



17th March 2019

PASSIONATELY PURSUE PRAYER

Some of us pastors in the North meet each week on a Wednesday morning, for an hour. We fight the desire to talk all about the churches we serve, and instead simply enjoy each other's company. This week, ironically enough, the topic turned to how hard it is to be alone in the presence of God, often because of the sense of difficulty we have in slowing down and being still. We reflected that more often than not we come more for answers than being in the loving presence of God.

So, how have you gone this week, carving some time alone with God? I wonder if it has been like my week has. Nestled amongst some great plans and desires, Thursday morning I rose early enough to grab some quiet before the house came alive. As the sun rose (bring on daylight saving I say), I was incredibly aware of my thoughts and honestly, how *many* there were.

Lindsay Mayes, from the Andrews Farm community church sent this quote through after we met, and it summed up things beautifully.

"When we enter into solitude to be with God alone, we quickly discover how dependent we are. Without the many distractions of our daily lives, we feel anxious and tense. When nobody speaks to us, calls on us, or needs our help, we start feeling like nobodies. Then we begin wondering whether we are useful, valuable, and significant. Our tendency is to leave this fearful solitude quickly and get busy again to reassure ourselves that we are "somebodies." But that is a temptation, because what makes us somebodies is not other people's responses to us but God's eternal love for us. To claim the truth of ourselves we have to cling to our God in solitude as to the One who makes us who we are."

Grace, Peace and Quiet, Pete.

Opportunities to serve the family @ Playford UC

These important tasks allow us all to Meet Well, Greet Well & Eat Well

Sunday Set Up - to come early & prepare the Space for meeting

Welcome Team - to greet people well as they arrive

Kitchen Crew - to bring or serve food, clean up & wash tea towels

Please see Henry if you are willing and available to serve in this way.

CREATE - After School Activity Club

Starts Tuesday 5th : 3.30-5.30pm

@ Playford Uniting Church

Call Nick : 0402 808 744



KCO - KIDS CAMP OUT

Date: 23-24 March 2019

Theme: Welcome - A Place to Belong

Ages : 7-12 years

Location : Adare Camp, Victor Harbour

Please see **Deb Cockburn** for info.

Adelaide Men's Convention

Date: Sat. 11th May, 2019

9am - 4.30pm

Speaker: **Greg Lee** - Hunter Bible Church

Save the Date - More info to come.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 17th March: Craig McGlone

Passionately Pursue Loving One Another

Sunday 24th March: Rev Peter Riggs

Passionately Pursue Peace

Romans 14:19

Sunday 31st March: Henry Rouse

Passionately Pursue the Real You

Last Sundays' Message


By Pete & Henry

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

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

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