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# 1 COME ON IN

## OUR STORY & OUR PURPOSE

### *Introduction Video*

One Life Church, originally called Mudgee Christian Outreach Centre, was established in 1988 by Pastors Jack and Noeline Hurditch. They were assisted by Pastors Pierre and Dale Meyer-Gleaves, who were based in Lithgow at the time.

Originally meeting in the auditorium of Cudgegong Valley Public School, and later at a rented premise within the Bridge Complex at 160 Church Street, in 1995 the church took up a lease at our current location, and two years later purchased the property we all enjoy today. A few years later the church purchased a property in Kandos that functions as an annexe church to Mudgee with regular meetings being held there throughout the month. Over the next 20 years the church has been led by a committed team of Senior Pastors and Leaders including Ps Greg & Teena Barnes, Ps Steve & Elizabeth McKenzie and Ps Brian & Dawn Ludlow who served over many years.

In 2017 Ps Ken & Rochelle Sauerbier transitioned into the role of Senior Pastors after both having served within the life of the church for 20 years. Over their time ministering the church has continued to see healthy growth. We are also supported locally by a Mid-Western network of INC Churches that is led by Ps Greg & Teena Barnes in Orange.

One Life Church is part of International Network of Churches (INC) formerly known as Christian Outreach Centre. We are part of a movement of churches that started in Australia in 1974 and has grown to become a network of churches spanning much of the world.

# VISION

## OUR VISION:

"WE AIM TO BE A CHURCH THAT HELPS PEOPLE LIVE THEIR BEST LIFE!"

## MISSION - WHY WE EXIST

### 1 TO HELP PEOPLE FIND JESUS THE ONE WHO SAVES

**John 3:16-17**

*<sup>16</sup>For this is how God loved the world: He gave [a] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. **NLT***

**John 5:24**

*Jesus said "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life." **NLT***

**2 Corinthians 5:20-21**

*So, we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead "Come back to God!". For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. **NLT***

### 2 TO GROW LIVES IN LASTING FAITH TO BECOME DISCIPLES OF JESUS

**2 Peter 3:18a**

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **NASB***

**Colossians 2:6-7**

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and build up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. **NIV***

### 3 EQUIP & EMPOWER LEADERS TO BECOME ALL THAT CHRIST DESTINED US TO BE

**THE HEART OF A LEADER**

The future success of any church is reliant on a raising of the next generation of leaders. At One Life, our heart is to identify, equip and empower our people for all God has called them to achieve in their lives & in their serving within the church.

In **Romans 12:6-8** it says <sup>6</sup>"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup>If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup>If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly." **NLT**

At One Life, our heart is that people are able to serve and participate in what God is doing in and through the life of our church. Beyond this, there are opportunities for leadership within the church.

# LEADERSHIP

## The leadership pathway at One Life:

- a) Requires diligence – Careful and consistent application (see **Romans 12:8**).
- b) Requires patience, humility, teachability and effort. A leader's heart needs to be always open, malleable and ready. A leader's heart is open to the Lord, shaped by Him and ready to say 'yes' when prompted by the Holy Spirit. Leaders have a heart to serve God and others, and they are enthusiastic about living with Godly vision and purpose.
- c) Requires Godly character, integrity, and consistent application in their own walk with God (see **1 Tim 3:1-3**).
- d) Are inspired to GO – Leaders are passionate about living a life of leadership in the world as well as in the church.

# OUR VALUES

## G.A.P.L.E.S.S.

### At One Life, we believe it is important to be:

- Generous**      We cultivate and live with a spirit of generosity.
- Authentic**      We pursue genuine real life relationships and have fun doing it!
- Passionate**      We are passionate about engaging people in the Word of God & a life in the Holy Spirit.
- Loving**      We love God, love people & love life.
- Empowering**      We believe everyone should be activated and growing into their calling.
- Serving**      We have a heart to serve our church, community and beyond with humility.
- Significant**      We are multi-generational in our approach and are leaving an imprint for the future.

We love people, and our desire is that "no one would slip through the gaps."

# OUR STRATEGY

Our goal is to have a simple strategy that helps us to fulfil our vision and mission.





## GATHER

We offer inspiring, engaging weekend services across the church that encourage people to gather together with expectancy. The services involve contemporary Christ-centric worship, relevant life-giving messages, Holy Spirit anointed ministry, that sees people find Jesus as well as healing and miracles happening. Also, friendly authentic connection points that enlarge community, a level of anticipation and fun that people are willing to invite friends and family to.

*Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10:25 NIV***



## GROW

Our desire is to see people grow in their faith in Christ. We want to have intentional pathways to help people be productive, growing followers of Jesus. This is outworked a number of ways including New Christians, assimilation into the church through growth track, connect groups, targeted group studies, encouragement in spiritual disciplines i.e. to pray and read the Word habitually.

*<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. **Ephesians 4:14-16 NLT***



## GEAR UP

We need to intentionally develop leaders for the future. To go beyond growing followers to developing and multiplying leaders. To mentor, train and actively engage the development of lives toward their God given calls and destiny.

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. **Timothy 2:25 NASB***



## GO

We are called to be witnesses and carriers of God's Word outside the four walls of the church. To neighbours, workplaces, schools, local community, to mission fields near and far. We are instructed to GO and we must. Our heart is to go into our world and share the love and power of the gospel message that transforms lives all over the world.

*<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." **Matthew 28:18-20 NLT***

# GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

As you consider investing your heart, time, family, and finances into the life of a church, it is important for you to feel confident in church leadership. Our church is structured to support the values of integrity, accountability, and spiritual authority.

## OUR CHURCH GOVERNMENT

### 1 GUIDED BY PASTORAL & MINISTRY TEAM

The Pastors and Ministry teams are led by Ps Ken Sauerbier. The pastoral team oversees the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church. These staff pastors serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of people & teams across the church.

The Senior Pastor and our Ministry team carry the oversight for the Spiritual life of our church. The ministry team is made up of spiritually mature men and women who meet to pray and spiritually lead the church in our mission.

### 2 PROTECTED FINANCIALLY THROUGH OUR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT (COM)

Our COM oversees the finances of our church and also directs the provision of the services needed by the church in fulfilling our vision, mission and values. They provide oversight regarding the major financial commitments of the church. The COM also aims to provide an important layer of accountability and integrity to the management of the churches assets and future acquisitions.

### 3 ASSISTED BY THE SUPPORT OF DEMOGRAPHIC LEADERS

Our demographic leaders serve in various areas of church life (e.g. creative team, youth, young adults, Kingdom Kids, Global Care Mudgee C.R.E.W. and others). These leaders are accountable to the pastoral team and empower those within their demographic areas.

### 4 STRENGTHENED BY THE INC MOVEMENT.

Our church is part of the International Network of Churches (INC) which has many churches around the world. INC Australia has a National Chairman and a National Executive Team who can be called upon to help in accountability matters relating to the Senior Pastor, if requested to do so by the Pastors or Committee of Management. This team serves as Apostolic elders and provides our local church with resources and accountability around finances, child safety, and governance. More information about INC can be found online at [www.inc.org.au](http://www.inc.org.au).

## INC – INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF CHURCHES

Formerly known as Christian Outreach Centre INC is a network of churches in Australia, Oceania and throughout the world. In Australia, INC has churches in 120 locations. Across the world, INC has a presence in many nations including the UK, USA, Across South America, Africa, Asia & Europe. It has an extensive reach. We live by the mandate "BORN FOR MORE".

## FINANCES

Our heart is that we would always approach our giving with a heart of generosity.

*<sup>6</sup>Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.<sup>7</sup>You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."* **2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NLT**

At One Life, we practice tithing (giving a tenth of our income) for the support of Christ's body, the church, as God commands. We recognise that giving 10% of our income is the Biblical standard for giving.

Even before the law was given through Moses we see Abraham offered a tithe before the King of Salem (Melchizedek).

*"... Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered."* **Genesis 14:20 NLT**

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."* **Malachi 3:10 NIV**

Giving is one of the central themes in the Bible. Jesus talked more about this subject than Heaven, Hell, or prayer. To understand what it means to be a Christ-follower, we must also understand what it means to be a giver.

### 1 TITHE

The tithe, or "first fruits" of our work and income belong to God. We find this principle all through God's Word. Tithing, giving God the first 10% of our income to the local church, is the primary, practical way we acknowledge that God is first (see **Proverbs 3:9-10**).

### 2 OFFERINGS

An offering is giving over and above the tithe.

*The Lord said to Moses,<sup>2</sup> "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give"* **Ex 25:1-2 NIV**

The giving of tithes and offerings is worship to Jesus and an expression of the relationship between the individual giver and the Lord. That is why we don't have people fill out pledge cards or make faith promises. Funds are not "income only," they are worship and are not considered to be a business transaction but an expression of gratitude toward God.



# STATEMENT OF FAITH

## INC – INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF CHURCHES

<b>HOLY BIBLE</b>	<p>The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible, and inerrant.</p> <p><b>2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26</b></p>
<b>TRINITY</b>	<p>There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and co-eternal.</p> <p><b>1 John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11</b></p>
<b>JESUS CHRIST</b>	<p>Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind, and thus atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory.</p> <p><b>John 1:1,14, 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philipians 2:5-6; 1 Timothy 2:5</b></p>
<b>VIRGIN BIRTH</b>	<p>Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) in the virgin Mary's womb; therefore, He is the Son of God.</p> <p><b>Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:27-35</b></p>
<b>REDEMPTION</b>	<p>Man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell; his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.</p> <p><b>Genesis 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21</b></p>
<b>REGENERATION</b>	<p>For anyone to know God, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.</p> <p><b>John 6:44, 65; Matthew 19:28; Titus 3:5</b></p>
<b>SALVATION</b>	<p>We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ: His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts.</p> <p><b>Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22</b></p>

<p><b>REPENTANCE</b></p>	<p>Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation.</p> <p><b>Acts 2:21, 3:19; 1 John 1:9</b></p>
<p><b>SANCTIFICATION</b></p>	<p>Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's Word and His Spirit in order to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.</p> <p><b>1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; 2 Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, Romans 8:29, 12:1-2, Hebrews 2:11</b></p>
<p><b>JESUS' BLOOD</b></p>	<p>The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. Jesus allowed Himself to be punished for both our sinfulness and our sins, enabling all those who believe to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death.</p> <p><b>1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29</b></p>
<p><b>JESUS CHRIST INDWELLS ALL BELIEVERS</b></p>	<p>Christians are people who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside them by His Holy Spirit. They relinquish the authority of their lives over to Him thus making Jesus the Lord of their life as well as Saviour. They put their trust in what Jesus accomplished for them when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead.</p> <p><b>John 1:12; John 14:17, 23; John 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20</b></p>
<p><b>BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT</b></p>	<p>Given at Pentecost, it is the promise of the Father, sent by Jesus after His Ascension, to empower the Church to preach the Gospel throughout the whole earth.</p> <p><b>Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5, 2:1-4, 17, 38-39, 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47, 11:15-17, 19:1-6</b></p>
<p><b>THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT</b></p>	<p>The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection, and confirm the power of the Gospel. The Bible's lists of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of Biblical parameters.</p> <p><b>Hebrews 2:4; Romans 1:11, 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:16; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; 1 Peter 4:10</b></p>

<p><b>THE CHURCH</b></p>	<p>The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfilment of Jesus' Great Commission. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the Church as a member of the body of believers. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23</b></p>
<p><b>SACRAMENTS</b></p>	<p><b>WATER BAPTISM:</b> Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptised in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. <b>Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48</b></p> <p><b>THE LORD'S SUPPER:</b> A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. <b>Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25</b></p> <p><b>MARRIAGE:</b> We believe marriage is defined in the Bible as a covenant, a sacred bond between one man and one woman, instituted by and publicly entered into before God. <b>Matthew 19:4-6</b></p>
<p><b>HEALING OF THE SICK</b></p>	<p>Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit. <b>Psalms 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28; Romans 11:29</b></p>

<p><b>GOD'S WILL FOR PROVISION</b></p>	<p>It is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy, and successful in all areas of life. Because of the fall, many may not receive the full benefits of God's will while on Earth, but that fact should never prevent all believers from seeking the full benefits of Christ's provision in order to better serve others.</p> <p><b>SPIRITUAL</b>  <b>John 3:3-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10</b></p> <p><b>MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL</b>  <b>2 Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians 4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3</b></p> <p><b>PHYSICAL</b>  <b>Isaiah 53:4,5; Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24</b></p> <p><b>FINANCIAL</b>  <b>Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19</b></p>
<p><b>RESURRECTION</b></p>	<p>Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; those that are saved to the resurrection of life and those that are lost to the resurrection of eternal damnation.</p> <p><b>Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15; 1 Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philippians 1:21-23, 3:21</b></p>
<p><b>HEAVEN</b></p>	<p>Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; 2 Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; 1 Peter 1:4</b></p>
<p><b>HELL</b></p>	<p>After living one life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally tormented with the Devil and the Fallen Angels.</p> <p><b>Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8</b></p>
<p><b>SECOND COMING</b></p>	<p>Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures.</p> <p><b>Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7</b></p>

**NEXT SESSION: COME ALIVE**

# 2 COME ALIVE

*KNOW GOD &  
FIND FREEDOM*

*Introduction Video*

# KNOW GOD

## EPHESIANS 4:14-16 NLT

<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup>Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup>He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

## OUR GOAL IS TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS...

How can I grow and become spiritually mature? Discipline ourselves to be more like Jesus.

<sup>7</sup>Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales. Instead, train yourself to be godly. **1 Timothy 4:7 NLT**

Develop habits to grow more like Jesus

<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup>God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT**

### HOW CAN I GET MORE FROM MY BIBLE?

#### 1. I MUST ACCEPT ITS AUTHORITY

Your attitude toward the Bible makes a huge difference.

We believe in the closed canon of scripture:

- There are not, nor will there ever be, any other books, verses or ideas added to the Bible or placed beside it as equal in authority or revelation.
- All preaching, teaching, prophesying or any other communication being declared in the name of the Lord is to be subject to measurement by the content of the Word of God.

#### 2. I MUST ASSIMILATE ITS TRUTHS. - PSALM 19:7-11

- Hearing God's Word. "Faith comes by hearing the word of God." Romans 10:17
- Receiving God's Word with an open heart. 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- Reading God's Word. Read the bible every day. Psalm 119:105
- Studying God's Word. Acts 17:11
- Memorize God's Word. Psalm 119:11
- Meditating on God's Word. Psalm 1:1-3

#### 3. WE MUST APPLY AND ACTION THE WORD

*But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth]. <sup>23</sup>For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup>But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience). **James 1:22-25 AMPC***

## HABIT 1: BIBLE STUDY

**HABIT 2:**  
**PRAYER**

*<sup>16</sup>Always be joyful. <sup>17</sup>Never stop praying.* **1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 NLT**

Prayer is two-way communication with the Lord. One of the primary reasons we pray is to build a personal relationship with God through prayer.

Be specific with your prayer – Make our requests known to God...

Jesus taught His disciples how to pray – Matthew 6:9-13

- Start with praise & honour.
- Pray to fulfil God's purpose.
- Prayer & thankfulness for provision.
- Prayer for forgiveness.
- Pray for others.
- Pray for protection and direction.
- Finish with praise, honour & thankfulness.

**DIFFERENT TYPES OF PRAYER**

- Personal prayer
- Corporate prayer
- Praying in the Spirit
- Praying for the sick

**FASTING**

Seasons of prayer & fasting personally and corporately are also important habits to develop in our spiritual growth. Some great examples are Esther 4:16, Nehemiah 1:4, Luke 2:37, Acts 13:2.

**HABIT 3:**  
**SHARING YOUR FAITH**

One of Jesus' last instructions to his disciples is known as '**The Great Commission**'. It is important that we don't keep our faith to ourselves, but that we fulfill Jesus' commission to be a constant witness to those around us - with our words, and by our actions. As we overcome the fear of man in sharing our faith, it gives us boldness to continue to pursue the things of God.

*Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.*

*<sup>19</sup>Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* **Matthew 28:18-20 NLT**

**THE POWER TO WITNESS!**

We believe that the Holy Spirit equips every believer to be a witness of God's truth, love and redemption in Jesus. We may not all be evangelists, but we are all witnesses.

*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth* **(Acts 1:8) NASB**

*The Holy Spirit is given to lead us and help us in our walk with God. We believe that it is important that we learn to live supernaturally in the natural world. **Luke 11:13***

**HABIT 4:  
LIVE A SPIRIT  
LED LIFE**

**WHAT DOES SPIRIT- LED LIVING PRODUCE IN OUR LIVES?**

1. Comfort. John 14:16
2. Conviction. John 16:5-8
3. Guidance. John 16:13
4. Power. Acts 1:8
5. Fruit producing Godly Character. Galatians 5:22-23 6. Spiritual Gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**HOW DO I RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

1. Remove all barriers. Acts 2:38
2. Ask for the Holy Spirit. Luke 11:11-13
3. Release the gifts. 1 Peter 4:10

**HABIT 5:  
REGULAR  
CHURCH  
ATTENDANCE**

*"Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." **Hebrews 10:25 NIV***

The way we spend our time is a reflection of our priorities. If we want to maintain a healthy faith, it is important to form the habit of making church attendance a priority. With so many things competing for our weekends always make time to attend church.



# FIND FREEDOM

## ONE LIFE CONNECT GROUPS

We believe that connect groups are a powerful catalyst for personal growth, connection and community within the life of the church. Connect groups bring people together, bring life giving content and bring opportunities for people to minister to one another. Connect groups also keep a strong sense of belonging within a growing church.

### OUR CONNECT GROUP VALUES:

#### 1. SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*"But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love."*

**Jude 1:20 NLT**

Connect Groups are a place that strengthens our faith. A place to study God's word, to be encouraged, inspired, and to grow in spiritual maturity. Connect groups provide a forum to ask questions, to learn from others and to share insight.

#### 2. CONNECTION & COMMUNITY

*"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."* **Proverbs 27:17 NLT**

We aren't made to live the Christian life alone. When we do life together our problems become smaller, as God uses others to bring support and encouragement to our lives.. Connect groups provide a place for you to connect with others, share life, and be a part of a community of mutual encouragement, support, prayer, accountability and practical help.

#### 3. DEVELOPING POTENTIAL

*For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God which is in you.*

**2 Timothy 1:6 NIV**

Connect groups are a safe place to develop in giftings, ministry & leadership. They allow people who know you well to help you recognise your God given potential and put it to good use.

**NEXT SESSION: COME ON BOARD**

# 3 COME ON BOARD

*YOUR DESIGN &  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE*

*Introduction Video*

# YOUR UNIQUE DESIGN

## MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR PERSONALITY

*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."* **Ephesians 2:10 NASB**

Personality profiling is not meant to be an exercise of pigeon holing a person but hopefully give you a greater understanding of what makes you YOU!

**MYERS BRIGGS Personality profile**

**Website: [www.16personalities.com](http://www.16personalities.com)**

Go to the above website & take the personality test & record your result.

It would be great to have a read of your personality results & traits. We will discuss this in our session.

## MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR GIFTS

*"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."* **John 14:12**

### HOW TO TAKE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

#### STEP 1

Respond to the spiritual gifts statements on the next few pages by writing the number that indicates how each statement below describes you in the blanks on page 22:

- 1 - Almost never
- 2 - Sometimes
- 3 - Almost always

Allow yourself six minutes to answer all questions before moving on to other steps.

#### STEP 2

Add each line on page 22 left to right and write the total number in the total column.

#### STEP 3

Identify your three highest totalled numbers with the corresponding letter and the spiritual gift it represents (listed on pages 23-27).

1. I like organising services and events.
2. I am interested in starting new churches.
3. I enjoy working with my hands.
4. I can tell when someone is insincere.
5. I pray daily for people who don't know Jesus.
6. Encouraging others is a high priority in my life.
7. I trust God to provide for my daily needs.
8. I am passionate about financially investing in the Kingdom of God.
9. I look for opportunities to pray for the sick.
10. I enjoy doing little things that others typically do not enjoy.
11. I often have people over to my house.
12. I enjoy spending hours in prayer for other people.
13. Education is very important to me.
14. I tend to motivate others to get involved.
15. I hurt when I see others hurting.
16. I believe God will use me to enact His miracles.
17. I enjoy sharing the Gospel with other people groups and nationalities.
18. I've devoted considerable time to mastering my voice and/or musical instrument.
19. Caring for the hurting is one of my highest priorities.
20. I get frustrated when people knowingly sin.
21. I enjoy serving behind the scenes.
22. I like creating outlines of the Bible.
23. God has used me to interpret what someone speaking in tongues is saying.
24. I enjoy the book of Proverbs more than any other book in the Bible.
25. I am passionate about managing details.
26. I like to help start new ministry projects.
27. I consider myself a craftsman or craftswoman.
28. I sense when situations are spiritually unhealthy.
29. I am greatly motivated by seeing people who don't know God be saved.
30. I come across as loving and caring.
31. Asking God for a list of seemingly impossible things is exciting to me.
32. I find ways to give offerings above my tithe.
33. I believe miraculous healing is possible and still happens.
34. Helping others is one of my greatest motivations.
35. Creating a warm and welcoming environment is important to me.
36. I am burdened to pray for situations affecting the world.
37. People come to me to learn more about God and the Bible.
38. I prefer to take the lead whenever possible.
39. I'm very sensitive to sad stories.
40. Miracles often happen when I'm nearby.
41. The idea of living in another country to benefit the Gospel is exciting to me.

42. I desire to serve the church through worship.
43. I enjoy connecting & caring for others.
44. Confronting someone about a sin in their life is important to me.
45. It bothers me when people sit around and do nothing.
46. I share Biblical truth with others to help them grow.
47. I pray in tongues daily.
48. When I study Scripture, I receive unique insights from God.
49. Creating a task list is easy and enjoyable for me.
50. I am attracted to ministries that start new churches.
51. Building something with my hands is very satisfying to me.
52. I can pinpoint issues or problems quickly.
53. Sharing the Gospel with someone I do not know is exciting and natural for me.
54. I look for ways to encourage other people.
55. I trust that God has my back in every situation.
56. I want to make more money so that I can give more.
57. God has used me to bring healing to those who are sick.
58. Being a part of the process is fulfilling to me.
59. I tend to make total strangers feel at home.
60. People often ask me to pray for them.
61. I enjoy knowing Biblical details and helping others understand them, too.
62. I delegate responsibilities to accomplish tasks.
63. I am motivated to help people in need.
64. I have a constant hunger to see God's miraculous power.
65. I focus a lot on reaching the world for Christ.
66. I gain my deepest satisfaction through leading others in vocal or instrumental worship.
67. I enjoy helping people who are going through a difficult time.
68. I enjoy hearing passionate and clear preaching of God's Word.
69. I like to do things that others overlook.
70. I prefer to teach and study the Bible topically rather than verse by verse.
71. Praying in tongues is encouraging and important to me.
72. When faced with difficulty, I tend to make wise decisions.

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS RESPONSE SHEET**

**Almost never = 1**  
**Sometimes = 2**  
**Almost always = 3**

			TOTAL	GIFT
1. _____	25. _____	49. _____	_____	A. _____
2. _____	26. _____	50. _____	_____	B. _____
3. _____	27. _____	51. _____	_____	C. _____
4. _____	28. _____	52. _____	_____	D. _____
5. _____	29. _____	53. _____	_____	E. _____
6. _____	30. _____	54. _____	_____	F. _____
7. _____	31. _____	55. _____	_____	G. _____
8. _____	32. _____	56. _____	_____	H. _____
9. _____	33. _____	57. _____	_____	I. _____
10. _____	34. _____	58. _____	_____	J. _____
11. _____	35. _____	59. _____	_____	K. _____
12. _____	36. _____	60. _____	_____	L. _____
13. _____	37. _____	61. _____	_____	M. _____
14. _____	38. _____	62. _____	_____	N. _____
15. _____	39. _____	63. _____	_____	O. _____
16. _____	40. _____	64. _____	_____	P. _____
17. _____	41. _____	65. _____	_____	Q. _____
18. _____	42. _____	66. _____	_____	R. _____
19. _____	43. _____	67. _____	_____	S. _____
20. _____	44. _____	68. _____	_____	T. _____
21. _____	45. _____	69. _____	_____	U. _____
22. _____	46. _____	70. _____	_____	V. _____
23. _____	47. _____	71. _____	_____	W. _____
24. _____	48. _____	72. _____	_____	X. _____

# USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Congratulations on discovering your spiritual gifts! God uniquely created you and gave you these gifts for a reason. Now that you've identified how He has gifted you, your next step is to learn how you can use those gifts for the purpose He has for you.

On the following pages, you can learn about your spiritual gifts and find out more about the available areas to serve at One Life Church where you can best use your gifts.

<b>A. ADMINISTRATION</b>	<p>The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organise, direct, and implement plans to lead others in the various ministries of the Church.</p> <p><b>Luke 14:28-30; Acts 6:1-7; 1 Corinthians 12:28</b></p>
<b>B. APOSTLESHIP</b>	<p>The gift of apostleship is the divine strength or ability to pioneer new churches and ministries through planting, overseeing, and training.</p> <p><b>Acts 15:22-35; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 2 Corinthians 12:12; Galatians 2:7-10; Ephesians 4:11-14</b></p>
<b>C. CRAFTSMANSHIP</b>	<p>The gift of craftsmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications.</p> <p><b>Exodus 30:22, 31:3-11; 2 Chronicles 34:9-13; Acts 18:2-3</b></p>
<b>D. DISCERNMENT</b>	<p>The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood and to distinguish between right and wrong motives and situations. The spiritual gift of discernment is also known as the gift of "discernment of spirits" or "distinguishing between spirits."</p> <p><b>Matthew 16:21-23; Acts 5:1-11, 16:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:10; Hebrews 5:14; 1 John 4:1-6</b></p>
<b>E. EVANGELISM</b>	<p>The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to clearly and effectively communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who are within or beyond your natural sphere of influence and leading them to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>Acts 8:5-6, 8:26-40, 14:21, 21:8; Ephesians 4:11-14; 2 Timothy 4:5</b></p>

#### F. EXHORTATION

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word and Biblical truth.

**Acts 14:22; Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:24-25**

#### G. FAITH

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe God for unseen supernatural results in time of special crisis or opportunity in such mighty power that they are lifted right of the realm of even natural or ordinary faith in God – and have a divine certainty put within their souls that triumphs over everything.

**Acts 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Hebrews 11**

#### H. GIVING

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to meet the various needs of the church and its ministries, missionaries, or of people who do not have the means to provide fully for themselves. The goal is to encourage and provide, giving all credit to God's love and provision.

**Mark 12:41-44; Romans 12:8; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:2-7**

#### I. HEALING

The gifts of healing is the divine strength or ability to act as an intermediary in faith, prayer, and by the laying-on of hands for the healing of physical and mental illnesses. It is the miraculous ability to use God's healing power to restore a person who is sick, injured, or suffering.

**Acts 3:1-10, 9:32-35, 28:7-10; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28**

#### J. HELPS

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry. It is always having the desire and ability to help others, to do whatever it takes to get a task accomplished.

**Mark 15:40-41; Acts 9:36; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 12:28**

#### K. HOSPITALITY

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office, or church.

**Acts 16:14-15; Romans 12:13, 16:23; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:9**



<p><b>L. INTERCESSION</b></p>	<p>The gift of intercession is the divine strength or ability to stand in the gap in prayer for someone, something, or someplace believing for profound results.</p> <p><b>Hebrews 7:25; Colossians 1:9-12, 1 Timothy. 2:1-2</b></p>
<p><b>M. KNOWLEDGE</b></p>	<p>The gift of a Word of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring to light the principle of doctrine that form a basis for the action. This gift may bring scriptural truth to the attention of the church, or it may reveal facts that are needed for further action.</p> <p><b>Acts 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:8; Colossians 2:2-3</b></p>
<p><b>N. LEADERSHIP</b></p>	<p>The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence and care for God's people and lead them into deeper relationship with Christ and each other. They base their success on how well they help others succeed and grow in their spiritual walk with Jesus. They are able to accomplish many different tasks and objectives as they lead, but they will always lead relationally and with a deep concern for the well-being of others. They are "visionary" and less concerned with mundane details than those with the spiritual gift of administration. Many are entrepreneurial and willing to take risks to see the kingdom of God advanced through the church. They will go to great lengths to protect those under their care and are well-equipped to lead through crisis situations.</p> <p><b>Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17; Hebrews 13:17</b></p>
<p><b>O. MERCY</b></p>	<p>The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to love and assist those who are suffering, and walk with them until their burden is lifted. The gift of mercy is founded in God's mercy towards us as sinners and is consistently expressed with measurable compassion.</p> <p><b>Matthew 9:35-36; Mark 9:41; Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians. 5:14</b></p>
<p><b>P. MIRACLES</b></p>	<p>The gift of the working of miracles is the divine strength or ability to alter the natural outcomes of life in a supernatural way to reveal the presence and glory of God among His people and to create a sense of awe and wonder and Godly fear. God does not manifest His power just to cause wonderment; He always signifies or teaches something with His Miracles Though there were many enemies of the church, often the result of miracles being performed was more people coming to faith in Jesus and glorifying God, as well as greater faith and boldness within the church</p> <p><b>Acts 9:36-42, 19:11-12, 20:7-12; Romans 15:18-19; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28</b></p>

#### Q. MISSIONARY

The missionary gift is the divine strength or ability to be sent to reach others inside or outside of your culture and nationality, while in most cases living in that culture or nation.

**Acts 8:4, 13:2-3, 22:21; Romans 10:15**

#### R. MUSIC/WORSHIP

The gift of music/worship is the divine strength or ability to sing, dance, or play an instrument primarily as a ministry unto the Lord. As a result of the passion and love displayed the congregation is led into worship of God.

**Deuteronomy 31:22; 1 Samuel 16:16; 1 Chronicles 16:41-42;  
2 Chronicles 5:12-13, 34:12; Psalm 150**

#### S. PASTOR/ SHEPHERD

The gift of pastor/shepherd is the divine strength or ability (called and gifted) to care for the spiritual well-being of a local body of God's people. Pastors are first and foremost servants. They are servants of God and servants of His bride, the church. They are given a mixture of abilities by grace that allows them to serve the needs of an entire community.

**John 10:1-18; Ephesians 4:11-14; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-3**

#### T. PROPHECY

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to receive a divinely inspired message and boldly speak it to others in the church. These messages can take the form of exhortation, correction, disclosure of secret sins, prediction of future events, comfort, inspiration, or other revelations given to equip and edify the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 14:3-4, 24-25). Again, they do not constitute the authoritative Word of God, but are the human interpretation of the revelation that was received. They are spoken in human words through a human mind which is why they must be tested against the Scriptures (1 Thessalonians 5:20-21).

**Acts 2:37-40, 7:51-53, 26:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:5**

#### U. SERVICE

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to fill the many gaps of ministry and meet the needs of the church as it fulfills the Great Commission. The goal is to energize the church and free up others to use their gifts to the fullest. The result is the continued edification of the church and the added ability to see beyond its own needs and reach out into the community.

**Acts 6:1-7; Romans 12:7; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 1:16-18; Titus 3:14**

### V. TEACHING

The gift of teaching is the divine strength or ability to study and learn from the Scriptures to help the church fulfil her ministry as “a pillar and buttress of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). A teacher desires to follow in the footsteps of Jesus who taught in the synagogues and in the Temple as well as anywhere the people were gathered. They are called to demonstrate God’s love while revealing His truth to the world without fear. The effect of their ministry is the upholding of God’s Word and the growth and maturity of His Bride until the day of His return.

**Acts 18:24-28, 20:20-21; 1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-14**

### W. TONGUES

The gift of tongues is the divine strength or ability to pray in a heavenly language to encourage your spirit and to commune with God. It is the evidence of being Baptised with the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 8:26; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:18; Jude 1: 20**

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### X. TONGUES (AND INTERPRETATION)

The gift of tongues in the church is the divine strength or ability to speak out in an unknown earthly or heavenly language to the church, delivering a message of exhortation, comfort, inspiration, or other revelation given to equip and edify, it is also a sign for unbelievers. The gift of tongues in the church must accompanied by interpretation.

**Acts 2:1-13; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-14**

### Y. WISDOM

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to apply the truths of Scripture in a practical way, producing a fruitful outcome and the character of Jesus Christ. Wisdom doesn’t end with knowledge, but is expressed in transformed hearts and lives. A person operating in the gift can easily recognize where a decision or action may lead and can warn against those that may be harmful or unfruitful. They can often see through the confusion of a situation and can give direction that would help an individual or group obtain a God-glorifying goal.

# MY ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My Meyers Briggs personality profile is: \_\_\_\_\_

My highest scoring Spiritual Gifts are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

What am I passionate about? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please hand these to the growth tracks team.*

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## OUR SERVE TEAMS

It is amazing to do life in teams, together we can achieve so much. Would you be part of our team? Below we have a list of our teams to give you opportunity to be partner in making a difference.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS

- Set Up & auditorium prep.
- Welcome
- Info desk
- Prepare & distribute communion
- Clean Team

### HOSPITALITY TEAM

- Canteen
- Catering Team
- Setup
- Clean up

### CREATIVE TEAM

- Musicians
- Singers
- Sound, Media & Lighting
- Stage design & setup

### KINGDOM KIDS TEAM

- Sign on
- Kingdom Kids Crew

### UPRISE YOUTH TEAM

- Creative
- Youth Leadership

### CONNECT GROUPS

- Resource team
- Connect leaders
- Men's breakfast
- Hosts

### PRAYER TEAM

- Prayer meetings
- Prayer chain
- Intercession

### NEW CHRISTIANS & NEW PEOPLE

- Admin
- Follow up
- Foundations course
- Growth tracks facilitation

### LEADERSHIP TEAMS

- Committee of Management
- Connect leaders
- Pastoral team
- Senior Ministry Team
- Leaders and Influencers

### GO TEAMS

- Events
- Global Care Mudgee C.R.E.W.

# OUR COMMITMENT TO BEING A SAFE CHURCH

We value being a safe church. As part of this commitment we by law require any team member that works with children under 18 years of age in our Kingdom Kids & Uprise Youth ministries to apply for a working with children check. This application can be completed online at [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au).

## SAFE MINISTRY COURSE

We also require our serve team members to complete our online safe churches ministry training course. To undertake this training a link will be sent to you and paid for by the church. The initial step (Awareness Course) will take only 20 minutes to complete. We greatly value you taking the time committed to be part of a safe church.

We would love for you, at the completion of this growth track, to fill out your assessment results summary and feedback forms. This will allow us to improve what we do and help in our conversation with you, to help you connect and serve where it will be most fruitful.

Thank you so much for making the time to complete the One Life growth track, we hope it has been informative & valuable.

# GROWTH TRACK

## FEEDBACK

We greatly value your time and feedback. Please circle the most appropriate responses.

Did you find the growth track informative & helpful?

Yes / No

Was the time set aside to complete growth track

1) *too short*      2) *about right*      3) *too long*

What session was the most relevant for you?

*Session 1*      *Session 2*      *Session 3*

I feel more empowered as a church member now and would be more willing to be involved?

Yes / No / *Neutral*

Suggestions for how we can improve?

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Thank you for taking time to give us feedback. This is important to us!