

# The Quarterly

Autumn  
2025



**OASIS**  
CHURCH

We exist to help more  
people find life in Jesus

# From the Lead Pastor

I wonder if you've heard the saying 'Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery'? Apparently, it was originally penned by Oscar Wilde. The idea is that when someone imitates or copies another person, it is often a sign of admiration or respect.

I've been thinking about imitation recently as I've been reading 'The Life of Martyn Lloyd-Jones (1899–1981)' by Iain H. Murray. If you're not familiar with Lloyd-Jones, he was a Welsh minister, preacher and medical doctor in the 1900's. He served at Westminster Chapel in London for almost 30 years and was one of the most influential voices in Reformed evangelicalism in the 20th century. I have been stirred and inspired by his life and his ministry. I have wanted my life and ministry to more closely resemble his life and example.

This impulse towards imitation is a biblical ideal. The Scriptures commend and command us to imitate others. Ephesians 5:1 says, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children." The Apostle Paul writes to the Christians in the city of Corinth, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:11). Paul puts forward his own life and faith as an example to be emulated. Similarly, the author of Hebrews writes, "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith" (13:7). As a church leader this verse is intimidating, but the principle remains the same; we need examples to follow. We aren't simply to follow advice or instructions; we need to follow people.

So, my question is this: Who are you following? Whose faith are you seeking to imitate? Whose life is shaping your life? This is one of the many reasons we need each other. We need to see other examples of what it looks like to follow Jesus faithfully. And my challenge is this: If there is someone whose example of faith inspires your faith, tell them. Thank them. Give glory to God for them. And seek yourself to be an example to others. Live a life of faith that is both worthy of the gospel (Php. 1:27) and worth being imitated. If we do that together, we will 'shine like stars in the sky' (Php. 2:15).

I hope and pray this latest edition of The Quarterly is helpful for you. It has all the information you need about what's coming up at Oasis Church, along with articles to help you grow, information about our ministries and when they begin, along with all of the events, sermon series, and programs that will be happening this term. As you read through all of the details, please pray for the year ahead, asking that God might continue to use us to help more people find 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

## May

7th	Alpha
8th	Young Adults Beach Day
17th	Women's Brunch
18th	Pledge Sunday
20th	Creative Team Social
24th	Young Adults Event
30th	Youth Wakeover

## June

7th	Men's Breakfast
11th	Women's Worship Night
18th	Men's State of Origin
21st	Young Adults Event
22nd	Belonging Course

## Sermon Series

4th May	Renew & Reach
8th Jun	Psalm 23: <i>From Shadows to Shelter</i>
29th Jun	One Another: <i>The Beauty of Life Together</i>

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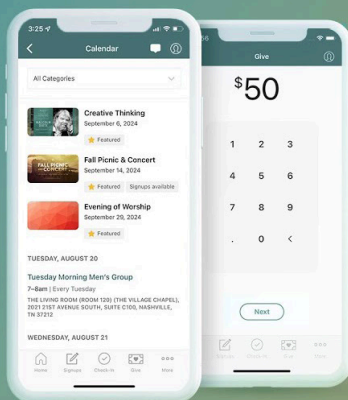
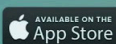


Services are live streamed at 8AM & 10AM if you are unable to join us in person. On Facebook and YouTube [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) search for Oasis Church, links are accessible at [oasischurch.com.au](http://oasischurch.com.au)

## church center

- Event Signups
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# The Park

Specialty Coffee

7AM – 1.30PM

Monday – Friday

*50% of profits support  
School Chaplains*



# 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](https://oasischurch.com.au/give)

## Church Center App

### In Person

Donation boxes are located at the entry and exits.

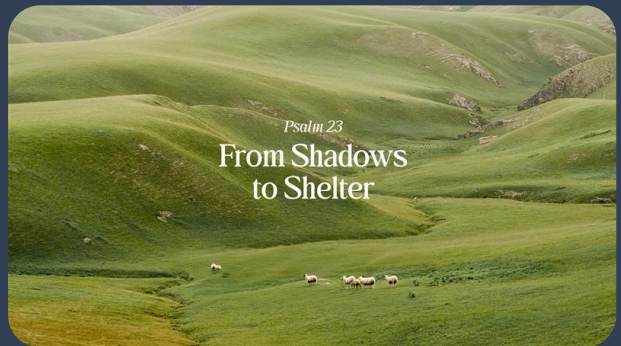
EFTPOS is available at the Connections Centre

# Sermon Series

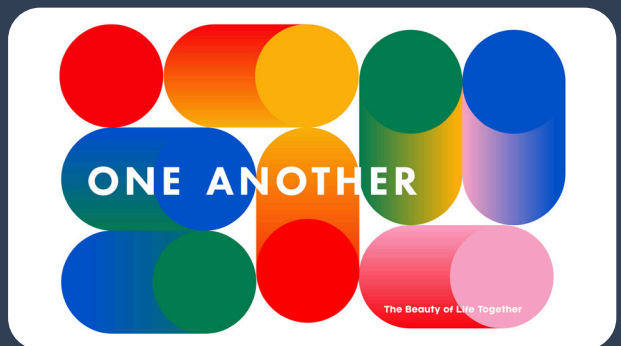
4th May



8th June



29th June



## **Renew & Reach: Vision Series**

As we continue our Renew & Reach campaign, we will spend 4 weeks in God's word to consider where he might be leading us. We will explore the opportunity this project presents—to pass on the faith to the next generation, to reach the lost, to lay a firm foundation for the future, and to rejoice in God's faithfulness to us. We hope this vision series will stir our hearts for what's ahead, reminding us that every brick laid and every step taken is part of a much bigger story and under the guidance of our gracious God.

## **Psalm 23: From Shadows to Shelter**

Psalm 23 is the best-known Psalm in the Bible. As we explore this well-known passage, we'll discover afresh how God faithfully guides his people through life's darkest valleys and into the safety of his love. No matter the struggles we face, our Good Shepherd provides rest, renewal, and unwavering care. Join us as we journey from fear to trust, from shadows to shelter.

## **One Another: The Beauty of Life Together**

God designed us for community. To not just exist alongside one another, but to love, serve, and grow together. In this sermon series, we'll explore the powerful "one another" commands of Scripture, uncovering how they shape our relationships, strengthen our church, and reflect the heart of Christ. Join us as we embrace the joy and beauty of life together in Christ.



# Prayer

We have a team of dedicated people who regularly pray for the needs of our church family. If you would like prayer, please feel free to share your prayer requests by emailing [prayer@oasischurch.com.au](mailto:prayer@oasischurch.com.au). We would love to stand with you in prayer!

## Want to join the prayer team?

Scan the QR below



# Life Groups

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 41 leaders who are investing in these groups and discipling group members. We are praying and working together to raise up more leaders and help more people find a home in a Life Group this year at Oasis. Ask the Lord to provide us with leaders and pray that people find their Life Group to be a place they can safely grow and serve others.

If you'd like to join a group in 2025 you can use the QR code below to express your interest.

Grace and peace,



*Ben Fien*  
COMMUNITY PASTOR

**Want to join a Life Group?**  
contact: [ben@oasischurch.com.au](mailto:ben@oasischurch.com.au)



Or scan the  
QR Code

# Courses at Oasis

This term, we're excited to offer the following courses designed to help you grow, connect, and strengthen your faith



## Alpha:

Explore life, faith, and meaning in a relaxed, judgment-free environment. Perfect for anyone with questions about Christianity or wanting to deepen their understanding.

Starting 7th May



Join us and find your place to grow this term. For details and to register, visit [oasischurch.com.au](https://oasischurch.com.au) or scan the QR Codes



## Belonging Course:

Discover the identity and purpose of our church and take the next step toward formal membership, putting down roots in our church family.

Sunday 22nd June



# Why Didn't You Tell Me?

Imagine you made a friend, and then in your early twenties, your friend discovered there was a kind and benevolent neighbour who would give \$1 million to anyone who knocked on his door and asked.

This friend took the money and enjoyed it, while you continued on, unaware, through life. Then, at the end, when you are both old and grey, you found out what your friend had been hiding all these years. I bet the question you would ask is: "WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?"

Now, a million dollars is absolutely nothing compared to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

When I think about my own conversion story, it wasn't that someone simply told me about Jesus, and I was convinced straight away. It took years. I think about my mother faithfully praying for me, the Scripture Union leaders who sent me letters and followed up, the youth leaders who mentored me, and all the resources I read. Then, finally, the guest speaker at a chapel event who shared the gospel before I made the decision to follow Christ.

And OH, how happy I am that I was told! All those seeds along the way—demonstrated by faith in action through love and grace—led me to this incredible gift. I have been a Christian for about twenty years now, and I am still so thankful that, even though my sins were like scarlet, I have been made white through the blood of the Lamb.



For those interested, here are some of the verses that helped me understand salvation:

Romans 3:23 – "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 6:23 – "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 5:8 – "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 10:9 – "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:13 – "For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

Thank you to those who told me.

Because I know how life-changing the gospel is, I am passionate about sharing it. That's why I'm excited to be part of the Mission Team at Oasis Church, where we want to help others share the gospel in both word and action, locally and globally. And when I say local, I mean right here in our own community.

One of the aspects I am most excited about is the Alpha Course. Alpha is a space where people can explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly, and judgment-free environment. It's designed for those who have questions about God, life, and meaning—whether they're skeptical, curious, or just looking for a safe place to discuss faith.

At Oasis Church, we run Alpha three times a year, and the next course starts on Wednesday 7th May.

I want to encourage you to pray and to invite your friends and family to our next Alpha course or to one of our outreach events this term. You never know who might be waiting to hear about the greatest gift they could ever receive.

Friends, don't keep the good news to yourself.



*Justine Barker*

# Church Council Update

As you read this, we will have recently gathered to commemorate Jesus' death and celebrate His resurrection at our Easter services. Praise be to God for transforming history's greatest tragedy into its greatest triumph!

At Church Council, many of our discussions over the first few months of this year have centred around the Renew & Reach campaign—renewing our building to reach more people for Jesus. We've been praying for God's guidance, listening to feedback, considering options, and planning events. In Term 2, a significant

milestone will be Pledge Sunday, when our church family will have an opportunity to pledge our financial support for this endeavour. If you haven't already, please pick up a copy of the Renew & Reach booklet from the Connection Centre or online ([oasischurch.com.au/renew](http://oasischurch.com.au/renew)) and prayerfully consider how you can join us on this journey.

While it's essential to be wise and diligent in managing practical matters like buildings and budgets, these are merely enablers for our mission: helping more people find life in Jesus. Our passion for this mission stems from the profound meaning of Easter, which I would like to reflect on today.

The empty tomb at Easter's heart is central to our faith. For others, it's foolishness or a stumbling block. But to us, it's God's wisdom and power. Why? Jesus's death and resurrection are remarkable historical events, yet they're not unique in Scripture. What sets the empty tomb apart is its profound theological significance: Jesus died for our sins, and His resurrection confirms our reconciliation with God.

This gospel—the good news that through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, God offers salvation to all who believe—is an enduring invitation. For over 2,000 years, Christians have embraced it. When we joyfully celebrate Easter at Oasis Church, we affirm our hope in this timeless promise, which, though ancient, remains ever-relevant. Our hope in this gospel provides a firm foundation amid life's uncertainties, just as it has for believers throughout history.

In today's world, change seems constant. Technological

advancements, shifting cultural norms, economic fluctuations, and evolving global dynamics occur at a dizzying pace. These changes can be bewildering, challenging our sense of stability and security, leaving us feeling unmoored. Yet, as believers, we have a steadfast anchor: our hope in the gospel of our unchanging God.

We know the Lord does not change (Malachi 3:6) and that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Despite the world's volatility, God's character and promises remain secure. While human endeavours and worldly trends come and go, God's word stand eternal. As Isaiah 40:8 affirms, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

How can we internalise these truths to alleviate our anxiety about the future? In a culture that often prioritizes the transient and novel, how can we stop ourselves being swept away by prevailing trends, shifting morals, or social media algorithms?

Here are two suggestions:

1. **Deepen your engagement with Scripture and prayer:** Regularly immerse yourself in God's word to understand His unchanging character and promises. Ensure it's a two-way dialogue by responding in prayer. As you shift your focus from current events to Jesus, you gain an eternal perspective on the present.
2. **Participate in community:** Engage with our church family by forming friendships and serving together. We can be an 'oasis' of stability in an unstable world. Within our community, find support, encouragement, and collective wisdom rooted in the Bible.

In a world yearning for true constancy, Easter reveals that we can have a confident, unwavering assurance in God's love and care.

There is also an opportunity for us in this moment. As shifting circumstances shake the foundations people once trusted, many are left searching for deeper meaning. We have the joy of pointing them to the solid ground they truly need: the unchanging hope of the risen Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership in the gospel,



*Will Barker*  
CHURCH COUNCIL  
CHAIRMAN





# RENEW & REACH



## MISSSED OUR TERM 1 RENEW & REACH EVENTS?

No worries! You can catch up by scanning the QR codes below to watch the recording.

We'd love for you to stay connected with the heart behind the vision as we continue this exciting journey together.

RENEW&REACH

### QUESTIONS & PRAYER NIGHT

with architects Casey  
and Bek Vallance

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm



### VISION & PRAYER NIGHT

with special guests and founding members

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm



## WANT MORE INFORMATION?



Grab a copy of the Reach  
& Renew Booklet or visit  
[oasischurch.com.au/  
renew](https://oasischurch.com.au/renew)



**AVAILABLE  
AT THE  
CONNECTIONS  
CENTRE**

We're a few months into our Renew & Reach journey—a vision to renew our facilities so we can reach more people for generations to come.

Oasis Church has always been about sharing the good news of Jesus. Today, over 800 people call Oasis home, but we know many more in our community still need Christ. Our current facilities limit our ability to grow, and we believe this project will help us create a lasting home for the gospel.

We've partnered with architects Casey and Rebekah Vallance to develop a 30-year master plan. While we're still in the early stages, we believe—with God's help—it's within reach.

This term, we're launching a Renew & Reach sermon series, then on Sunday 18th May, we're inviting everyone to bring their pledge cards as we take the next step in raising funds for the project.

Let's keep moving forward in faith, together.



*Adam Schoenmaker*  
LEAD PASTOR

**KEY DATES THIS TERM:**

**Sun, May 4th**  
Vision sermon series begins

**Sun, May 18th**  
Pledge Sunday  
– bring your Pledge Cards!

**Sun, May 25th**  
Announce the amount raised

**PLEDGE CARDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CONNECTIONS CENTRE**



**Our Purpose**

To help more people find life in Jesus

**Our Priorities**

Life in Jesus  
Life Together  
Life for Others

# Aesthetics in Church: A Means, Not the End

Aesthetics in the life of the church can be both a gift and a challenge. Aesthetics in the form of stage design, lighting, building design, and the like are valuable tools. I believe beauty matters in the life of the church. From the style of music we sing to the visuals we see, the way a space looks and feels can shape how we respond to God. Aesthetics can help clear away distractions and reflect something of God's own glory and order (1 Cor 14:33, Ps 96:6). But they are not the main thing!

It's a tension to get it right. In his book *Worship Matters*, Bob Kauflin talks about different 'worship tensions'. He acknowledges that it's a wonderful gift to be able to use creativity and atmosphere to help people focus when they come together to corporately worship. He highlights that aesthetics (lighting, sound, and space) can be powerful tools. When these tools are thoughtfully used, they support our response to God, communicate the weight of the moment, and reflect something of God's beauty and order.

In talking about media and design, artist Thaddeus Maharaj says that we can be tempted toward just doing what gets the job done with the least effort. But Scripture gives us examples that honour not just practicality, but beauty. Take the design of the Tabernacle and Temple (Ex 25–31, 1 Kings 6–7). These weren't just practical, but they were filled with colour, craftsmanship, and symbolism to communicate something about God and His holiness (Ps 27:4). Similarly, our Lord is an artist! "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (Ps 19:1). God didn't just create a functional world. He made it beautiful.



What about building design? The tension of function verses fancy. Most Christians know the saying that "the church is the people, not the building". Yes, the church is the people of God. *"But they're an embodied people who inhabit space and are called to represent God's reign wherever they go – places that echo the beauty, peace, and holiness of the kingdom, where heaven and earth meet and where God's presence is known."* (J Treat)

John Piper speaks on this topic and boldly says that sometimes "...production of art is not efficient – so it feels superfluous to us. There seem to be so many more urgent things in life than creating art." He goes on to say that we should resist the kind of pragmatism that hinders beauty.

While we must never place too much emphasis on aesthetics, it would be wrong to not recognise their value. They are wonderful tools that, when used thoughtfully, can point us toward the beauty and majesty of God. They help welcome the stranger, lift weary eyes to the Saviour, comfort the hurting, provide an appropriate space for the church to gather, and stir our hearts to long for the beauty of the world to come (Revelation 21:1–4).

*"Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!"* Psalm 90:17



**Emma Sunderland**

CREATIVE & WOMENS MINISTRY LEADER

## Helpful Articles

### Who Turned the Lights Out

*Worship Matters*



### A Theological Basis for Excellence in Christian Media & Design

*The Gospel Coalition | Canada*



### The Art of Worship

*Desiring God*



### Rebuilding for Renewal: The Importance of Sacred Spaces in Our Cities



# We Serve Because Jesus Served

<sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup> After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him....

<sup>12</sup> When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his

master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

<sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. (John 13:3-5, 12-17)

This story about Jesus illustrates why we serve as Christians. One of the most degrading tasks in 1st Century Israel was the task of washing feet. And this is what makes Jesus' actions in John 13 so shocking. In fact, add verse 3 to that context and it is beyond shocking! Verse 3 says, "Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God". Jesus knew his divine identity, he knew all things were under his authority. And what did he do with this knowledge? He didn't walk over to a throne and tell the disciples to bow down (although he could have). Instead, he took on the role of a servant. Jesus (God-in-the-flesh!) got

down on his knees and washed the muck off each person's feet. In our day, it would be like Jesus picking up the toilet brush and cleaning the church toilets after a busy Sunday! Imagine that.

Verses 12–17 explain that Jesus did the foot washing as an example for his followers. We're called to take the low place, to value others above ourselves (Philippians 2:3) and serve each other. This is why one of our values as a church is to be 'Servant-hearted'. We are called to be like our Lord and Teacher who "did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Aren't we fortunate that Jesus did not avoid dealing with the mess of our sin? Aren't we fortunate that he did not avoid taking the place of unclean sinners at the cross? We are eternally fortunate because Jesus chose to serve us where we most needed it.

Wherever you are on the journey of becoming servant-hearted like Jesus, here are some questions to help you keep growing:

- Do I value others in my church above myself?
- Do I really believe it is a 'blessed' thing to lower myself and serve others like Jesus (John 13:17)?
- Do I believe I am greater than Jesus (John 13:16)? If not, then why shouldn't I lower myself as much as my Master did?

We don't have a foot-washing role at church, but whatever you do for your brothers and sisters, know that you are imitating the Lord Jesus himself.

God bless you in your service,



*Ben Fien*  
COMMUNITY PASTOR

## Life Together

Life together is a life lived in community with the people of God. When we come to faith in Jesus we become an active part of God's people and new family, the church.

# LET'S CREATE A CONNECT SUNDAY TEAM!

## NEW TEAM!

Join the Connect Sunday Team! We're starting a new Connect Sunday Team that will serve on the first Sunday of every month, creating space for our church family to connect over food and community.

We're looking for people who want to help make Sundays feel warm and welcoming.

If you're keen to be part of this once-a-month team and help foster connection at Oasis, we'd love to hear from you! No experience needed—just a willing heart and a friendly smile.

Interested? Let us know—we'd love to have you on the team!



# JOIN THE CONNECT TEAM!



We're looking for enthusiastic, caring volunteers to help us create a warm and welcoming environment for everyone who walks through our doors.

By joining the Connect Team, you'll play a vital role in helping people feel seen, valued, and connected to our church community.

Your kindness and care can make a lasting difference. Together, let's create a church where everyone feels they belong.

Interested? We'd love to have you on the team!



**Scan for more  
information**

## NOT THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU?



## JOIN THE HOSPITALITY TEAM!

Help us create a warm and welcoming environment where everyone feels at home. As part of the Hospitality Team, you'll have the opportunity to serve in areas like The Park Team, the Kitchen Team, or the Connect Sunday Team.

Whether it's preparing food, serving coffee, or helping guests feel welcome, your service will play a vital role in fostering connection and community at Oasis Church.

Join us in making Sundays special for everyone who walks through our doors!



**Scan for more  
information**

There are many other teams at Oasis Church where you might be the perfect fit—whether it's in Kids, Youth, Logistics, Creative, Care, or Maintenance. We believe we're better together, and you might just be the person we've been missing to help make a greater impact! Scan to express your interest.



## CREATIVE TEAM TRAINING & SOCIAL

7PM  
TUESDAY 20TH MAY

We are excited to invite you to a special Training and Social session designed for singers, musicians and tech wizards. We'll enjoy some dessert and cheese platters (for the non-sweet tooth!). This event aims to give us a chance to get one another a little better, sharpen our skills, and point us to God who we serve.

Whether you're a current member of the Creative Team or are interested in joining, this event is for you!

**Register Here**



# Faithful to the Finish:

## *An Encouragement for Christian Seniors*

*"Even to your old age and grey hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." – Isaiah 46:4*

Growing older can make us feel like our most useful years are behind us—but God's Word tells a different story. In every season, your life still holds deep purpose.

The Bible is full of people who served God faithfully in their later years—Abraham, Sarah, Moses, Anna, Simeon. Their stories remind us that God's plans never expire with age.

### **You Still Have a Role**

You may be retired from work, but not from God's mission. Your prayers, presence, and wisdom are powerful gifts to the church. Your faith can encourage others—especially the next generation—by simply sharing your story.

### **Leave a Lasting Legacy**

*"They will still bear fruit in old age." – Psalm 92:14*

You still have much to give. Disciple someone younger. Write words of encouragement. Show others what it means to finish strong. You're planting seeds that will grow long after you.

### **Keep Growing in Christ**

God still has more to teach you. Stay in His Word. Keep praying, reflecting, and seeking His presence. Faithfulness in this season might look quieter—but no less significant.

### **You Are Needed**

You are valued and needed in the body of Christ. Don't fade into the background—step forward however you can. You're still in the race, and the finish line leads to glory.

Stay faithful. Keep going. The best is yet to come.



# Seniors

## CONVERSATION CLUB

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



*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](mailto:office@oasischurch.com.au) or by phone 3882 1989.*

**\$8**

*Fortnightly* **FRIDAYS**

**10<sup>AM</sup>-1<sup>PM</sup>**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:office@oasischurch.com.au) or by phone 3882 1989.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@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](mailto:ben@oasischurch.com.au)

### Men & Mates Breakfast and Bible study

**TUESDAY  
6AM - 7AM**

Contact:  
**Pastor Ben**  
[ben@oasischurch.com.au](mailto:ben@oasischurch.com.au)

# Men



## 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: Carla

(carlahoogie@gmail.com)

## 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



## Women's Brunch

*Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 9am*

Oasis Campus | \$10 per person



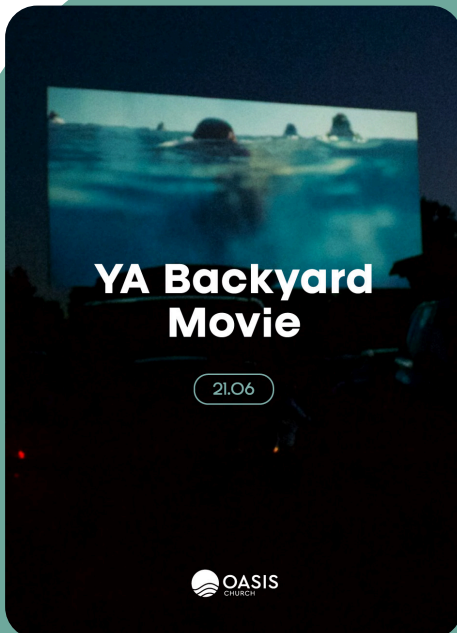
# Young Adults



## 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.



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# Youth

ON FRIDAYS...



OASIS  
YOUTH

INTERM 2

FRIDAYS 7-9PM

10 Youngs Crossing Rd, Bray Park

[youth@oasischurch.com.au](mailto:youth@oasischurch.com.au)

02/05 BOGAN NIGHT  
09/05 LASERZONE  
16/05 KARAOKE NIGHT  
23/05 CHILL NIGHT  
30/05 WAKEOVER  
06/06 SPLIT NIGHT  
13/06 TASK MASTER  
20/06 CHILL NIGHT  
27/06 GLOW PARTY

ON SUNDAYS...

FORTNIGHTLY

O&M

8AM & 10AM Church Services

Yr. 7 to 9's



It is our desire to see each child at Oasis Kids find life in Jesus. This is why we offer age-appropriate ministries for babies through to grade 6 each Sunday morning of school term, with creche continuing through the holiday time.

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

## **Creche**

### **Age 0-2 years**

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 2 - Pre-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**

### **Prep - Grade 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.





# playgroup



**22.04** Welcome Back

**29.04** Under the Ocean

**06.05** Mothers Day

**13.05** Daniel & Lions Den

**20.05** Cooking

**27.05** Wheels - offsite

**03.06** Winter

**10.06** Pirate Treasure Hunt

**17.06** Farm Animals

**24.06** PJ Party

## term 2

### Tuesdays

**9AM-11AM**

\$2 Per Family

10 Youngs Crossings Rd  
Bray Park

[playgroup@oasischurch.com.au](mailto:playgroup@oasischurch.com.au)



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.

## **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 [childsafecoordinators@oasischurch.com.au](mailto:childsafecoordinators@oasischurch.com.au)

# How Loud is Normal ?

Ever been on a phone call when suddenly your child, at the top of their lungs 'calls' for your assistance, asks a question, or just generally feels the need to 'express themselves'? Surely raising your voice to be heard like that is not ok... is it? Yet, even as adults, we are sometimes guilty of just getting louder to get our question answered, in the hope that someone will hear or agree to the request.

A phrase that helped us model to our children what we expected in terms of volume and communication, was simply: "Do not let your voice enter a room before your legs get there."

In practice, this means your voice cannot see what is going on in the next room, only your eyes can, and your eyes need your legs to take you there. And the phrase was for both us and our children. So, this simple phrase helps remind us to assess a situation before speaking and reduces the 'need' to raise our voices inside and gave us a simple phrase to teach our children to help them learn the courtesy of politeness.

Three other 'loudness' level phrases that helped.

Outside Voice – the happy noises that are loud, and when in groups, very loud... these noises should under normal circumstances stay outside.

Inside Voice – the inside voice should be more controlled, with no shouting – that's an outside noise. If your child needs to get your attention or ask you something, then they should enter the room you are in.

The Whisper – the volume used when discretion is required –

and its worth practicing – maybe at a meal every now and then – you all whisper.

Civility is a way to show others what God looks like and put His love on display – its not just about the volume of a voice.

For a short video on the topic – checkout [growingfamilies.life](http://growingfamilies.life) and Topic Search "The Three Voice Levels and Shouting in the House."



*Geoff & Alicia Bongers*

*Train up a child  
in the way he  
should go;  
even when he is  
old he will not  
depart from it.*

***Proverbs 22:6***



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](http://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](mailto:bongers.family@bigpond.com) or phone 0402 210 184.

# 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](mailto:ben@oasischurch.com.au)

## Deacons



Sandra  
Ferguson



Estie  
Wolmarans



Graham  
Miller



Glenn  
Humphreys

# Chappy Breaky Update

Every fortnight, we serve breakfast to hundreds of students at Bray Park State High School alongside Scripture Union and Chappy Hannah Bongers. Whether it's 400 sausages or 20+ bottles of pancake mix, the food disappears fast—and sometimes we still have to turn students away hungry.

This ministry meets a real need and opens doors to connect with students who might never step into a church. Many kids have no food at home, and your generosity helps us show up with a hot meal and a warm welcome.

Our goal for 2025 is to raise \$3,000, and we're currently halfway there. Would you consider giving to help us reach the full amount? You can give online here:

[oasisrc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/chappy-breakfast](https://oasisrc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/chappy-breakfast)



## You can also help by:

- Volunteering on a Thursday morning (7–9am)
- Joining the Local Chaplaincy Committee
- Praying for the students, staff, and Chappy Hannah

Thanks for helping us bless our local community in Jesus' name.

## Life for Others

Life for others is a life devoted to helping others come to know Jesus. We follow the example of Jesus by loving others as we obey his command to go as his witnesses into the world.

# 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](mailto:office@oasischurch.com.au) or 3882 1989.

**SCAN TO  
SPONSOR A  
CHILD TODAY!**





# Solomon Islands

## Katova High School Project – Samasodu Village



## SWIM PROJECT 2025

Our work in Samasodu village started when we built the Regional Health Centre with our first SWIM team of 26 members in 2006. This was such a leap of faith. Not one team member had ever been to the Solomon Islands before. We boarded a very ordinary ship with many hundreds of others in Honiara and then commenced the 30 hour sea journey to get there. We hoped that all our materials were already in the village that had been put on a ship a month before hand.

Since 2006 we have taken around 20 teams and 600+ people on various projects to Samasodu Village in the Katova District.

Little did we know that a guy called Jerry Manele was from Samasodu. In 2006 this meant nothing to us. However, in 2024 Jerry Manele became the Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands. Prime Minister Manele has several nephews named after Australian team members and is a close friend to the Australian Katova High School planning team.

In November, 2024 SWIM Board members Rod Peet and Silvia Godsmark had the opportunity to travel to Samsodu with Prime Minister Manele and Australian High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands, Rod Hilton. This was Mr Manele's first visit to his village since becoming Prime Minister and we got to discuss plans for the continued construction of the Katova High School. The Prime Minister did take some time out during this short visit to walk to his mother's house and say hello....as the Prime Minister. A very special experience to be part of.



Scan to follow the  
Katova High School  
Project on Facebook

# 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](http://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

# An Update from New Life

## April 2025

We want to express our deepest gratitude for your ongoing support in alleviating the suffering of children in Myanmar. Your generosity continues to make a profound impact on their lives. As a follow-up to our message earlier this week, we are relieved to share that all the children and staff at the orphanage are safe and unharmed after the recent earthquakes. Thankfully, there has been no reported damage, and we are immensely grateful for this.

However, we have received devastating news from other local partners in the affected regions. The destruction caused by the earthquake is catastrophic. Entire communities have been devastated, and countless others are facing urgent need. Many more children will require long-term support, as the effects of this disaster will be felt for months and years to come.

New Life Trust is working with a mission organization based in Mae Sot that has been in contact with the affected areas. Teams are already heading to Inle Lake and Kalaw, where hundreds of lives have been lost, and many others remain trapped under debris with no means of rescue. Mandalay and Sagaing have also suffered severe damage,

with thousands of homes destroyed and survivors enduring extreme hardships.

The immediate needs on the ground are overwhelming. Survivors desperately require food, clean water, temporary shelters, clothing, and emergency lighting.

Many are forced to sleep on the roads, and aftershocks continue to threaten their safety. The destruction of infrastructure, including collapsed roads, is making it difficult for aid to reach those who need it most.

In response to these urgent needs, New Life Trust is providing an Earthquake Appeal where you can help provide immediate critical relief to these communities. Your donation will go directly towards providing the essential supplies required by survivors. The needs are immense, and every contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference. Together, we can help bring hope to those who have lost everything.

To donate, please include "Earthquake Appeal" in the description of your transfer.

NAB

The New Life Trust

BSB 084 435

Accounts 82299 0525

Thank you for your compassion and generosity. We are incredibly grateful to have you as part of the New Life Trust family.

With heartfelt thanks to you and prayers for our friends in Myanmar,

Josh Hemelaar

Chairman (Interim), New Life Trust

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Van Tonder**



**Moshood  
Shittu**



**Andrew  
Schoenmaker**



**Will  
Barker**



**Geoff  
Bongers**



**Peter  
Humphreys**



**Joubert  
Furstenberg**

## Deacons



**Sandra  
Ferguson**



**Estie  
Wolmarans**



**Graham  
Miller**



**Glenn  
Humphreys**

Church Council meet monthly on the 2nd and 4th  
Monday [churchcouncil@oasischurch.com.au](mailto:churchcouncil@oasischurch.com.au)

# 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.** Help us 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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## 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.

### Direct Debit

Oasis Church

BSB: 014 234

ACC: 367048692

### Online

[oasischurch.com.au/give](http://oasischurch.com.au/give)

### Church Center App

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