



3rd November 2019

Passionately Pursue Joy - Philippians

What a joy to gather last weekend!

Now, I know that's a pretty definitive statement, and one that I hope you will all share, but not necessarily because of what took place particularly last week. There is something about gathering with others in the name of Jesus, that nothing else in the world brings.

Having said that, if you agree that last week was pretty special, I wonder why that might be for you? A full church, great music, powerful word proclaimed, kids had a ball, rolling into the park for good food and further fun? I think we would take any of those as being good things, and so we should, but I would encourage you to **think beyond "what happened that I liked or helped me"** and ask the question **"what did God reveal or demonstrate" in gathering like we did.**

Paul's letter to his dear friends and family in the church in Philippi speaks so wonderfully to the unity, the oneness, if you like, that exists in and through Jesus and which is lived out now, in and through the promise of the Holy Spirit. It is true that we have some things in common with Gospel City Church, with whom we gathered last weekend. Similar songs, similar order of service etc. But if we were to dig deeper, there are some indeed some differences in terms of how and why they are a community of faith.

As similar or as different as we are as people, or even as churches, the reality is we have more in common with a fellow follower of Jesus, than we do with anyone else and that is what stirred me to tears as we met last Sunday. I saw a glimpse of what Paul was held captive for and what he put his life on the line for, the very wonder and joy of knowing that to be alive in Christ looks like "... having the same love, being in unity, with one mind" (Phil 2:2). It looks well and truly like the people of God, and when we look like this, my friends and family of Playford, our joy will complete and the world will know all about it!

Grace and peace, and thanks for loving Gospel City Church as one of your own.

Pete

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

CHURCH AGM - Nov. 17th

After the Morning Service regarding

- Church Budget

- Church Council Elections

- Pastoral & Department Reports

Please plan to stay for this important

time in the life of Playford UC.

2019 UC SYNOD of SA Meeting

13th Nov. 7pm @ Brougham Place UC
Installation of Moderator Bronte Wilson

14th-16th Nov. @ Adelaide West UC

Annual Meeting of Synod of SA

Please be in prayer for these meetings.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday Nov 3rd : Pete

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Sunday Nov 10th : Henry

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Sunday Nov 17th : Craig McGlone

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Message from October 27th


By Henry Rouse

["Passionately Pursue Joy"](#) - Phil. 1:27-2:11

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

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