


Connecting with
God, People, and Community

Moreton Faith Community
'See, I am doing a new thing.'
Isaiah 43:19



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and let's look at what's
coming up at the Moreton
Faith Community!*

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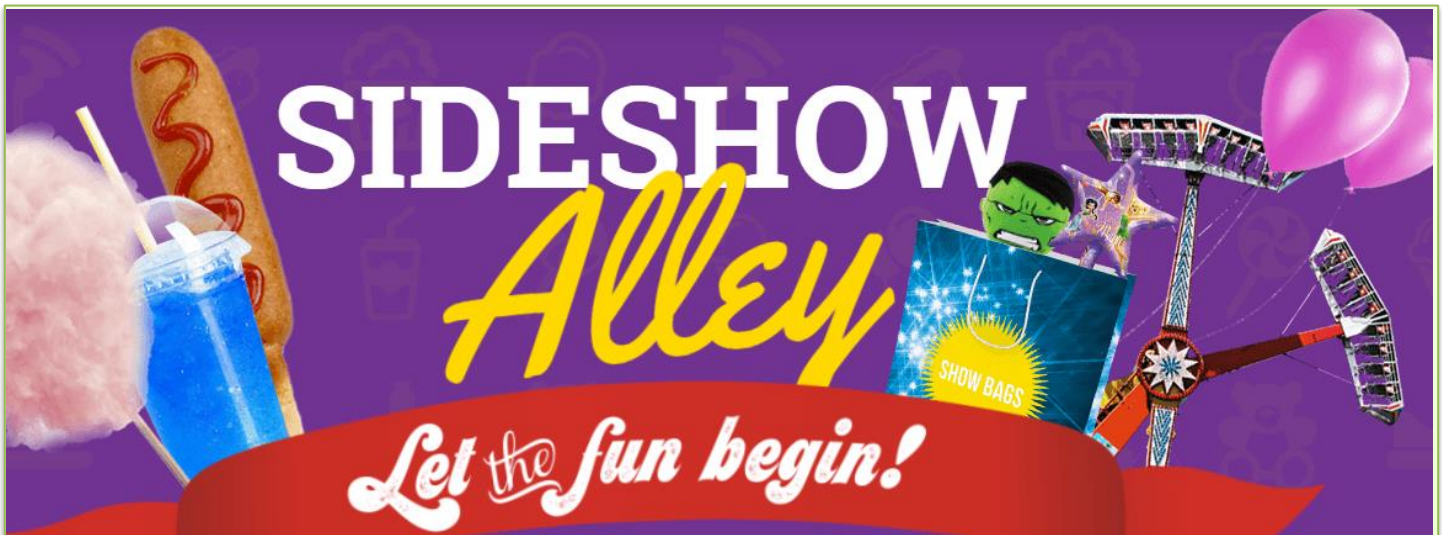


Hey MFC, What are you up?

Sunday 23rd July
Service with Message from:
Adam of "Cup from Above"

Sunday 30th July
Bowling Along to Church
FREE!!, 3pm, Hyperbowl,
Westfield Shops, Strathpine
(Everyone is encouraged to
invite friends and family)

Sounds great, I'll see you
there!



Pine Rivers Show – Help Needed

We will once again be manning the gates to the Pine Rivers Show and require your help to get it done.

This is a great opportunity to take part in the local areas largest show event, raise funds for MFC missional activities and gain free entry to the show for the day with friends and family!

So, if you are available please contact Paul Fletcher to secure your shift times.

Dates:

Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th of August 2017

Shift Times:

8:30am – 12:00 noon

12:00 noon – 3:00pm

3:00pm – 6:00pm

6:00pm – 9:00pm





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Exploring our Call: The Action Plan



We have since had a second leadership meeting, heavily focused around following through with the vision day's finding about how MFC connects with God, People and the Community. An update is provided below:

Connecting with God:

We are making sure this is in a framework that is easy to use and ensures everyone who wants to know are kept up to speed with urgent on-the-fly prayer requests and reminded of important matters to keep in their daily prayers.

We plan to do this in two key ways;

Firstly, through a regular set of prayer points in this Newsletter, on the Website and perhaps even on Facebook. There is a section further down in this newsletter which is set aside for this and is asking for prayer points to be added.

Secondly, we will be making sure that the details for the MFC prayer chain is clearly noted in the next fortnights edition of the newsletter and passed on to everyone at MFC.

Connecting with People (Fellowship):

Researching prayer partners/triplets further, we found that these are much more successful when the pair/triplets are formed from people within the same small group.

As a result, we've looked at the data collected from the polarity questions and found that a massive 50% of MFC members are not in a small group.

Based on this, we have shifted focus ever so slightly, angled towards breathing life into small groups at MFC first, equipping leaders within these groups and working through faith community wide teaching together, before venturing into prayer partners or triplets.

We also hope that by focusing on small groups, it will open up alternative methods for some people to connect with the church body, even if they can't make a Sunday service.



Exploring our Call - Continued



Connecting with Community:

So far Matthew Leadbetter, Julie Miller, Chad Teschward and Natalie Teschward have been busy researching alternative examples of church within a café/catering/commercial setting and have begun to put together a few ideas to form a basic business plan/model. However, there is still some work to go before this is structured enough to present.

One such example that has been looked at with some detail is around the basis of Cup From Above and how that operates, the experience gained and how that could apply to us.

Thankfully, Adam from Cup From Above, alongside a few of his faithful crew, have graciously agreed to come provide some further insight into what they've been doing in the hope of providing MFC with a taste of what could be expected.

Lastly, this missional idea was born from the members of MFC, and therefore make sure that if you have any ideas or suggestions, please catch up with Matt, Julie, Chad and Nat to share you mind!

Update from the Leadership Team:

Streamlining Rosters

We are going to re-evaluate the Worship and Dinner roster formats over the coming weeks with the intent to streamline them. We want to save time and energy for MFC members where we can, whilst keeping the outcome and important bits that we need.

We hope this will take pressure off MFC members, so we can all focus more on our missional callings and less on continued routine that isn't adding value.

Furthermore, now that we're starting to regularly see children attending worship, which is amazing, we want to start a Creche set-up and roster to help the families know worship time as a peaceful time.

Supporting Young Leaders:

We have been given the opportunity to sponsor some 1st Moreton Bay Boys to this year's Leadership retreat. As an amazing missional arm of MFC, the Girls and Boys brigade are a wonderful venture to support and as such the Leadership team have agreed to put forwards some funds to help make sure those boys who can't quite afford it can take this opportunity.

Words of Wisdom

Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to wait for God to show you what's next in your life. But just know that God is never late and it's always worth the wait.

GALATIANS 6:9

And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faith.

Mission Shaped Ministry: *FREE Spaces Available!!*

*This is an amazing opportunity to learn more about missional church. **If MFC is going to change the lives of those around us, we need to be a well-trained team.** This is that training, and you are our stars. So please check your calendars, and if it's free, **please let us know so we can lock it in right Now!***

When: Saturday 26 August

Where: QLD Synod 9:00am – 4:00pm

Topic: Young Adult Mission, inc Digital Discipleship, "Next Gen" Ministry and Understanding Generational Differences

Please send an email to moretonfaith@gmail.com and let us know ASAP!

Looking for a New Home!

Free to good home! Disappointingly, it's not a puppy dog.

It is a well-loved (bar fridge size) freezer.

Current owner has no use for it but is happy to give it away if anyone can use it.

If that sounds just right for you, please email moretonfaith@gmail.com and we'll put you in touch with the owner.

PRAYER ENGINE



This is a NEW SPACE!

In this location, we will share current prayer points for MFC to keep note of in their regular prayer times.

Prayer Points Welcome!

If you have something that you would love us to pray about, please email to:

moretonfaith@gmail.com

(Please note how long you would like it to be in the newsletter and whatever details you feel comfortable sharing)

Publicans Pews – Pool Nights

An opportunity to get a few guys together, play a rack or two of pool, and just catch up with each other.

Invite a friend along as we do church at the Pub.

7:00pm, Lawnton Tavern
(820 Gympie Road, Brisbane)

21st August 2017
Check Facebook for details





Each school that has a chaplain has a local committee that supports the work of the chaplain.

The work required is not much, sometimes all you might do is act as a link to your local church to find ways they can support the chappy. As a community we already support Strathpine State School but an opportunity has arisen to help another school.

Pine Rivers Special School needs some support for their Local Chaplaincy Committee.

If this is a way you believe you can serve or want to find out more information please see Neil Storey or email moretonfaith@gmail.com.

Pastor's Points:

Adam James has an incredible story to tell about Cup from Above. Adam has shared many stories, over the years, of incredible things happening in a coffee shop. But most of all what Adam's stories are about simply journeying with people.

Over the last few months I have been struck by the theme of discipleship in my reading. The Church has been good at getting people involved, but just how good are we at discipleship? Discipleship starts by journeying with an individual.

Being there with them through the good and bad times, and simply doing life together. They know that you are different, they may not be able to say why but you know it's because they can see Christ living in you.

Look around, who is further down the track than you, perhaps they could mentor you? Look around, who do you see who is not as far along in their journey who can you disciple? Who in your life does not know Jesus but can see him in you?

During the months of August / September we are going to embark on a journey together. We will be looking at a book called 'The Dream Giver'. During this time we hope to have some home groups looking at the book in a little more detail.

I invite you to join one of these groups, spend some time together, disciple each other.

Blessings
Neil

Want to share what's going on?

Send items for the newsletter to: moretonfaith@gmail.com
so we can help spread the word!

The newsletter is a fortnightly edition, so please allow a few weeks' notice.