



10th February 2019

Passionately Pursue Connection

One of the aspects of coming to know God personally in Jesus, that I am not sure we are really prepared for, is that it doesn't remain personal for very long. Choosing to love, follow and abide (see Henry's message last week) in Jesus is a personal decision, which in turn brings us into a whole new world of relationships and community. Whether we are new to church or have been a part of it for as long as we can remember, this can be both a wonderful and challenging space, as we truly discover that all of us are broken and in need of a Saviour, and that loving and living with people like us is not always the most straightforward of tasks.

Whilst we would love our new relationships with God and with others to be organic, free and without restraint, we know that there are some deliberate and practical things that help us and others to both know and feel like we are a part of the community.

Baptism is a wonderful and somewhat mysterious way in which we come into a new relationship in the life of the community as we discover that it is both a personal and community act.

Membership is a visible declaration and commitment, not so much join an organisation but to be welcomed into the life and family of a local church. Here at Playford you will hear us use the term "partner" alongside that of member as we are all members of the body and partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Life Groups bring us on a regular basis into each other's lives. Often involving food, these smaller groups enable rich conversation and personal care to emerge as we look at the bible, and flesh it out in terms of what it means for our everyday living.

Serving others, constantly reminds us that life in Christ is one lived for and with others and that wonderfully we have something to bring. As Jesus modeled for us, choosing to love and serve others deepens our faith and trust in the love of God, and as the whole world is discovering, it need not be only a rewarding few hours but a new way of life.

In the next few weeks and throughout the year, we will be giving plentiful opportunities for you to discover and plan the next few steps of **deepening your connection** here at Playford UC. Be bold, we will all be better for it.

Grace and peace, Pete

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kurna people.

CREATE - After School Activity Club

Starts Tuesday 5th : 3.30-5.30pm
@ Playford Uniting Church
Call Nick : 0402 808 744

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM OR MEMBERSHIP @ PUC ?

Sunday March 3rd will be a big weekend. We are offering the opportunity for baptism and membership at Playford UC. Baptism is an exciting step of our life in Christ and one that is both a personal and community celebration. Membership in the Uniting Church, or as we call it "becoming a partner" involves a public declaration of your faith as well as making your commitment to the Playford family. If you are interested in baptism or becoming a partner, or maybe both please see Pete or Henry.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 10th February: Rev Peter Riggs
Passionately Pursue Connection
Hebrews 10:24-25

Sunday 17th February: Rev Peter Riggs
Passionately Pursue Giving
2 Corinthians 9

Sunday 24th February: Henry Rouse
Passionately Pursue Serving
Matthew 20:20-27

Last Sundays' Message

By Henry Rouse

Click here "[Passionately Pursue Growth](#)" or go to <http://playford.ucas.org.au/podcasts/>

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