



8th September 2019

Goodness Running

Sunday just gone, amongst things of breakfasts, rocky road, powerful personal stories and victory once and for all to our young folks in the battle of the generations, we introduced a new song, "The Goodness of God." It is a beautiful song, one that speaks of the faithfulness of God in and through every aspect of our lives which is profound when we consider there may have been times when we have had no thought towards Him at all. As we sang, one of the phrases struck me as curious.

"Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me..."

Now, songwriters and poets are always trying to find new ways to say old things, and these words are no exception. They are taken in fact from the very end of Psalm 23, words written by a shepherd boy who would become king. It might be no surprise to you that in the past year, one of the most searched for bible passages on the internet has been Psalm 23, and Tony, who was one of our men sharing on the weekend, spoke of this being a passage of scripture that he reads regularly, particularly in life's more challenging moments. It's a Psalm that also finds its way into most funeral services, including the one we hosted here on Wednesday, although this time in the form of song, with Harry Secombe's version filling the room.

But let us not let it simply become words that that simply comfort us when confronted with death (as good as that is), for I want to remind you again of how things finish.

"surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever"

This scripture, this word from God, is an encouragement that is really all about life. A life so lived, that when we turn around and look back we don't see the past anymore, we see the goodness and mercy of God.

Grace and peace and Psalm 23, Pete

PS. This weekend, Henry will be inviting us into his passion, which i suspect will be a passion many of us share, but wish we could pursue more vigorously.

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

GENERATE Presbytery Meeting

Saturday 14th September
Journey Uniting Church

1063 North East Road, Ridgehaven
All welcome to attend.

More info can be found online here.
<https://generate.ucasa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/77/2019/08/Generate-Meeting-Invitation-Letter-copy.pdf>

BARISTA TRAINING

Thursday 7pm, Sept. 19th
@ Playford Uniting Church

For all current and aspiring Barista's
RSVP - Henry Rouse 0434 050 360

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday Sep 8th: Henry Rouse
My Passionate Pursuit

Sunday Sep 15th: Leanne Davis
My Passionate Pursuit

Sunday Sep 22nd: Pete Riggs
My Passionate Pursuit

Message from September 1st

Interviews with Tony, Nick & Greg
"Father's Day Interviews"

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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