

The Quarterly

Winter
2026



OASIS
CHURCH

We exist to help more
people find life in Jesus

From the Lead Pastor

What gets you out of bed in the morning?

You might instinctively respond, "My alarm, telling me I have to get up and get to work (or uni or school)." Fair enough. But what about those days when you don't have to get up? What gets you going then? Or, if you're not a morning person, what keeps you up at night?

In other words: What compels you? What motivates you? What moves you?

The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:14-15: *"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."*

Paul was compelled by the love of Christ. What a remarkable thought. Not the severity of Christ, the teaching of Christ, or even the ethics of Christ, but the love of Christ. The word *compels* carries the idea of both motivation and direction. Christ's love both drives Paul and directs him. It gets him moving and sets his course.

What is it about Christ's love that moves Paul? The fact that Christ died for him—for you and for me: *"because we are convinced that one died for all"* (v. 14). What greater display of love could there be? As Jesus himself said, *"Greater love has no one than this..."* (John 15:13).

And where does Christ's love direct Paul? Simply, to Christ himself: *"that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again"* (v. 15). The love of Christ leads us to live for Christ, to become more like Christ, and to make Christ known. It moves us to introduce others to the same love we have received. This is exactly what Paul goes on to describe in the verses that follow (2 Cor. 5:16-21).

It is my prayer that we would be compelled in the same way. That the love of Christ would drive us and direct us as a church. That it would motivate us in our mission and move us toward those who are far from Christ.

After all, this is why we exist: to help more people find life in Jesus.

Enjoy this latest edition of *The Quarterly*, and join me in praying for all that is coming up in the life of our church this term.

Grace and peace,



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

July

- 19th Claim the Faith
- 22nd Alpha
- 22nd Mission Trip Info Night
- 25th Men's Breakfast
- 25th OCC Sewing Day

August

- 2nd Building a Safe & Strong Marriage
- 5th Teams Night
- 14th Youth Camp
- 22nd OCC Sewing Day
- 23rd Belonging Course
- 29th Women's Picnic
- 31st Belonging Course

September

- 4th Youth Laser Tag
- 12th Men's Golf Day
- 15th Soup & Prayer Night
- 13th OCC Sewing Day

October

- 4th Church Picnic
- 9th Womens Retreat

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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

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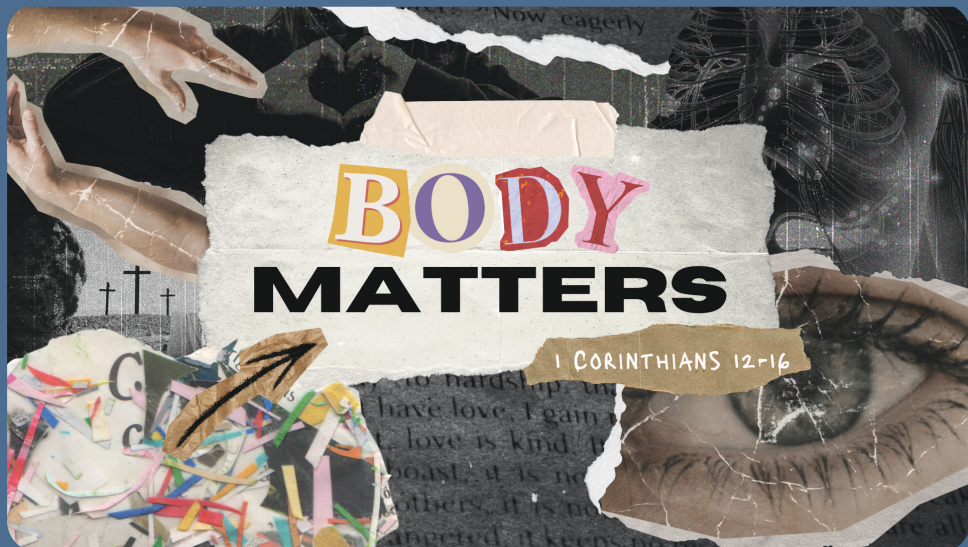
Find & Join a Small Group



Register for Events



Sunday Services



A sermon series through 1 Corinthians 12-16

What does it mean to be the Church?

In a world that often encourages us to focus on ourselves, God calls us to something much bigger—to be part of His body. In Body Matters, we'll journey through 1 Corinthians 12-16, discovering how every believer has a unique place, purpose, and gift within the Church.

Together we'll explore spiritual gifts, love in action, worship, unity, the hope of the resurrection, and what it looks like to live faithfully as God's people. Whether you've been following Jesus for years or you're just beginning to explore faith, this series will encourage and challenge you to grow as part of the body of Christ.

Join us as we discover why the body matters—and why your place in it matters too.

Spiritual Health & Freedom

In a recent sermon in our "Idol Issues" series, the third point was that "spiritual health is more important than freedom." This was in relation to what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:23-24, where he writes:

"'I have the right to do anything,' you say – but not everything is beneficial. 'I have the right to do anything' – but not everything is constructive. No one should seek their own good, but the good of others."

Later in that chapter, he writes:

"For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

When was the last time you assessed your spiritual health? How did you assess your spiritual health? What is a good level of spiritual health? What is a poor level?

I would argue that Paul defines good spiritual health by asking the following two questions:

1. All the things you do...how many of them do you do for the glory of God?
2. Whose example are you following? Can you, like Paul, say to those around you, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ?"

While it does not take much to ask these questions, considering your response should take considerable time. These are not questions that you can answer in 30 seconds. For starters, you have to sit down and catalogue all the different things you're doing, starting big and going small. Some of the big categories might include family, work, study, church, and extracurricular/social activities. Going smaller, there are things like meetings, training, projects, conversations, tasks, travel...and the list goes on.

Have you given time to consider whether you are glorifying God in each of these areas? Have you considered whether the example you are setting is Christ-like?

As Christians, these should be things we regularly reflect on. Not just weekly, monthly, or annually, but daily. A ministry coach once passed on a reflection tool for me to use towards the end of each day. It effectively follows the PRAY

acronym – praise God for the things I'm thankful for from the day, repent and confess my sins, ask God for the things he's placed on my heart, and then yield myself to him ahead of sleep and a new day. It's been a very helpful habit for ending each day.

As we consider our responses to the questions above, we should also ask ourselves, *"What needs to change so I can glorify God more and set a more Christ-like example in those spaces and in those moments? What do I need to start doing? What do I need to stop doing?"* These are, rightly, confronting questions, but we should not shy away from them.

Your spiritual health matters, as does the spiritual health of those around you. We all need to ask ourselves these questions and then follow through with action. One of the best ways for accountability in this to take place is to be part of a weekly Life Group where, together with brothers and sisters, we study God's Word, seek to apply it to our own lives and to each other's lives, and pray for one another.

If you want to grow spiritually, being part of a Life Group and attending regularly is a no-brainer. However, the desire for that to be the norm does not make it a reality. The truth is, we tend to prioritise other things that are permissible but not spiritually beneficial or constructive, over things like Life Groups, which are highly beneficial for our spiritual health. What part do you have to play in bringing about change in this space?

In Term 3, we would love to see those already in a Life Group participating more regularly, and we would love to invite those not yet in a Life Group to join one. Our Life Groups meet at different times on different days. Some are in-person, while others are online. Some are demographic-based, while others are location-based. We are open to starting new groups that will enable more people to participate.

If you would like to join a Life Group, please fill out the Expression of Interest Form on our website or on the Church Centre App.

Keep trusting Jesus



Stephen Khu

PASTOR
YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS & MATURITY



Scan to register your interest or
email office@oasischurch.com.au



More Than a Coffee Shop

Whether you're catching up with a friend, meeting a colleague, or simply enjoying a quiet moment with a great coffee, The Park Coffee Shop is here to welcome you.

We're open Monday to Friday, 7:00am-1:30pm, serving barista-made coffee, delicious cabinet food, and a warm, friendly atmosphere.

The Park Specialty Coffee

7AM – 1.30PM
Monday – Friday

*50% of profits support
School Chaplains*

The Park is more than just a café—it's an extension of Oasis Church's mission. Our purpose is helping more people find life in Jesus, and one of the ways we seek to live that out is through our priority of Life for Others.

That's why 50% of The Park's profits are donated to support local SU Chaplains. These chaplains provide practical care, encouragement, and a trusted presence for students, families, and school communities across our region. Every coffee you buy helps support this important work, making a positive impact well beyond the walls of our café.



Meet the Staff Team

Behind every coffee is a wonderful team of staff and volunteers who love serving our community. If you haven't already, take a moment to introduce yourself next time you're in—we're always happy to have a chat!



**Stef
Lyons**



**Susan
McElnea**



**Annelet
Dreyer**



**Jon
Walsh**



**Anna
Lloyd-Jones**



**Elise
Bennet**



If you are interested in joining our Sunday volunteer team, please scan for more information.

Thank you for choosing to support The Park. Your visits help create a welcoming space for our community while also contributing to ministry that is changing lives.

A quick note: From the beginning of Term 3, there will be a small price increase across our menu to help offset rising operating costs. We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to provide quality coffee, great service, and invest in ministry beyond the café.

We'd love to see you soon at The Park!

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

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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

Church Council Update

This quarter our Church Council update is a little predictable, with an update on the Renew & Reach campaign, the toilet renovation and a hunt for an additional pastor...

In relation to our Renew and Reach campaign, THANK YOU for your continued support as we wait for council approval of our development application. We have seen some movement this quarter and have provided some additional information which has progressed the application – but we wait expectantly for the final approval. For those of you who have given and continue to give, thank you for your generosity. For those not sure if we still need more funds or how to give, I encourage you to chat to an Elder or checkout the Renew and Reach section of the website (or church centre app). The delays in approval will likely increase building costs, so we will definitely need your ongoing support.

You may well have noticed that our temporary toilet facilities are gone! The renovated toilets look great! I'd like to take the time to thank all those who have given of their time and talents on these toilet upgrades.

We are also still seeking an additional pastor to join the team, with a few leads recently not leading to an appointment. There are still some 'irons in the fire' and we wait for the Lord to place the right candidate before us to join our team here at Oasis. In the meantime, I would like to thank all those who are doing more than normal to fill in some of the gaps. Your efforts have been noticed, and we are thankful for your time, talents and energy. I would ask that as a church family you continue to hold the team in your prayers during this time of additional pressure and that the Lord will lead us to the right candidate soon.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to encourage you to be encouraged. As a Church Council we take time each month to pray for our church family. As part of this prayer time, it is evident that while there are many ongoing and serious needs within our church family, it is also evident that many of our prayers are being answered. It is also evident that as a church we care for those within our circles who need assistance. This is great to see and a sign of a church family functioning well!

Thanks for taking the time to read the Church Council update.



Geoff Bongers
CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

New Construction plans are currently still in the building approvals process.



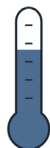
As we reflect on our giving together,
we want to thank God for His
faithfulness and for your generosity.

To date, \$843,000 has been given towards our Building Project, a significant step forward in what God is doing through Oasis Church. Your giving is an act of worship, helping more people find life in Jesus and supporting the ongoing work of ministry in our church and community.

If you haven't yet been able to fulfil your pledged giving as yet, please don't worry. You're welcome to contact the office so we can discuss rolling it into the next giving period or adjusting your pledge if needed: office@oasischurch.com.au.

Thank you for your continued
faithfulness and partnership in all that
God is doing among us.

**so we can
reach more
people for
generations
to come**



\$845,000
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**DONATE YOUR
CONTAINER REFUND**

With your help,
we can make change.



Eligible Containers

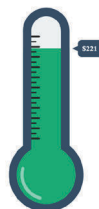
If you would like to donate your container refund funds to the Renew & Reach Building Fund, you can do so in two ways:

1. Use the barcode or QR code below at any donation point. Your deposit will be donated directly to the building fund.
2. Place your **rinsed containers** in the "Containers for Change" bin located at The Park.

A couple of our volunteers will empty the bin each Sunday and process the donations.

Thank you for supporting the Renew & Reach Building Fund in this practical way!

Scheme Number
C11587312



Someone Didn't Give Up on Me

Our Purpose

To help more people find life in Jesus

Our Priorities

Life in Jesus
Life Together
Life for Others

I wonder whether someone has ever rejected your invitation to church, when you've been bold enough to ask? Or perhaps you've been that person yourself, like I have. Sometimes, it takes more than a single intentional moment or pointed question to help someone find life in Jesus.

If you've been here at Oasis for any length of time, you'll probably have gathered that we're about more than simply popping into church on the one Sunday of the month you may have free and racing off as soon as the sermon is over. We see our church community as a valuable collection of diverse individuals coming together to form the body of Christ as Gospel-believing brothers and sisters. This may clarify why our mission statement here is 'Helping more people find life in Jesus' – we are simply aligning our purpose as a church to the Great Commission given by Jesus to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). It's pretty clear that doing so is very difficult with muddled priorities and a lack of fellowship.

So, how can we get more serious about our mission? Could it really be as simple as lifting up our rejected invitations and disappointed hearts to the Lord and trusting in God's saving grace that freely justifies through Jesus Christ? Speaking from experience, I can confidently say that yes, it can really be that simple.

For those of you that don't know me, my name is Hana Baigrie and I'm serving alongside 6 other ministry interns for 2026. In my public profession of faith last year, I explained that it was only through God's incredible grace and the outworkings of a high school friend's faith that I came to know Christ. I imagine it couldn't have been easy – having so many invitations and meaningful conversations over the course of several years seemingly amount to nothing. In fact, I know it wasn't easy for her. She recently shared with me that she held such doubts for my salvation that she was almost convinced there was no hope in trying.

Luckily for me (and all of us), God continues to work all things together for our good and His glory, no matter how resistant we may be to His plans. I thank the Lord often for my now-best friend, that her persistent love, patience, gentleness, kindness, and faithfulness drew me closer and closer to God, until there was nothing I could do but take His outstretched hand.

Friends, please let my testimony serve as an example of God's goodness in all the opportunities we have to reach those still in the dark, without Jesus' light.



Hana Baigrie

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ABC

A BIG CHARGE OF PRAYER

ABUNDANTLY
BOLDY
CONTINUALLY



"Devote yourselves to prayer... that God may open a door for our message." (Colossians 4:2-3).

Many in our church family have an ABC prayer card. They are a simple way to pray for three people who do not yet know Jesus. Please continue to faithfully bring these names before the Lord, asking that He would open hearts to the gospel and create opportunities for conversations about faith.

You can collect a card from the Connections Center

4 WEEK COURSE
FOR TEENS

CLAIM THE FAITH



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SUNDAY 19 JULY
11:30AM - 1:00PM

Belonging COURSE

SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST

11:30AM – 2PM
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7-9pm



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Will I Hear the Trumpets?

I was recently having a conversation with my 9-year-old about Jesus' return. She was the one who brought it up! She wanted to know: *If Jesus came back right now, would I hear the trumpets? Would I know?*

I did my best to explain that the Bible tells us that there will be no missing it! EVERYONE will know when Jesus returns. That Jesus himself says his coming will be known... it will be like lightning flashing across the sky... that he will return with a loud command... there will be the voice of an angel... and a mighty trumpet call.

What I loved about the conversation wasn't just her questions, but the look of wonder on her face. She was captivated by the greatness of God and the incredible truths of Jesus' return. Then came the question Christians have been asking for more than 2000 years:

But when will Jesus come back?

The answer, of course, is that we don't know. Jesus himself tells us that no one knows the day or the hour (Matthew 24:36).

I share this because her reaction caused me to consider the last time I paused to consider the mysteries of God and to be filled with awe and wonder.

Friends, God has made himself known to us. Through the Bible, we can truly know him! His character, his purposes, his plan of salvation through Jesus. Yet, at the same time, we're also reminded in Scripture that there are things that remain beyond our understanding. We are invited to know God deeply while also standing in awe of the mystery and greatness of who he is.

I recently read an article by Trevin Wax that captures this beautifully. He encourages us to let the mysteries of God deepen our worship of Him. He writes:

"When it comes to God, the Bible seems to simultaneously encourage and dispel mystery. The Bible is God's revelation to humanity, and in it, he discloses himself. And yet, the Bible often reminds us of what we can't know about God.

- The Apostle Paul tells us that God dwells in unapproachable light (1 Timothy 6:16).
- Many passages in Scripture portray God as distant, removed, altogether holy and distinct from us.
- The Psalmists praise his glory and greatness, saying that no one can fathom just how awesome he is (Ps. 145:3).

- His knowledge is too wonderful for us.
- His thoughts are so high and lofty that we cannot think them after him (Psalm 139:6).
- His ways are beyond finding out (Romans 11:33).

Verses like these clue us in on the fact that God is not like us. We were made in his image, yet we seek constantly to make him into ours. Coming to grips with the magnificence of God reminds us that we cannot fully comprehend him. If we could completely wrap our minds around God, then we might as well trade places with him. We would become God, and he would become a creation of our own imagination.

Seeking to understand God always leads us to a place of mystery.

Mysteries intrigue us. Many novels, short stories, television shows, and movies utilize the compelling genre of mystery, in which more and more truth is revealed as the story progresses. In the Scriptures, the truth of God's nature is also revealed progressively, culminating in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

But even world-class theologians who have become experts on studying the nature of God will admit that the more they learn about God, the more they realize how much is left to learn. The more we know about the infinite God, the more we see the finiteness of humanity.

Finite Before the Infinite

But this is a good place to be. It's a big thing to know you're small. Being aware of our smallness both

frightens and comforts us. Our fear of the infinite, holy God drives us to our knees – just as it did Isaiah. Yet in this posture of worship, we sense comfort. Deep down in our bones, we know we were made to worship. We were created to stand as finite creatures before an infinite God. Once our sin is exposed, we are driven to our knees in repentance before a mighty God whose perfect attributes have no end.

Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote: "The whole law of human existence lies in this: that man be able to bow down before the infinitely great."

C.S. Lewis said our talk about God is like staring at the sun. We cannot fully take in the sun's brilliance, but its radiance enables us to see everything else.

God's essence remains, in part, a mystery. If we are to embrace God, we must embrace this mystery. We must bow before the infinite with the firm realization that his ways are past finding out. We must put our hand over our mouth and recognize the unchanging holiness of the Holiest One. And to think that the Infinite God put on humanity and dwelt among us..."

Well, now my small heart pounds with gratitude for the great love of a big God.



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Our Purpose

To help more
people find life
in Jesus

Our Priorities

Life in Jesus
Life Together
Life for Others

THAILAND MISSION EXPOSURE TRIP INFO NIGHT



WED, 22 JULY
7PM - 8PM

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**REGISTER
HERE**

We're exploring a potential mission trip to Thailand in June/July 2027, and you're invited to an information evening to find out more.

This night is a chance to hear the heart behind the trip, what we're hoping to be part of in Thailand, and what the experience could involve. You'll have space to ask questions, talk through details, and prayerfully consider whether this might be something you're called to.

We'll also be accepting expressions of interest for those who would like to take the next step in exploring participation.

Whether you're just curious or seriously considering going, you're very welcome to come along and hear more.

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
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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:
office@oasischurch.com.au

Deacons



**Sandra
Ferguson**



**Estie
Wolmarans**



**Graham
Miller**



**Quinton
Eastes**

Belonging to the Body of Christ

When we place our faith in Jesus, we become part of something much bigger than ourselves. We aren't simply individuals attending the same church—we become members of the body of Christ, each uniquely created and gifted to help one another grow and to make Jesus known.

The Apostle Paul paints this beautiful picture in 1 Corinthians 12:

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27

Just as a body has many different parts with different functions, the church is made up of people with different gifts, personalities, experiences, and passions. Some gifts are seen by many, while others happen quietly behind the scenes. Yet every part is valuable, and every part is needed.

Paul reminds us that no one can say to another, "I don't need you." In God's design, every member contributes to the health and growth of the whole body. Serving isn't about filling a roster or completing a task—it is one of the ways we love one another, build up the church, and participate in God's mission together.

Throughout Scripture we see that God equips His people for this work:

"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16

At Oasis Church, there are many ways to use the gifts God has entrusted to you:

Connect Team – Welcome people, help them feel seen, and guide them into community.

Hospitality & The Park – Create spaces of warmth, care, and conversation through coffee, meals, and hospitality.

Creative & Tech Teams – Use your gifts in music, production, media, visuals, or technical support to help people engage in worship.

Youth, Kids & Seniors Ministries – Invest in people of every generation as they grow in faith and community.

Life Groups & Mentoring – Walk alongside others, encouraging and discipling them in their relationship with Jesus.

Care Team – Demonstrate Christ's love through practical support such as providing meals, mowing lawns, and helping with everyday needs.

Prayer Teams – Faithfully pray for our church, our community, and those seeking to know Jesus.

Romans 12 reminds us that every gift comes from God's grace:

"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." **Romans 12:6**

Whether your gift is welcoming, serving, teaching, encouraging, leading, showing mercy, creating, praying, or caring for others, God has given it to you for the good of His church and the glory of Christ.

Our mission at Oasis Church is to help more people find life in Jesus. As each person faithfully plays their part, the whole body grows stronger, our community is built up in love, and more people encounter the hope of the gospel.

You don't have to have every gift. You don't have to do everything. But God has created you with a unique part to play.

As we each use the gifts He has given us, we reflect Christ to one another and to our community. Together, as one body, we help more people find life in Jesus.

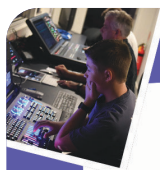


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Every Part Matters

Scan to discover where you can use your gifts at Oasis Church.



Teams Night →

Wednesday, 5 August
7-9PM

Whether you serve on a Sunday or during the week, this night is for you!



Join us for Teams Night, a key evening for everyone serving across Oasis Church.

This is a time for us to come together as a church family, celebrate what God is doing through our teams, and be encouraged in the important role each person plays in serving others. We'll share updates from across ministry areas, cast vision for the season ahead, and spend time praying and building connection across all areas of church life.

Whether you serve on a Sunday or during the week, this night is for you. It's a chance to be refreshed, resourced, and reminded that what we do together truly matters.

We are reminded in 1 Corinthians 12:27 that "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." Every role matters, and every person plays a vital part in building up the church.

We'd also love to extend an open invitation to anyone who is interested in getting involved in serving at Oasis Church. If you've been thinking about joining a team or finding a place to serve, Teams Night is a great first step to come along, hear more, and connect with others.



Register Here



SOUP AND PRAYER NIGHT

Tuesday, 15 Sept
6:30PM



Oasis Church

Sunday 4 October 11:30AM – 3:00PM

Church picnic



Life Groups

WEDNESDAY

10AM – 1PM

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

WEDNESDAY

10AM – 1PM

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

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.

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.

Seniors

Seniors

for over 65's

CONVERSATION CLUB

Fortnightly **FRIDAYS** 10am-1pm
Oasis Church

\$8pp Includes Lunch

If you're over 65 and enjoy friendship, laughter, and good food, Conversation Club is a wonderful way to spend a Friday morning. We meet fortnightly at 10 am in the hall—and this year we're celebrating 8 years together!

Each session includes a delicious three-course lunch and engaging entertainment, from choirs and dance groups to guest speakers, wildlife carers, and more.

We're also looking for volunteers who would love to bless our seniors and be part of a joyful, welcoming team. **If you'd like to volunteer—even occasionally as you're available—please email**

office@oasischurch.com.au

Whether you'd like to attend or help serve, Conversation Club has a seat waiting for you. Bring a friend—we'd love to see you there!

Life Groups

MONDAY

7PM – 9PM

Men's Group for Sexual Integrity.

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)

TUESDAY

6AM – 7AM

Men & Mates
Breakfast & Bible study

FRIDAY

9.30AM – 11.30AM

(Fortnightly)
Men's Bible Study

Contact:
office@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 *Picnic*

*Saturday 29th August
2.00 – 4.30PM*

Join us for a Women's Picnic: a relaxed afternoon of good food, meaningful conversations, and opportunity to enjoy the outdoors!

Bring a sweet or savoury plate to share as we gather outdoors and enjoy time together.

Whether you've been part of our church community for years or are simply coming along with a friend: we'd love to welcome you.

These gatherings are a wonderful time to connect with other women, strengthen friendships, and make new friends! So why not invite a neighbour, colleague, family member, or friend to join you?

All ages are welcome. Pack your picnic rug, hat, bring something to share, and come enjoy a lovely afternoon together.



Register and
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9 - 11 OCTOBER

Women's Retreat



**Registration
Is Open**

Have you booked for Oasis Women's Retreat yet?

The retreat will be held from 9-11 October 2026. Here are some frequently asked questions that might help as you plan:

Is the Women's Retreat just for Oasis women?

This is an Oasis Church Women's Retreat, but you're very welcome to invite Christian friends who may also enjoy joining us.

What will we be studying during the retreat?

We'll be hearing teaching based on Unexpected: Five Women in the Lineage of Jesus, exploring God's grace through the stories of women in the Bible.

What is the accommodation like?

We'll be staying at QCCC Mt Tamborine, set in beautiful surroundings with clean and functional dorm-style rooms. While there are bunk beds, spaces are limited so that only some women (by choice) will need to take top bunks.

Can I bring my baby?

Unfortunately, we can't accommodate for bubs at the retreat. However, we will be sending information out about Saturday day visitors.

How much does it cost?

The cost is \$280 per person, which includes food, accommodation, conference materials, and a few extras.

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.



Life Groups

Young Adults Life 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...

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TERM 3

FRIDAYS 7PM - 9PM

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YOUTH@OASISCHURCH.COM.AU

TERM 3

24/07	CHRISTMAS IN JULY
31/07	WINTER OLYMPICS
07/08	BIBLE CHARACTER NIGHT
14/08	YOUTH CAMP
21/08	AFTERPARTY (YOUTH CAMP)
28/08	SPLIT NIGHT
04/09	LASERZONE
11/09	COMBINED NIGHT
18/09	OP SHOP FORMAL

YOUTH CAMP 2026



REGISTER HERE

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\$170 EARLY BIRD
(\$200 FROM 1 AUGUST)

14 - 16 AUGUST

GLENGARRY EDUCATION CENTRE,
MT TARAMPA



BOWLING NIGHT

4 September | 7 - 9PM

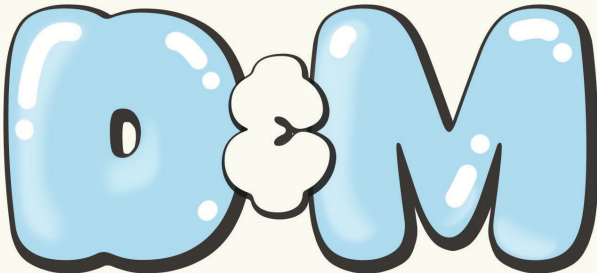
Strathpine Bowl
\$14 child + \$16 adult



REGISTER HERE

On Sundays...

FORTNIGHTLY



8AM & 10AM Church Services

Yr. 7 to 9's

Keeping Family Devotions Simple

As Christian parents we know it's our Biblical responsibility to teach our children the things of God (Deut 11:18-21; Ps 145:4). And yet anyone who has attempted Family Devotions with toddlers or children of any age, will know it's not for the faint hearted. To be honest, when our kids were small, we rarely did Family Devotions. Sure, we talked with our kids about God and faith organically as we went about our day and when questions were asked but we were not faithfully intentional about spending time as a family in God's Word. I do regret that we didn't put more energy and effort into making it happen. And so here I am as an older parent, humbly encouraging you as younger parents, in this season of busy-ness, to make time for Family Devotions.

Let's keep it simple. Why not aim for once a week? Pick a night and stick to it. Choose a place in the house where you already come together as a family regularly for something. Maybe the dinner table. On Family Devotion night, plan a special dessert or snacks for after the meal, an incentive to stay at the table, and to keep busy hands (and mouths) occupied.

Read a short section or story from the Bible, perhaps a children's Bible such as 'Jesus, The Storybook Bible' or 'The Biggest Story Bible Book'. Often children's Bibles will have questions to ask at the end of the story. Or you can make up your own. Learn the art of asking good questions. Don't only ask the content-based questions (how many days did Jonah stay in the whale?) Ask questions that make your



kids think about how it applies to their lives (do you sometimes want to run away from God? Is that possible?)

Pray together. Ask your children for prayer requests, they may be silly or strange but if it's important to them it's important to God. Encourage your children to pray aloud. Perhaps take turns around the table praying short prayers.

And be gracious, to your kids and to yourselves. Things won't always go to plan. Kids are sometimes messy, grumpy, noisy and tired. Let's face it, so are we! But spending time, teaching our children the glorious things of God, His power and the wonders He has done, is never wasted time (Psalm 78:4).

God bless you as you seek to bring your children up to love and follow Jesus.



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"We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done."

Psalm 78:4

Parenting Courses

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 phone 0402 210 184 or email bongers.family@bigpond.com



Oasis Playgroup

Tuesdays 9am - 11am
\$2 per family

Looking for a fun, welcoming place for your little ones to play and learn? Come along to Oasis Church Playgroup! Every Tuesday morning from 9am to 11am, children can enjoy toys, activities, and time with friends, while parents have the chance to connect with other families in a relaxed, friendly environment. We'd love to see you there, bring your little ones and join our playgroup community!



Term Three

Bookish Play

21 July Welcome Back

28 July We're going on a Bear Hunt

4 Aug Dear Zoo

11 Aug The Three Little Pigs

18 Aug Wheels!

25 Aug Commotion in the Ocean

1 Sept Just Me and My Dad

8 Sept When Spring Comes

15 Sept If I ran the Circus

Tuesdays
9am - 11am
\$2 per family



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





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.





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 childsaf@oasischurch.com.au

Operation Christmas Child 2026

This term in Oasis Kids, we're excited to once again partner with Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through simple, gift-filled shoeboxes.

We'll launch this focus on 19th July, and throughout the term the children will be learning about God's heart for justice, compassion, and practical care for others. As we explore these themes together, kids will take part in preparing and sorting items for shoeboxes, discovering how small acts of generosity can make a big difference.

Last year's impact was incredible. Take a moment to look at these images showing where some of our 2025 shoeboxes were sent, and the amazing stories of children who received them. We also saw many children invited into The Greatest Journey discipleship program—an opportunity to learn more about Jesus and grow in faith.





SHOEBOXES PACKED IN AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND WERE SENT TO:

138,110 CAMBODIA

25,341 PHILIPPINES

24,773 FIJI

10,444 UKRAINE

10,470 SOLOMON ISLANDS

5,251 SENSITIVE COUNTRY

* In 2025



THE GREATEST JOURNEY ACHIEVED:

6,040,488 CHILDREN ENROLLED

4,624,054 CHILDREN GRADUATED

3,556,556 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

3,429,297 CHILDREN PRAYING/SHARING

330,969 TEACHERS TRAINED

* In 2025

Give Financially Towards OCC

If you would like to contribute financially, donations can be made online or via EFTPOS, marked "**OCC Shoebox Appeal**". These funds help purchase additional items for boxes, and later in the term there will also be a special collection to cover postage costs (\$12.50 per box).



Give Now

Pack a box at Oasis Kids

A highlight of the term will be on the final **Sunday, 13th September**, when the children themselves will pack the shoeboxes ready to be sent. It's a powerful opportunity for them to be hands-on in giving and to see how God can use their generosity to bless others around the world.



What to Donate

We welcome donations of new, unused items suitable for children. Some helpful ideas include:

Small toys (cars, dolls, balls, puzzles, stuffed toys)

School supplies (pencils, crayons, colouring books, pencil cases)

Hygiene items (toothbrushes, soap, combs, hairbrushes)

Accessories (hair ties, hats, sunglasses, small bags)

Fun extras (stickers, jump ropes, simple musical instruments)



Please avoid items that are used, breakable, or liquid-based. All donations can be placed at the Oasis Kids sign-in area or at the OCC table at the back of church throughout July and August.

Pack a box at home

You are also welcome to pack your own shoebox as a family. Boxes are available at the OCC table along with ideas to help you get started.

When packing, think:

FUN

include a "wow" item
and toys a child will
love

FULL

make the most of
the space

PERSONALISED

include a note,
card, or photo of
encouragement

Most importantly, we encourage you to pray for the child who will receive your box, asking that they would experience God's love through this simple gift.

For those who enjoy sewing or crafting, there are also opportunities to contribute handmade items such as pencil cases, drawstring bags, scrunchies, clothing, or small toys. A group from our church meets regularly to create items for the boxes—please get in touch if you'd like to be involved or join the facebook group.

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it can be life-changing. This term, we get to be part of sharing hope and love in Jesus' name through Operation Christmas Child.



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Each year, in term 3, Oasis Kids pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, bringing joy to children around the world

A group of enthusiastic volunteers meet throughout the year to create items for the boxes, from clothes and bags to toys and other gifts.

If you'd like to get involved, you can join the Facebook group via the QR code or simply come along to one of this year's sewing days. There are jobs to do for all skill levels, everyone is welcome to help make a difference!

Upcoming Sewing Days

- 25th July 1pm-5pm
- 22nd August 1pm -5pm

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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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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.

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oasischurch.com.au/give

Church Center App

Report Concerns

If you have concerns regarding any of our ministry programs please contact our ChildSafe Coordinators
childsafes@oasischurch.com.au



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