



24th February 2019

PASSIONATELY PURSUE GENEROSITY

It may not come as a complete surprise, but science has shown that those who are more generous are happier people. In 2017, a study done by Swiss researchers saw two groups of 24 people randomly split. The study was in two parts. In the first, one group were assigned to perform acts of generosity towards others, the other group were told to spend money just on themselves. They then hooked both groups up to wires and watched to see which parts of the brain fired as they each had a new task designed to test the depths of their generosity. Interestingly the "generous" group were asked to make a public pledge to be generous, thus ensuring their commitment to the idea. (Results of the study come later, read on!)

In writing to the church in Corinth, Paul speaks of two aspects of generosity. The desire to give, and then the act of giving itself. (2 Corinthians 8: 10 – 12) Giving without the desire to give, giving under compulsion or reluctantly, is not generosity, and hear this, is not pleasing to God, for God loves (delights in) a cheerful giver. Generosity is awakened at the beautiful and gritty intersection of overflowing Joy in the Grace of God. It is truly love in action, meeting the needs of others.

This weekend Henry continues our Passionate Pursuit series, as we explore another aspect of a generous life: Serving. Come and be challenged, inspired and indeed encouraged this Sunday morning.

P.S. The results of the study revealed that those who were committed to generosity gave sacrificially, at a greater cost to themselves. It also found that all participants who had performed, or had been willing to perform, an act of generosity - no matter how small - viewed themselves as happier at the end of the experiment.

Don't you just love Science! Grace and Peace, Pete

Non-Geographic Presbytery Information Session

At Playford Uniting Church - 19th March - 7.30-9.00pm

The [Synod Presbytery of SA have a helpful article](#) with some options available regarding a new Presbytery structure in South Australia. Email [Steph Tai](mailto:steph.tai@hotmail.com) (steph.tai@hotmail.com) regarding Skype or Facebook Live link up regarding the Non Geographic Presbytery. Don't forget to join the [Non Geographic Presbytery Facebook Group Page](#). More information, including the article, can be found on the Uniting Church website - <https://sa.uca.org.au>

CREATE - After School Activity Club

Starts Tuesday 5th : 3.30-5.30pm

@ Playford Uniting Church

Call Nick : 0402 808 744

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

On Sunday March 3rd we will be offering the opportunity for **Baptism** and **Membership** at Playford UC. If you are interested in baptism or partnership please see Pete or Henry.



KCO - KIDS CAMP OUT

Date : 23-24 March 2019

Theme : Welcome - A Place to Belong

Ages : 7-12 Years

Location : Adare Camp & Caravan Park, Victor Harbour

Please see **Deb Cockburn** for information.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 24th February: **Henry Rouse**

Passionately Pursue Serving

Matthew 20:20-27

Sunday 3rd March: **Rev. Pete Riggs**

Baptism & Partnership Sunday

Sunday 10th March: **Rev. Pete Riggs**

Passionately Pursue Prayer

Last Sundays' Message

By **Rev. Pete Riggs**

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

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

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