



4th August 2019

PASSIONATELY PURSUING OTHERS

These last couple of weeks have seen a bit of time off for the Riggs family. We had been asked to head to the mid north to share the Playford story at the Jamestown Uniting Church fellowship, a gathering of locals from the church and beyond.

I love to take opportunities to share the Playford story, so we will always try and make it work, but this one was a little bit special. You see, Jamestown is part of my family, a little part, but significant nonetheless. Mum and dad moved there in 1972 with a one-year-old Pete, and a brother who would arrive in 1973. My memories are very small, glimpses and flashes at best, but spending time in Jamestown hospital with a broken leg, remains vivid indeed. Ironically, Rach too has Jamestown in her blood, as she taught at the local primary school on contract.

We stood in the forest, on the site where our house once stood and looked across at farmland with its yellow crops in the setting sun. I imagined mum and dad taking in the same view, taking in the moment, not really knowing how long they would be there, or indeed what was to come. Now seemingly in an instant 46 years have passed, the house is gone, and so have we.

It was a similar feeling to spending a day in Burra, exploring its rich and colourful history, once South Australia's biggest regional town. The town once buzzed with all that discovering copper would bring, some 5000 people squeezing into every last bit of space to call home. Now we can but imagine and marvel.

The reality folks, is that life is short, and that which seems like it is permanent, bedded down and under our control, really isn't. Living as if the end is near, is not a depressing way at all; it is in fact just the opposite. Give thanks for what has shaped us, and look forward to today as a gift from God, conscious that the world we want to live in and the future we long to have, is one which we help create.

Hear the words of Peter, to the folks grappling with similar reality,

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
1 Peter 4:7-10

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

CREATE

After School Kid's Club
Tuesday's 3.30-5.30pm
@ Playford Uniting Church
Call Nick: 0402 808 744

LITTLE BUZZ PLAYGROUP

Thursday's 9.30-11am
@ Playford Uniting Church

Winter WonderFULL Quiz Night

Friday August 9th, 7pm at PUC
\$10 adults / \$7 kids

Book tickets on:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BDVOP>
Or call the office on 7228 5300

TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD

Dr. Ed Silvano - 25th August
Building Unity for Transformation
Adelaide Chin Christian Church
6.00pm, 25th August
More info can be found on the
[Transform Our World Facebook Page](#)

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday Aug 4th: Pete Riggs
Acts - Passionately Pursuing Others

Sunday Aug 11th: YWAM
YWAM will be leading us this morning

Sunday Aug 18th: Craig McGlone
My Passionate Pursuit

Sermon from July 28th

By Henry - Acts 16
"Passionately Pursue Others"

or go to <http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/>

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