him for an even greater harvest.

Our vision is to take the gospel to the unreached people in my villages and add more souls to the kingdom of God. In the meantime, we are visiting our three outreach villages

to start more prayer groups.

Please pray for those who have put their trust in Jesus. They will face many challenges and temptations. There will be a lot of pressure put on them by family, friends and the community to go back to their old ways.

Please pray for God's blessing on the preaching and teaching of His Word. May He add many to His Church and set many free from darkness and fear.

Please pray for my outreach villages to preach the gospel without any hindrance.

Most of the believers in our congregation are farmers and day labourers. Please pray for their spiritual growth and economic development.

Finally, we want you to know that we pray for you our partners on the first Sunday of every month. Please continue to stand with us. The great hope in Christ is *"whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life"*. John 5:24.

IndiWay email: indiway.office@gmail.com

New Life Orphanage Myanmar



Did you know that as a church Oasis Church supports four children in the New Life Orphanage in Myanmar. Our Kids Church offering held each week goes directly to these children. There are also many families at Oasis who also sponsor children through New Life, if you would like more information about child sponsorship, please contact the church office or visit newlifetrust.org.au.



Rachael is 22yrs old.
Rachael would like to become a nurses aid



Gideon is 14yrs old.
Gideon would like to become an engineer



Theresa is 8yrs old.
Theresa would like to become a teacher.



Shaun is 15yrs old.
Shaun would like to become and Engineer

How can you support the work of New Life?

SPONSOR A CHILD:

Child Sponsorship costs \$400/yr or \$33/mth

JOIN THE HUNDRED CLUB:

Fund education programmes that lift children and their communities out of poverty. \$100/mth

Compassion Partnership Thailand & Indonesia



Oasis Church partners with Compassion Australia. Many of you sponsor children and know first-hand the difference Compassion sponsorship makes. Compassion's programs are carried out by a local Church. Because poverty looks different in every community, local Church partners are best equipped to respond holistically to needs. They build relationships with children and their families, meet urgent nutrition and healthcare needs, and encourage and grow communities spiritually.

How can you support the work of Compassion?

IF YOU ARE A SPONSOR: Please write to your sponsor children. Letters provide so much encouragement to the children.

IF YOU WANT TO SPONSOR: This QR code shows children who are waiting for sponsorship in our partnered region, or you can contact the church office office@oasischurch.com.au or 3882 1989.

**SCAN TO
SPONSOR A
CHILD TODAY!**





Church Insight Trip

Experience God's Church at work in Thailand

See firsthand how our local church partners are serving their communities in Thailand. You will meet and be encouraged by church leaders as well as visit local families in their homes.

On this trip you will travel to northern Thailand with small groups from like-minded Australian churches. Join us to see how local church members worship God in both word and deed by ensuring each child is known, loved, protected and released from poverty in Jesus' name.

"Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations."

—Psalm 145:13 (NIV)



Scan the QR code
to register.



Sample Itinerary

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| Day One | Fly to Chiang Mai |
| Day Two | Behind the scene visit to Compassion office and meet staff |
| Day Three | Observe program activities at a child development centre Visit family homes |
| Day Four | Attend a Sunday worship service Rest |
| Day Five | Visit local church partners and sponsored children |
| Day Six | Visit a Mums and Babies project |
| Day Seven | Visit a child development centre |
| Day Eight | Debrief and sightseeing Fly home |

Trip Details

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|--------------------|--|
| Date | 20-27 February 2025 |
| Destination | Thailand |
| Cost | \$3,200 (Twin share room) or \$3,500 (Single room) Cost is inclusive of flights, transportation, accommodation, meals, bottled water and travel insurance. |
| Enquiries | fieldexperience@compassion.com.au |

Oasis Care

Community Cupboard



CHRISTMAS DINNER

6TH DECEMBER

6PM-8PM

FREE EVENT

Each year we host a Christmas dinner for the families in our local area who we have provided hampers for throughout the year via our Community Cupboard. We provide a lovely Christmas Dinner and a fun program for the children to enjoy. We also bless them with a hamper full of Christmas goodies and gifts for the children. If you would like to be involved in this years dinner, there are a variety of ways to get involved.

BUY A GIFT FOR A CHILD

Use this link to sign up to buy a gift for a child.



VOLUNTEER TO HELP ON THE NIGHT



DONATE HAMPER ITEMS

Donations of non-perishable Christmas Hamper food items can be left at the Connections Centre or the church office.

DONATE FINANCIALLY

Donations can be made via our regular giving options using 'Christmas Dinner' as the reference or via this direct link.



Community Cupboard

Each week we provide emergency food hampers for people in need in our local area. If you'd like to donate food to our Community Cupboard we have a stand located at the Connections Center where you can leave food or cash donations.

Where to donate:

You can donate items or cash on the Oasis Care shelves at the Connections Centre.

Items we need regularly are:



Tinned Items
Cereals
Flour
Sugar
Pasta, Rice, Noodles
Sauces and Recipe Bases
Tea and Coffee
Toiletries

Donate directly to our account:



Oasis Church Deacons
BSB: 014 234
ACC: 3670 42426

They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

Oasis Care

Our Care Team, led by our Deacons and Pastor Ben, serves the practical needs of our church and local community. We mow lawns, cook meals, visit people in hospital and give out food hampers from our Community Cupboard every week.

Want to Get Involved ?

We are always looking for volunteers and donations to support the work we do. If you would like to volunteer please contact Ben at ben@oasischurch.com.au

Deacons



Aleida
Collinge



Estie
Wolmarans



Graham
Miller



Glenn
Humphreys

The Most Competitive Verse in the Bible

I have a confession to make. Your Community Pastor is a bit competitive. At least when it comes to sports, I get a little, let's say... engrossed in the game on the screen. Or, if I'm playing said game, I forget about everything else in the world until it's finished or I'm injured! What about you? Whether you enjoy competition or not, there is a verse in the Bible that commands us to be competitive. Ray Ortlund Jr., an American Pastor, calls it the most competitive verse in the Bible! The verse

I'm talking about is Romans 12:10, which says in the English Standard Version, "Outdo one another in showing honour."

I love this verse. We're being commanded here to be competitive about how much we honour, respect and esteem one another. This verse flies in the face of our Australian culture with its tall-poppy syndrome and sarcastic humour. The gospel that Romans beautifully expounds in chapters 1-11 creates a gospel-shaped life among God's people. The gospel doesn't just tell us how our sins can be forgiven. The gospel of Jesus has the power to save us from sin and all of its anti-social effects. Now, Romans 12:10 doesn't mean we flatter one another and say untrue things to make someone feel better. But we don't have to try very hard to find something worth honouring in people who bear the glorious image of God!

Will you take up the challenge to obey this command with me? What might it look like if we "in humility count others more significant" than ourselves (Philippians 2:3)? I thank God that Jesus did not remain in heaven even though He's clearly infinitely more important than I am. We will never be able to repay Jesus for leaving the bliss of heaven in order to serve us who are insignificant and trivial in comparison to Him! He took the lowest place, to save us from sin and honour us with adoption as children of God! How wonderful would it be for newcomers to enter our fellowship, and take a breath of fresh air as they see and sense the tangible love of God among us? Perhaps it would seem other-worldly to them? It would be a glimpse of God's intention for human community.

Competing with you!



Ben Fien
COMMUNITY PASTOR

Our Values

Biblically
Grounded

Gospel
Focused

Servant
Hearted

Outward
Looking

Better
Together



There are many opportunities to get involved at Oasis and it is a great way to get to know other people. We encourage you to get involved in a serving team, there are roles for everyone no matter your stage of life.

You will find a copy of our Serving Guide at the Connection Centre, packed full of many different ways you can get involved at Oasis Church. Grab your copy today!



Scan the QR code to take your first step in finding a place to serve at Oasis.

Christianity is a Singing Faith

Earlier this year, my sister hosted a 'TayTay Concert' at her home. My daughter and about eight other little girls sang their little hearts out for the two-hour on-screen concert. Compare that to my almost teenage son who one morning at church stood arms folded uninterested in singing (I'm being honest and am humbled in sharing this). The exuberant singing at the home concert compared to the lack of engagement at church was confronting and upset me. It became a teaching moment where I intentionally spent time with my son to talk about singing in Church...

What's your attitude like on the spectrum of singing at Church? Did you know that every Sunday the team rostered on leading worship in song pray for you? We pray God will work in and through us to glorify God and to give us all a renewed picture of our awesome God. You've probably heard me say; it really is a great privilege we have to worship God in song together. Especially that we can do it so freely (unlike our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters in other parts of the world).

I read an article called 'The Role of Singing in the Life of the Church' which I want to share with you. I pray it encourages, challenges, and reminds you of the importance of singing together. As the article says: Christianity is a singing faith!

I encourage you to read [The Role of Singing in the Life of the Church](http://thegospelcoalition.org) (thegospelcoalition.org)



Emma Sunderland
CREATIVE & WOMENS MINISTRY LEADER



Seniors

CONVERSATION CLUB

for over 65's looking for a fun & stimulating morning!



\$8

Each fortnight, we have a guest speaker and a sumptuous three course lunch to enjoy.

Fortnightly **FRIDAYS**

10^{AM}-1^{PM}

Please register for catering purposes via email office@oasischurch.com.au or by phone 3882 1989.

At Oasis Church

SOCIAL GROUPS

WEDNESDAY 9.30AM – 11.30AM

Our Seniors gather together for a games morning full of fun and fellowship on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month in the church hall. All are welcome to attend.

Contact: Church Office 3882 1989 or (office@oasischurch.com.au)

FRIDAY 10AM – 1PM

Conversation Club is held each fortnight, we have a guest speaker and a sumptuous three course lunch to enjoy.

Please register for catering purposes via email office@oasischurch.com.au

LIFE GROUPS

WEDNESDAY 10AM – 1PM

Ladies Fellowship meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month for Bible study.

Contact: Church Office 3882 1989 or (office@oasischurch.com.au)

WEDNESDAY 10AM – 1PM

Our Retired Mens Group meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month for Bible study.

Contact: Church Office 3882 1989 or (office@oasischurch.com.au)

Men

8AM Saturday
November 9th

Men's Breakfast

Meet at The Park - Specialty Coffee

\$5 for Breakfast

Register at oasischurch.com.au

Life Groups

Men's Group for Sexual Integrity.

MONDAY 7PM-9PM

There is freedom and forgiveness available in Christ. If you struggle with porn or sexual misbehaviour you can find support at this men's group meeting. For more information (and a shame-free response) email **Pastor Ben** ben@oasischurch.com.au

**Men & Mates
Breakfast and
Bible study**

**TUESDAY
6AM - 7AM**

Contact:
Pastor Ben
ben@oasischurch.com.au

Life Groups

WEDNESDAY

12.30PM – 2.30PM

Oasis Women

Contact: Emma

(emma@oasischurch.com.au)

THURSDAY

9AM – 11AM

Ladies Know Your Bible

Contact: Alicia

(bongers.family@bigpond.com)

FRIDAY

9.30AM – 11.30AM

(Fortnightly)

Ladies Care/Share

Contact: Nicola

(nr1@petrusma.id.au)

Social Groups

MONDAY

Craft Group

The Hall every Monday

9.00am – 11.30am

This group works on a variety of projects

All welcome. Cost is \$5 per morning.

Contact: Judy Stringer

0421 686 909

Women



Oasis Church

Women's Conference

WHEN YOU PRAY

Friday 18th Oct 7-9PM + Saturday 19th Oct 8AM-4PM



Womens Event

An Afternoon with Eliza King

2nd November 2pm

\$10pp

Young Adults

YOUNG ADULTS

Prayer & Worship Night



MONDAY 14TH OCT
7PM THE PARK
OASIS CHURCH



SATURDAY 23RD NOV
7PM NEW YORK MINUTE
STRATHPINE



MONDAY 9TH DEC
7PM THE PARK
OASIS CHURCH

WAYS TO CONNECT

Our Oasis Young Adults Facebook group is a great place to stay up to date with all that is happening in our Young Adult Community.

Scan to join the facebook group.



GROWTH GROUPS

Young Adults Growth Groups meet in a variety of homes and evenings throughout the week. Contact us to help find a group that suits you.

Scan join a Life Group.



Hayden Smith

YOUTH WORKER
hayden@oasischurch.com.au



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Youth

ON FRIDAYS...



Term 4

FRIDAY 7PM-9PM

10 YOUNGS CROSSING RD
BRAY PARK



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YOUTH@OASISCHURCH.COM.AU

- 04/10** Gladiator Night
- 11/10** Chill Night
- 18/10** Bowling
- 25/10** I'm a Celebrity
- 01/11** Water Fight Night
- 08/11** Send Off
- 15/11** Chill Night
- 22/11** *Christmas Party!*

ON SUNDAYS...

FORTNIGHTLY

DOM

8AM & 10AM Church Services

Yr. 7 to 9's

PLAYGROUP – PRE-SCHOOLERS



playgroup

Tuesday 9AM-11AM



term 4



01.10

Welcome Back

08.10

Space

15.10

Water Play (Petrie Mill)

22.10

Zoo Animals

29.10

Bikes & Scooters

05.11

Summer Party

-Water & Bubbles

12.11

Fruit Salad

19.11

Baking & Crafting

26.11

Christmas Breakup



playgroup@oasischurch.com.au



\$2 Per Family



10 Youngs Crossings Rd, Bray Park

GEMS & CADETS – PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cadets

Thursdays Fortnightly

6:45PM-9PM

Boys grade 2-6



cadets@oasischurch.com.au

Term 4

10 | Oct

24 | Oct

7 | Nov

21 | Nov

GEMS

Thursdays Fortnightly

6:30PM-8:30PM

Girls grade 2-6

gems@oasischurch.com.au

Term 4

3 | Oct

17 | Oct

31 | Oct

14 | Nov

Oasis Kids

It is our desire to see each child at Oasis Kids come to know the Lord, grow in His Word and be a powerful witness to Him in their world. This is why we offer age-appropriate ministries for babies through to grade 6 each Sunday morning of school term, with Creche continuing through holiday time.

To check your children in to Creche, Jnr Kids Church or Kids Church, head to the Oasis Kids check in table in the hall. Check in for the 8am service is open from 7.40. Check in for the 10am service is open from 9.45.

Creche Age 0-3

Our creche ministry provides a safe and nurturing place for babies and toddlers to play, and learn simple truths about God and His Word, through a story, play based activities and caring interactions with our volunteers.

Creche is offered through term and holiday time.

Junior Kids Church Age 3 - Prep

Each Sunday in JKC a foundational truth about God is taught and reinforced through worship songs (with lots of fun actions), the Bible story, craft, hands on activities and lots of chatting with our wonderful kids' volunteers. JKC runs during term time.

Kids Church Grades 1-6

In Kids Church we begin in The Shed with a fun, interactive kids worship service, before heading over to the Genesis classrooms for small group time. Small groups are a place to build relationships, play games, explore and discuss the Bible teaching and pray together.

Kids Church runs during term time.

How to Report Concerns

We place a high value on providing safe programs for children and vulnerable people. If you have concerns regarding any of our ministry programs please contact our ChildSafe Coordinators childsaf@oasischurch.com.au

Kids Ministries

Why do we do what we do?

Every Sunday morning across the school term (and all year round for our little ones in creche) we run programs for kids at Oasis. Why do we do this? Is it so that our adults can attend the church service in peace? Maybe it's to entertain the kids and keep them busy? Of course, it's neither. We offer Sunday morning kids programs because we want kids to know about God, to know Him for themselves, and to find life in Him. Our mission as a church is to help people find life in Jesus – and that mission extends to everyone, including the smallest members of our church.

In Kids Church and Jnr Kids Church we use theologically rich teaching resources. We do this because we believe that kids are not too young or too small to know big truths about God, to understand God's big story and their part in it. Even the smallest child can know about God and who He is, His attributes and His character. And they can know God personally.

In our Jnr Kids Church room (3 yr olds to Prep) our children are learning big truths about God. There are six truths and each has an action and a song to help the children remember them.

1. God Made Everything
2. God is Good
3. God is in Charge of Everything
4. The Church is God's Family
5. God wants to Talk with Us
6. Jesus Came to Save Sinners



Each Sunday, as the children explore a story from the Bible, one of these truths is drawn out and reinforced. If you have a child in JKC, why not ask

them which truth they learned about that day? Maybe they can even show you the action and teach you the song?

Next year, we plan to begin introducing three of these truths to our creche ministry (babies and toddlers).

1. God Made Everything
2. God is Good
3. God is in Charge of Everything

Each week a Bible story book will be shared that teaches on one of the truths.

We are so excited to be sharing who God is and what He has done, with the children of this church. We are praying that they will not only learn about God, who He is and what He is like, but they will come to know Him as their Lord and Saviour. It is truly our mission to help more kids find life in Jesus.



Caroline Brandon
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADER

Date Claimers for Term 4

17 Nov – Grade 6 Graduation
24 Nov – Water Fun Day



For news and updates from our kid's ministries, be sure to join the

OASIS KIDS FACEBOOK GROUP

In the group we share and celebrate what's going on in our kids' ministries, along with discussions you can carry on at home with your kids. It's our desire to support and encourage you as you walk with your child on their discipleship journey.



OASIS
KIDS

12 Ways to Move Your Kids Towards Spiritual Maturity

In school, kids take tests to see how well they are learning the material being taught. If they don't pass the tests, they will be held back instead of advancing to the next year level because they can't move forward without sufficient knowledge to absorb new material.

Do you periodically evaluate your kids to see how they are maturing and growing spiritually? Peter said, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)

It is one thing for kids to pray and accept Jesus as their personal Savior, becoming "saved". It's another thing for them to know what grace is and that it is the grace of God that saved them.

Kids and teens often have a surface understanding of the Gospel. They will say they are saved because Jesus died for them. But do they truly know what Jesus went through to die for them? Are they really appreciative of the gift Jesus gave us, so they have freedom in Christ.

Every parent has the responsibility to help their children grow in their faith, so they can live for Christ maturely on their own.

Here are **12 Ways** to help you evaluate basic areas of spiritual growth. You might like to evaluate yourself first, before evaluating your kids. Remember to take into consideration the ages of your kids when evaluating them. It is good to evaluate their spiritual growth at least once a year, setting goals for the following year.

- Do they obey God's principles of right and wrong?
- Do they know how to lead someone to faith in Jesus Christ? Do they know what Scripture they would share? Do they have these verses memorized?
- Do they know how to disciple someone, teaching Spiritual truths?
- Do they know how to lead a small group Bible Study?
- Do they consider the preciousness of others putting their

needs first?

- Do they have a daily quiet time, do they read the Bible and talk to God?
- Do they know the books of the Bible? Can they find the books of the Bible without the index? Do they have favourite verses in the Bible? What are they? Do they memorize Bible verses?
- Do they know how to pray conversationally?
- Are they familiar with other religions and how their teachings contradict Christianity?
- Does their belief in God show in their words and actions?
- Do they look forward to going to church each week? Do they listen well to the sermon, taking notes? Do they come up with ways to apply what they learned? Are they blessed when they worship God in song or do they just sing along, looking around thinking about other things?
- Do they have a servant's heart?

Please remember - these are **goals** you are working towards as you disciple your children in the Spiritual truths of God's Word every day of their lives in your words and actions. Are your kids "growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," their focus being on becoming holy rather than focusing on being happy? Are you?



Alicia Bongers



Geoff & Alicia Bongers run parenting courses using Growing Families material.

Preparation for Parenting for parents expecting a baby, then 3 more courses over the next 12 months of your baby's life.

Toddlerhood Transitions takes you through their toddler years.

Parenting from the Tree of Life then follows for parents with children aged 3 through to the teen years.

There are also courses to help you through those Middle Years and looking at Protecting the Innocence of those childhood years.

Please check out growingfamilies.life for more information about these courses. If you are interested in attending any of these courses, please contact us by email bongers.family@bigpond.com or phone 0402 210 184.

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Our Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

We long to see your name glorified and your kingdom come in our lives, in our church, and in our world. We know that you are able to do **more than all we could ask, think, or imagine.** We ask that your Spirit would renew and revive us and move us forward into all that you have for us.

Help us to **worship you wholeheartedly.** To trust in Jesus' finished work on the cross, to walk in step with your Spirit, to grow in knowledge of your word, and to deepen our devotion to prayer. Let all that we do be done for your glory.

Move us to **love and serve one another** in practical ways. Help us to welcome the outsider, to encourage the discouraged, and to receive the repentant. Move us to gather regularly, to love genuinely, to serve selflessly, and to give generously so that the body might be built up and needs might be met.

Give us **boldness to share and to promote the gospel.** Help us to do this both in our words and in our actions, whenever the opportunity arises. Grant us the humility to engage with gentleness and respect. Lift our eyes and move our hands to seek the good of our local community and to pursue and promote justice.

Gracious God, **fill us, move us, shape us** to become a city on a hill, a light in the darkness, a people that exist for your glory and for the good of others so that more people might find true and lasting life in Jesus.

We pray this in Jesus' precious name.

Amen.

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We believe that regular, joyful, and sacrificial giving is an act of worship and an offering of thanks to God who has given so generously to us.

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oasischurch.com.au/give

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