



July 2025 Newsletter

Helping the people of Pakenham find life in Jesus



Welcome to our July Newsletter!
What *calling* are you living out of today?

For many people the middle of the year is a time we grow weary and restless and question why we are doing what we do. If we don't have a clear purpose, we can easily float along passively accepting everything life brings and find we are losing our joy and peace. That's why it is so important to come before our loving Heavenly Father and ensure we are following the path He has marked out for us and are living out of His call in our lives.

The writer to the Hebrews puts it this way: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.* (Hebrews 12:1-3)

When Jesus was ministering on earth He knew His calling and the joy of achieving it encouraged Him to endure the hardest task ever - bearing the wrath of God against our sin. Jesus powerfully shows us that we find true inexpressible joy when we hear His Call and live it out. What we choose to **BE** is our profession – but what we choose to **BECOME** is the greatest calling we can have. I pray you know what I mean and are experiencing this joy!

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2-1-2 Prayer Tool

1 Timothy 2:1-2



We all know at least two people close to us, that need Jesus.

This tool helps us to pray for

2 people, every 1 day, for 2 minutes.

And as you do look for God-given opportunities to lead them to Jesus.

June, What a Month!

PC3's Trivia Night

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Trivia Night last weekend! Your energy, enthusiasm, and team spirit made it such a fun and memorable evening.

We were thrilled to see not only PC3 faces but some new faces on the night too — what a wonderful mix of community coming together! It was also great fun introducing our gold coin games, which brought lots of laughs and friendly competition for both adults and kids alike.

We'd also like to extend a special thank you to everyone who donated items for the silent auction. Your generosity played a big part in the night's success and helped us raise valuable funds for our Youth Ministry.

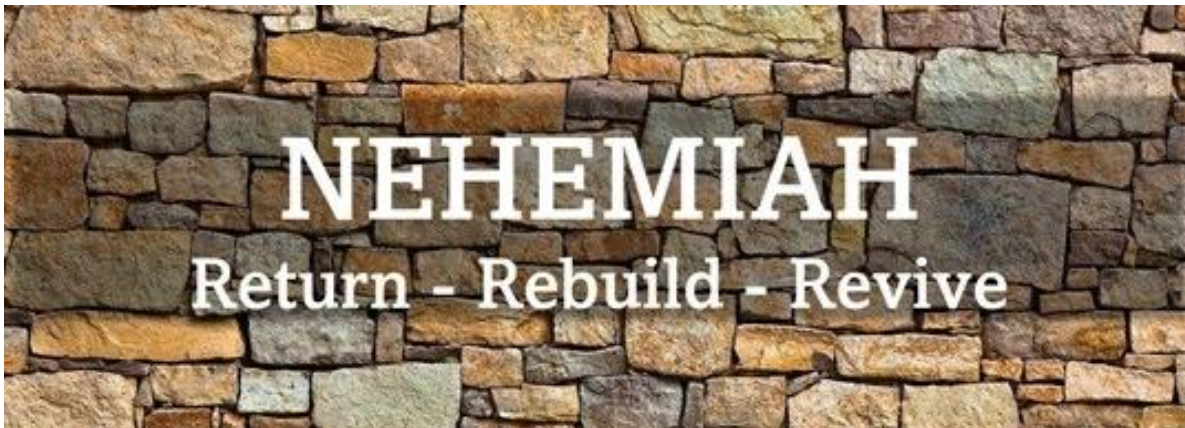


Thank you, Charis!

It was a sad end to the month as we farewelled Charis. We are extremely grateful to God for the time Charis has been with us. She has been a light and joy to walk beside and her work with our Youth has been a blessing to many of us. Our thoughts and prayers will be with her as she moves to Bairnsdale and walks through the doors God has opened for her there. We hope to see her visiting PC3 into the future.



Sermon Series



This month we will finish our Nehemiah series. We have learned so much from this man of God who served his people so well. We have seen the importance of prayer, perseverance and reliance on God's power to overcome obstacles and achieve what seems impossible.

If you need a refresher, or to catch up on a sermon you missed, you will find all the messages on our YouTube Channel, via the website and on your favorite podcast channel.

6th July 'Renewal Under the Word' Nehemiah 8:1-12
13th July 'Covenant Renewal' Nehemiah 9:1-38, 10:28-39
20th July 'Thanksgiving Sunday' Nehemiah 8:13-18
27th July 'TBA' Pastor Chris Shannon
3rd July 'Dedication' Nehemiah 12:27-47

Upcoming Events



Sunday 20 July

Thanksgiving Sunday is an opportunity for us as a church body to give thanks to God for all that he is doing and respond to God's love and grace in our lives. We will hear of blessings through testimonies, stories and God's word, from the youngest in our church through to the very wise. This will also be a chance to support some of our ministries here at PC3 and overseas, a time when we can pull together and create new opportunities for advancing God's work. The service will end with a meal we can share together to celebrate God's goodness and grace.

We hope that you will join us!



Little Peas Playgroup runs on **Thursday mornings** from **10am until 12pm** during the school term at **Toun-Nun Family Centre (46 Fairweather Parade, Officer)**.

Please bring a water bottle and a gold coin donation along with you. Morning tea is provided.

For further details, please speak to Jenna Gould.



Youth Collective runs on **Friday evenings** from **7pm at The Shed (450 Cardinia Road, Officer South)**.

If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, please join us for fun activities, studies and great company. Please keep an eye out for special events in our newsletter.

For further details, please speak to Andre van der Walt.

GAME ON!
Games Night 3.0

August 16th, 2025
Open house from 3pm
Join us at any time at
The Gould's!
Pizza dinner at 6pm.

Bring along your
a mate, a
favourite game
and a snack.



We are having a PC3 Twilight Fete on Sunday November 9th. Save the date and if you are a creator, baker, gardener or crafter, we would love to have your works and creations ready to sell on the day. The funds raised will go into PC3's work into our community. Not a creator, baker, gardener or crafter? That's great too! We are going to need all hands on deck to make this one a success so please see Sami, Lucy or Jenna with any of your ideas or if you would like to volunteer to run a stall or game on the day.

Life Groups

Our Life Groups are the main way we grow as disciples of Jesus together. We open God's Word together, pray together, support each other, and think creatively about how we can get involved in God's mission to reach Pakenham for Christ.

Sunday JAM kids

Every Sunday (except during school holidays)
Contact Lynn de Kretser

Life Group 5

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday evening each month.
Contact Dan van Rossen

Wednesday Life Group 4

Fortnightly on Wednesday evening, 7:30-9pm
Contact Sean de Kretser

Thursday Life Group 1

Fortnightly on Thursday evening, 7:30-9pm
Contact Richard Schoenmaker

Life Group 2

Fortnightly on Thursday evening, 7:30-9pm
Contact Lesley Schoenmaker

Friday Life Group 3

Fortnightly on Friday evening, 7:30-9pm
Contact David Barrot

PC3's Faithful Volunteers



Thank you to all who have faithfully served PC3! As you serve, we see God at work. We could not do it without you.

If you are not already, please consider joining one of our volunteer ministry teams. Speak with Pastor Richard or one of our leadership team.

	6 th July	13 th July	20 th July	27 th July	3 rd August
Pastor	Ps Richard	Ps Richard	Ps Richard	Ps Chris Shannon	Ps Richard
Call to Worship	Andre	TBA	Dan	Dave	Peter
Communion Set/Pack Up	Renee	-	-	-	Lucy
Second Offering	-	Solomon Islands Workgroup	-	PC3 Deacons	-
Sound	Malachi	Andre	Riley	Malachi	Andre
Media	Sean	Christin	Dave	Sean	John
Music	Siska	Jenna	Siska	Jenna	Siska
Jam 1	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	Sam	Anneke
Jam 2	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	Janet	TBA
Greeter 1	Mel	Peter	Vivi	John	Janet
Greeter 2	Ian	TBA	Marius	Chris	Kevin
Set Up/Morning Tea	de Haan	Madhavan	Schoenmaker	Bond	Beard
Pack Up	Madhavan	Schoenmaker	Bond	Beard	Gould
Notes	Lord's Supper		Thanksgiving Sunday		Lord's Supper

Church Council Update

Dear PC3 Church Family,

We are praying you are all well and growing in your God-given calling. As Paul urges us; *“You, my brothers and sisters were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.”* (Gal 5:13)

We trust you all had a chance to farewell Charis, our youth worker. Church life will not be the same now she has left to begin a new season of serving Jesus. But we are grateful for how He has used her here.

Andre opened our last Church Council meeting with a devotion and prayer.

We looked at our Dashboard, which showed we have had a solid month of attendance to Church services but we noted visitor numbers have been down.

We discussed how healthy our Church community is in Prayer, The Word, Worship, Warmth and Witness. We see the need to have regular attendance to our Life Groups, to encourage prayer of all kinds and develop closer social connection through Tables of 8, Hospitality Sundays and fun nights.

We are thankful to Kristy, Brigitte, Dave and all the volunteers who made our Trivia Night such a great success!

Please pray for our Committee of Management as they go through the difficult task of preparing our next Budget which we hope to present at our AGM on the 17th of August.

We will be calling for nominations for one Elder and two Deacons to replace Peter Noorbergen, Renee and Justin De Haan in the coming weeks.

We are thankful to Lesley as she is preparing new Welcome packs for our visitors.

We are grateful for the work Siska is doing in the Music Ministry. They have recently introduced a new song and are planning a jam session soon.

We heard there is still a need for more JAM helpers.

We are planning our “Thanksgiving Sunday” to be held on the 20th of July. It’s a day where we will be given an opportunity to show our gratitude for God’s gracious love and provision by donating to the ministries of PC3.

We will be hosting our next Classis Meeting on the 26th of July. The venue will be the Chairo Christian School, Pakenham Campus.

Our next Church Council meeting will be held one week later than normal, on the 16th of July to allow more time for the Budget to be prepared.

Please continue praying for us as we seek to serve you as faithful godly leaders.

Little Peas Playgroup



Hi everyone,

We have had another wonderful term at Little Peas. It is such a privilege to be able to share some quality time with so many families. We have had two new families join us and while sickness has kept many of us away at some point this term, we still enjoyed many conversations, laughs and fun together. We also were able to start up grocery bags at Little Peas thanks to some very generous donations. We now have small grocery bags of basic supplies to offer to our families who need a helping hand to get through the week when things are tight.

A huge thank you to Michelle, Leah and Ann who have been an integral part in running Little Peas this term. We are now on break over the school holidays and are starting back up at the end of July.

Blessings,
Michelle and Jenna

Soul Enrichment

Living in a vital relationship with Jesus means we have been saved, redeemed, restored and set free to serve Him without fear. We also have the wonderful privilege of being used by Him to build His Kingdom on earth. But how do we know what we are called out to do? By asking our heavenly Father why He has placed us here, and at this time. Knowing and growing in our calling leads us to do what we have been made to do.

Consider these five steps to help identify/affirm your calling:

COMMIT TO SURRENDERING

Isaiah found his calling when he was drawn into the presence of God. To his horror he realized how wretched and unworthy he was. But at the same time he discovered God's gracious forgiveness and healing. Having been forgiven and made right with God he completely surrendered himself to His call, without knowing what the call was! He simply loved the God who loved Him first. Have you had this experience? Do you know that God never saves His people and leaves them to do their own thing. He gives us all the opportunity to respond to our heavenly Father's grace by surrendering to His workmanship.

COMMIT TO GROWING

Just growing older without maturing in Christ is a tragedy for a Christian. Living in Christ means we have all we need to grow our Christian character. This takes recognizing and responding to the Holy Spirit's guidance in daily life and intentionally developing Christ-like qualities by exercising faith, prayer, Bible study, and obedience. It's a process of transformation as we align our thoughts, actions, and attitudes with God's Will and character. We need to remember that fulfilling our calling is a journey, not a destination. It is staying faithful, being courageous, and trusting that God will work through our lives to bless others and glorify His name. Are you embracing the process of learning and growing, even when facing the challenges of daily life?

COMMIT TO FOLLOWING GOD'S GUIDANCE

We have seen this as we study the life of Nehemiah. He was living in the lap of luxury. As cupbearer, he lived in a palace, enjoying all the benefits of being a trusted friend of the king. He ate the king's food and drank the king's wine. But in one day he found his calling when he heard news of the need in Jerusalem. He was moved to accept God's guidance and risk his life, sacrifice all his privileges to lead the wall rebuilding project. Have you found what moves your heart? This may well be what God is calling you to do today.

COMMIT TO A TEAM

It is crucial to be a part of a team because it reflects God's design for His church as a unified body, it allows for all the necessary gifts to be engaged. It allows for healthy accountability, and encouragement among team members. Being a healthy team increases our impact and strengthens the witness of Christ's Church.

COMMIT TO TRUST GOD & PERSEVERE

Resting in God's faithfulness allows believers to overcome doubt and fear, which can hinder progress. Relying on God's promises in scripture provides a solid foundation for perseverance, even when circumstances are difficult. Trusting God can lead to sacrificial giving of time, resources, and talents to support the mission, as we are confident that God will provide for our needs.

Giving

Thank you to all those who generously give to our Gospel Work!

We believe regular, joyful, and sacrificial giving is our act of worship to a God who has so sacrificially given to us. As we give, we proclaim our faith to God as our Provider and the Lord of our lives. Your generous giving supports our mission to reach Pakenham with the Gospel.

If you would like to give, you can do so in the following ways:

General Fund

Bank: West Pac
BSB: 033-341
Account number: 505817
Account name:
Pakenham Christian
Community Church

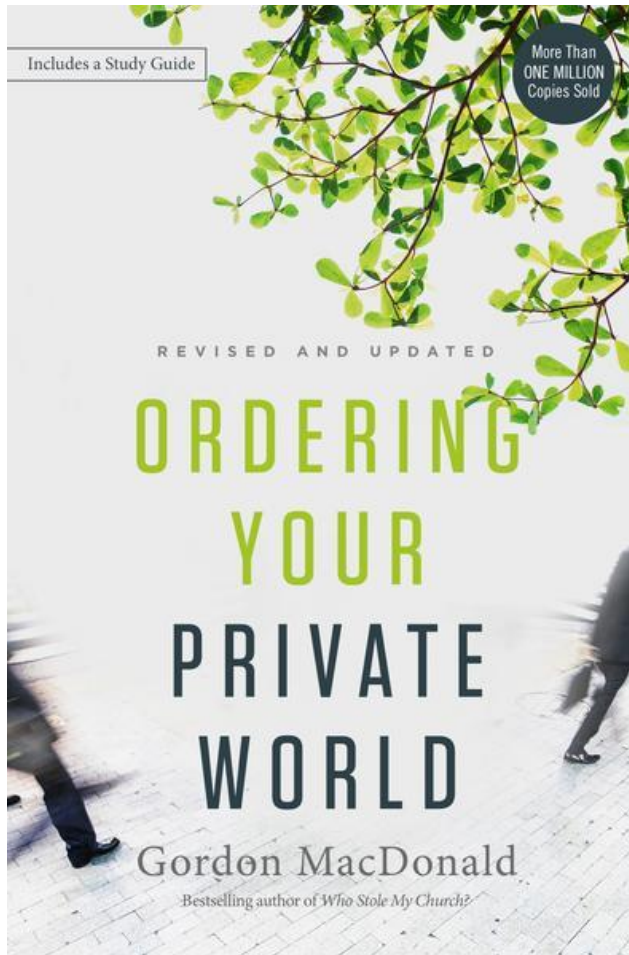
Building Fund

Bank: West Pac
BSB: 033-126
Account number: 616792
Account name:
Building Fund

In Person

Donations can be made in the offering bag passed around during the closing song.

This month's MUST READ:



Ordering Your Private World

I believe every follower of Jesus must read this classic Book by Gordon Mac Donald. We all have smart phones, calendars, and planners to help organize our business and social lives. But what about organizing our inner lives – our private worlds?

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