



GEORGES RIVER
LIFE CHURCH



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OUR VISION:

A disciple-making community growing along the Georges River and beyond
revealing the love and life of Jesus for today
impacting thousands of lives for eternity.



**DELIBERATE
DISCIPLESHIP**

**PIONEERING
FAITH**

**CONTAGIOUS
HOPE**

**GENEROUS
LOVE**

OUR MISSION:

**DISCIPLES WHOLEHEARTEDLY
LOVING, LIVING & REVEALING**

Jesus



COME & SEE

You are holding a small window into the heart of Georges River Life Church. We are a diverse, thriving community of people who have been serving our local suburbs for almost 90 years.

Within these pages, you'll see all sorts of people who have all found a home at Georges River, and read some of their incredible life-changing stories. You'll also discover four key thoughts that focus and inspire us as a church – deliberate discipleship, generous love, contagious hope, and pioneering faith.

This is just a glimpse. If you'd like to dig a little deeper, go to our website at grlc.org.au – or better still, *come and see*.

You are so welcome and we'd love to meet you.

Georges River Life Church

EVER WONDER...
**WHY DO PEOPLE GO
TO CHURCH?**



“ I CAME TO CHURCH
AND I DIDN'T IMAGINE IT TO BE
LIKE THIS.”

Love



DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

PATHWAYS IN PERSONAL **GROWTH** & TRANSFORMATION

Absolutely everyone is a work in progress. No matter your age or background, we believe all of life is learning, growing and responding to the love, and leadership of Jesus.

That's what discipleship is. Being disciples and encouraging others toward that life is our core purpose. This is best expressed in community, as we journey through life together.



DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP



PAUL

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The last 8 years were horrible and full of grief. I lost my mum, dad and sister, and my brother vanished. My eldest daughter passed away at 27 years of age. My relationship with my partner of 28 years broke down, I was unemployed and looking after 3 children. I hid all the pain. A family at my daughter's school started to help me. They were so kind.

One day they said, 'Why don't you come to church?' I found myself wanting to come because I loved these people and if the people at church were like them then it would be ok. I came to church and had an overwhelming feeling of no shame. People were friendly and real and God was real in their lives – and I wanted that too. Each Sunday I came I was in tears because I felt safe, no condemnation and peace. I started to pray and listen to Jesus.

THE CHURCH'S LIFE CARE TEAM HELPED ME IN ALL AREAS – FOOD, BILLS AND GETTING MYSELF ORGANISED. THEY GAVE ME STRENGTH AGAIN. I WAS A MESS, CAUGHT UP IN MY OWN TURMOIL AND COULDN'T LET GO OF IT.

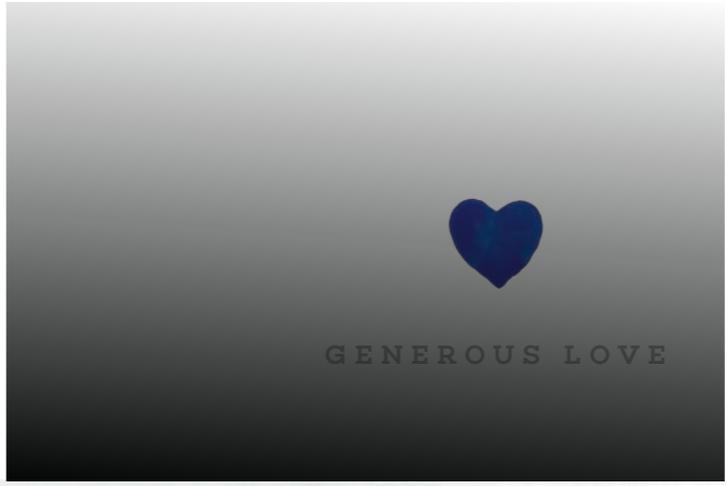


Every time I connected with people at church, I could let go a little bit more. Before, if there was a problem in my life, I'd fester on it and hide away, but now I don't live that way. Life is so different. Jesus is growing in me. Now I have beautiful friends and this is one of the best things that has ever happened in my life. Now I have a relationship with Jesus and He is always with me and on my mind. I have hope and inspiration now and I don't fear anymore.

NOTHING CAN
SEPARATE US FROM
THE *Love* OF
GOD THAT IS IN
CHRIST JESUS
OUR LORD.

ROMANS 8:39





KEEPING THE **MAIN THING** THE MAIN THING

Jesus said that all the commands of God can be simplified in just one - love God with all your heart, and love others just as much as you love yourself. We know that if love isn't present, our words as Christians mean little. Love is more than a concept, more than good intentions. Love is tangible, love is generous, love is felt.

So together, we cultivate an openhearted generosity, serving and including anybody, but especially those on the margins or in need. Absolutely everybody needs love and we extend ourselves so anyone can experience God's love and kindness through us.



JAMES & STELLA

JAMES: I was a Christian for a long time, but lonely. I had no support and Stella was anti-Christian. Our marriage was quite difficult. STELLA: On the outside I looked ok but something inside me was broken and nothing worked to fix it. I had been going through a very rough patch with James, my children and family when my neighbour invited me out for a coffee.

We'd never talked about faith before and I'd never say yes to going to church. We talked, and by the end I asked 'Can I visit your church?' I came to church and I didn't imagine it to be like this. People were kind, it was relaxing and I loved the music. My tears wouldn't stop. I felt like something was going out and something was coming in.

I STILL DIDN'T BELIEVE IN GOD BUT I BEGAN TO THINK THAT MAYBE GOD IS REAL. FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS I FELT LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON.

James and I stopped fighting and became desperate to talk about the bible. I became a Christian after four weeks and on the fifth week I got baptised! I still had so many questions but I now knew that I believed, I was saved and that God loved me the whole time.

JAMES: Now our lives and marriage are so much better and we have great connections with our church. STELLA: Looking ahead, we believe God will continue to work wonders in our marriage. We feel much stronger and we see each other and our kids so differently. We see Jesus in our kids. As a mum it is so amazing. We have a vision of walking together as a team.





WE ARE MORE
THAN CONQUERORS
THROUGH HIM
WHO *Loved* US.

ROMANS 8:37





PIONEERING FAITH

LIFE BEYOND THE POSSIBLE

Faith is a way of living life. Faith is stepping beyond ourselves and our own resources. Faith is confidence in the goodness and power of Jesus to work in, and through our lives.

Faith in Jesus makes our lives larger and bolder, inviting us beyond what is possible into the adventure of pioneering into new possibilities and dreams.



PIONEERING FAITH



CHANTEL

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Just before I started coming to church my parents were going through a messy divorce and I was also being bullied at school. It was a very confusing time and as an only child I felt very alone. But I was introduced to GRLC by my scripture teacher who was a pastor at the church.

So I feel like I basically grew up at GRLC and they are my second family. By going through the Sunday kids program and Georges River Youth, I constantly had an amazing support network of loving, kind hearted people. These people have introduced me to God's amazing love and they've helped me grow in my faith by just simply sharing their testimonies.

I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPERIENCE HOW GOD HAS WORKED IN OTHER'S LIVES, WHICH HAS HELPED ME TRUST IN GOD MORE. I CAN NOW SEE THE AMAZING THINGS HE IS DOING IN MY LIFE.



Jesus and GRLC have definitely had a huge positive impact on my life. I know God has an amazing plan for my life and I can't wait to experience this with the people I love as well as new people that God may place in my life.



GOD DID NOT
send JESUS INTO THE
WORLD TO CONDEMN THE
WORLD, BUT TO
SAVE THE WORLD.

JOHN 3:17





CONTAGIOUS HOPE

CONFIDENCE FLOURISHING & FREEDOM

The Good News of Jesus is the anchor of our lives and the source of lasting hope. Hope shapes our way of seeing and doing life, our language, and motivation.

Together, this hope overpowers the nagging voice of discouragement in people's lives – bringing new confidence, flourishing and freedom. And really good news is contagious.

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CONTAGIOUS HOPE



YVONNE

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Yvonne

My life was full of damaged relationships. I believed in God and at times prayed, but I didn't make God part of my life, so I made many bad choices. All this led now to a broken family.

I first made a connection with GRLC after speaking to a counsellor for family problems who was also a pastor at the church. I had to have major surgery and had no family close by to help and she organised people from the church to help me. I felt their kindness and support. Attending GRLC was the first time I truly felt peace, acceptance, love and belonging. Being embraced by everyone with genuine warmth touched my heart and still does.

My life has changed so much, I feel I now have a relationship with Jesus that I didn't have before. I feel a closeness with Him and His love. I no longer doubt.

BEING SEPARATED FROM FAMILY AT ONE TIME WOULD HAVE DESTROYED ME, BUT THE RELATIONSHIP I HAVE WITH JESUS HAS GIVEN ME STRENGTH TO COPE WITH THE SADNESS, AND A PEACE I'VE NEVER HAD BEFORE. I NOW FEEL CONFIDENT ABOUT MY FUTURE.



I have the Lord, I have hope for my family, I have friends and a church I feel part of. I look forward to seeing what the Lord has for me to do for Him and the church in the future. This has changed my life and in many ways saved it.

“GOD *loved* ME THE WHOLE TIME.”



