



29th September 2019

My Passionate Pursuit

A few months ago, whilst on holidays, I visited another church on a Sunday morning. I knew the pastor of the church from years earlier when he was a young boy in the youth group I was leading. I was keen to catch up and say "G'day."

When we caught up he surprised me when he told me that I'd had a great impact on his life back in the youth group days. To be honest I don't remember doing much that would have had an impact on his life but he told me about the time that I took him to get ice cream. I remember the place—Dairy Bell. In North Adelaide, Dairy Bell used to serve the biggest Hot Fudge Ice Cream Sundae's you could imagine. I remember taking boys from the youth group there often because I could never find a teenage boy who was able to finish it. For me it was just a fun thing to do, but apparently for this young man it had a great impact on his life. Just a youth leader taking a genuine interest in the life of a younger guy and doing something fun together.

What's really interesting is how a simple act of encouragement achieves so much. To be honest, I'm sure I have been even more encouraged by seeing this young teenager grow into a man who loves God and is living out his faith everyday. I think he's more an encouragement to me than I ever was to him. And the story of encouragement doesn't stop there. A while ago my son went on a youth camp with a bunch of kids from other churches. Imagine my surprise when I found out that the speaker who was inputting into the life of my son was the same young man that I took out for ice cream all those years ago!

Encouragement - we all need it.

A thoughtful note. A surprise gift. A text or call to say, "Hi." A trip for ice cream. Little things that can have a big impact. We all love to be encouraged... but rather than waiting to be encouraged I wonder what would happen if we all took the step of trying to encourage someone else first.

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other..."
1 Thessalonians 5:11

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kaurna 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

100 DAY CHALLENGE to Dec 1st

A Journey of Faith & Generosity

AIM : to increase our giving by \$500+ per week in order to meet the needs and pursue the vision of seeing lives transformed in and through Playford Uniting Church, for God's glory

Would you consider what part you can play?

CHURCH PICNIC

Save the Date

Sunday October 27th

After the morning service

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday Sep 29th : Ryan Windle

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Sunday Oct 6th : Ken Wright

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Sunday Oct 13th : Henry

Passionately Pursuing Joy - Philippians

Message from September 22nd


By Pete Riggs

"My Passionate Pursuit"

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

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