



From the Pastor's Desk...

The beginning of another year is ahead of us, filled with opportunities and challenges. Through all that we are going to experience there is an underlying conviction that a believer has, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

If we know that all things are going to work out for good according to His purpose then we can have a positive expectation, because God is behind it. We may not be able to understand everything at the time, or perhaps for a great deal of time, but eventually we realise that God knows exactly what He is doing. Setting your heart and mind on a positive expectation of the outcome is crucial to pushing through the times of unknown and we must hang on to values that are Godly. As we continue in our faith through 2016 and beyond I encourage you to increasingly release in your life more of the four values to be disciples of Jesus that we have spoken about recently.

Firstly, what is a disciple? A disciple is a learner, a pupil of a teacher. The word implies the acceptance in mind and life of the views and practices of the teacher. There's no greater teacher than Jesus who expressed these four values (in no particular order):

Faith that is Big Hairy and Audacious: When Jesus lived out His faith it was audacious and hairy for a lot of people, particularly the religious, but Jesus wanted to please God more than please people - that is what a disciple does.

Spiritual Service: Jesus, the Lord of all, became the servant of all. We are people who are spiritual contributors; we bring the light and love of God into the world. We serve spiritually with the gift that God has given us for His glory, just as Jesus did.

Ridiculous Generosity: Generosity has nothing to do with how much you give but how much it costs you. Jesus gave His whole life as a living sacrifice for us; there's no greater example than this. Be generous with your time, with your faith, with your heart and be ridiculous with it. Show ridiculous generosity and when someone asks why, tell them you want to love people the way Jesus did.

Almost Sinners: We want to live a life that will connect with people the way Jesus connected with those who needed God; when He did He was accused of almost being a sinner. Our faith must be shared even to the point of being misunderstood.

So... in 2016 we expect great things, we know it's all going to work out for good because we are Jesus' disciples and we will live with the values that Jesus had.

God bless

Pastor Jim

Services: 9:30am Sunday
Graceville State School Auditorium
Oxley Road, Graceville

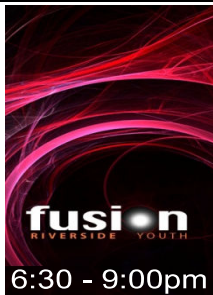
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6:30 - 9:00pm
Fridays
Starts Friday 29 January
Talk with Matt Antonioli





Bruce Holliday



Daniel Wangatau



Roger Mai



Brad Smith



Lee-Anne Longton



Pastors Jim & Paivi Cameron

Connect Groups...

Connect Groups... connecting us to each other and to God's Word, starting again the week of 27 January.

Find the group that works for you!

DAYTIME:

Friday 10:30am at Graceville
Phone: (07) 3716 0030
Leader: Bruce Holliday

EVENING:

Tuesday 7:00pm at Paddington
Phone: 0408 755 275
Leader: Roger Mai

Tuesday 7:30pm at Oxley
Phone: 0411 255 161
Leader: Brad Smith

Thursday 7:30pm at Graceville
Phone: 0430 286 557
Leader: Daniel Wangatau

Friday 6:30pm at Forest Lake
Phone: 0438 756 962
Leader: Lee-Anne Longton

PowerKids...

...a fun program during church for children aged 4-12. (All leaders have Blue Cards.) Directions from the Welcome Team. (Starts again 31 January – talk to Barbara Chapman for more info.)

Glowbugs...

Letting our little lights shine!

A program run for 1 - 4 year olds in the Oxley Room after worship concludes. Fun ~ stories ~ songs ~ play for toddlers. Talk to a Welcome Team member at the door for directions.



Serving Opportunities...

Great opportunities to serve in 2016:

SERVING MORNING TEA...

... after the service (rostered)

DATA / VIDEO PROJECTION TEAM

... on the rostered team (full training)

SET-UP TEAM...

... rostered to serve setting up God's house for Sunday.

Please speak to Pastor Paivi.

Electronic Giving...

For those who find it more convenient to give electronically, deposits can be made directly to the church account.

Bank: Commonwealth
Acc Name: Riverside Christian Church
BSB No: 064 162
Acc No: 10116916

Please designate 'Tithes', 'Missions', 'Miracle Offering', etc, in the transaction description.

There's also a **mobile EFTPOS machine** at the **Welcome Desk**.

Prayer Requests...

If you have an emergency prayer request, please contact the church office (3278 5969 or 0413 006 741) for passing to the Prayer Team.



Prayer requests can be posted on the Riverside [facebook](#) (closed group) page.

SERMONS can be downloaded from iTunes - go to the church website at www.riversidecc.org.au and click on...



START OF SCHOOL YEAR PRAYER

... Sunday 24 January

... we'll be praying for our students as they begin the new school year. It's important that we not only pray for them, but also that they know we're praying and believing God will protect them, lead them and guide them during this year at school.

GUEST SPEAKERS - Sam and Alisha Krauter

... Sunday 24 January

... missionaries, whose work as missionaries and church planters in Weisenbach, South Germany we support.



5NIGHTS OF PRAYER

... Sunday 31 January – 04 February

... 6:30pm – 7:30pm Sunday 31 January

7:30pm – 8:30pm Monday to Thursday 01 – 04 January

Come and pray!

