



Chapel in the Hills

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Gippsland Christian Fellowship (formerly Leongatha Christian Fellowship) is a caring, friendly Church that has been holding meetings in Gippsland since the mid 1970's.

The Church adheres to sound Scriptural practise in all of its worship and teaching activities. The love of the Word of God is encouraged both publicly and in every household. Fellowship is a central value at GCF and is promoted in each aspect of its broad program, which cares for all ages.

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Come and
See *by David Hughes*



New life?

How appealing would it be if some mornings you could roll out of bed and find yourself in a completely new life? That thought still crosses my mind when I wake up with an awareness of the repetition of life. I open my eyes, I pray, shower, eat breakfast, go about my business...etc. And the same thing happens again the next day. It gives me a sense that I'm in the Groundhog Day movie. It is no wonder that we all look forward to times when the routine can be replaced with an adventure.

It is true to say that in life, some seem to get a better hand dealt to them than others - and some seem to have a trial before them from day one. The unifying thing is that we all wake up somewhere and for varying measures of time, so it goes on.



When I was 28 years old I was in a repetitive mode that caused me to say “well God if you’re real, you need to get me out of this”. That was the day I began my new life.

Before that time I had arrogantly thought that “religion” was some kind of construct to get weaker mortals through life. I was tolerant of the notion of God, but I wasn’t planning on having any part of the rituals that seemed to go along with it. What a waste of time all of that way of thinking was!

It was that very arrogance that perpetuated my Groundhog Day. In reality, there is a definite difference to the days that are given over to God. The repetition makes sense when you take notice of some of the scriptures that are left to us in the Bible, take Proverbs chapter 4 for instance:

¹⁰ Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. ¹¹ I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. ¹² When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. ¹³ Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

The “years of our life” are given to us to learn what wisdom is. The pursuit of it is to be our life. It takes time to work out the difference of what wisdom is compared to what information or intelligence is. For instance, the internet is full of information – but not a lot of wisdom. Similarly intelligence can sometimes just be a head full of facts – but without wisdom the application of intelligence can be terrifying.

I have learnt that wisdom also needs a trustworthy teacher. That is where God comes in. When I declared that “he needs to get me out of this” I enrolled in a school of life.

A new life.

My shout for coffee!

Present this voucher at the GCF Mirboo North market stall for a FREE espresso coffee (or Hot Chocolate).

Books ● Face Painting for the kids ● ~~Good~~ Coffee

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The heart of the Matter

Keith Tucker

Your House and God's House

I remember my daughter asking me, "Why do we go to church dad?" "Well my girl, church is God's house. We live at our house, God lives at His house and today we are visiting God at His House." My answer seemed satisfactory at the time and true enough, even if it lacked a bit.

Some people see no purpose in going to church, and others see no value in anything at home. In fact, both are important.

In one of Paul's letters he says, "You are God's field." We are the place where God as a farmer, sows seed (His Word of life) into our hearts. He is looking for His life to be multiplied into a harvest. What a privilege that the everlasting life of God can be planted in our hearts and spring up to produce a harvest.

In the same verse Paul says, "You are God's building." We can be built together into the house of God, the Church. The house of God He calls a house of meeting, and a house of offering (or giving and receiving).

To put it simply, we could say "We go to church to meet with God." There we receive a bag of seed to take home and plant into our relationships so that life we received can then multiply.

Both of these realities (being God's field and God's building) demand that we find some lines of respect. The good farmer loves and respects the ground where he sows his crops. Any visitor to someone's house we would like to think would show respect for that house and those who live there. Where there is proper respect the Holy Spirit can be found. He is the Spirit Who gives respect, or if you like, 'makes holy'.

Initially the Holy Spirit is the missing ingredient in the relationships in any household. But we can find Him in God's household. There He honours each person for who they really are, whether they are being that person or not. He then enables a meeting between each person who is made holy. So, if I want to



properly respect each one in my household, I have to find out where the Holy Spirit is in each relationship.

Then the fun begins. Not only does the Holy Spirit show us how to respect others, He also enables us to truly meet. That is where we can sow the seed life of God which we have been given. This is what our homes are all about: multiplying life.

John writes about it like this. “That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you may fellowship with us (in the Church), and truly our fellowship is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.” What a joy it is when we see the life of God multiplying where it is supposed to, in our homes!



About Life

*A sample of the daily devotional
available online*



You and your house

So very long ago, Joshua testified, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord'. Like Joshua, we are all part of a household.

And in the same way that every individual person is different, every household is different and unique. Each Christian house is built upon the same foundation. Nevertheless, each house has a unique and distinct ministry as part of the Christian community. The New Testament has a lot to say about salvation in our houses. The Lord desires that every individual person lives in a house which has found salvation. In this way, we can testify like Joshua, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord'. In the New Testament, the household of Cornelius was most certainly unique and distinctive. It was unique in so far as he was a Gentile presenting offerings and alms for the Jewish people. When this man was praying, an angel told him to enquire of the apostle Peter. Cornelius sent men from his house to Peter, requesting that he come to them. This was at the command of the angel who said concerning Peter, 'He will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and your household'. The detail of the meeting between Cornelius and Peter is quite profound. And the outcome of this meeting was the word of the Lord going forth to the Gentiles. There can be no doubt that the individual faith of Cornelius was the catalyst for this eventuality. Nevertheless, salvation came to his whole household that day. The Lord has placed us all in households, regardless of whether we are married or single, young or old. In the same way that every individual has a work to do, there is a work for every house in the Lord's kingdom.

References:

Josh 24:15
Acts 11:14
Acts 10:1-2, 5
Luke 19:9

Further Study:

Acts 10

Daily Proverb:

Proverbs 1

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Little things that mean more:

? The man who delights in the Lord will be like a flourishing evergreen tree, planted near a life giving river not affected by drought and fruitful when needed. (Ps. 1:2-3 para.)

Believing God is the real issue,
not just believing in God.

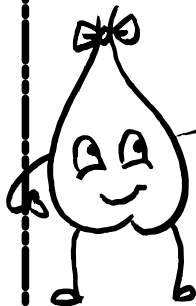
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The Lord restores
my soul and leads me
in the paths of
righteousness
(Ps. 23:3)

God gave you a name before you ever existed...this is not your title, or what your parents called you (or you have decided to call yourself), but who you are in His plan. God loves that name; He rejoices over it and He can only recognize you by the works that He has attributed to it
(Ps. 139; Jer. 14:9; Zeph. 3:17; Matt. 7:23; Heb. 6:10).

Lost your way in life and bruised by its trials? It's time to come home to where you belong and where you will be restored anew as a son in the Father's house (Luke 15).

// *Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound unless they make a distinction in the sound how will it be known what is piped or played. (1 Cor. 13:7)* //

Is there a distinction in the song of your life?

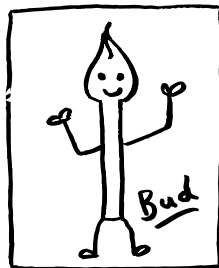


ZOE'S PAGE

Hi Kids!

My name is Zoe Seedlife and this is my page just for you!! I am a seed and seeds are amazing. On my page you will learn lots of cool stuff about seeds and have fun too!!

Hey everyone - meet my friend Buddy Sprout! Bud for short.



Bud sent me this postcard from Queensland!



So I sent him one back!



Hi Zoe,
I'm on holidays in Queensland! I've been snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef and saw beautiful coral, fish and sea-life. I love the clown fish that hide in the anemones. There are jelly fish too. Zoe, do you know who created all these beautiful fish?
Love Buddy (Bud Sprout).



To/ Zoe Seedlife

Hi Buddy,
Great to hear you are enjoying the beautiful sea life in Queensland!

The Bible says God created all sea life! God said " Let the waters abound with an abundance (that means "lots") of living creatures" in the Book of Genesis. Wow thats amazing!!
Love from Zoe.



To/ Mr. B. Sprout



A new year means new things - maybe a new school, new friends, new things to learn.

Did you know?

A seed is the beginning of a new plant!