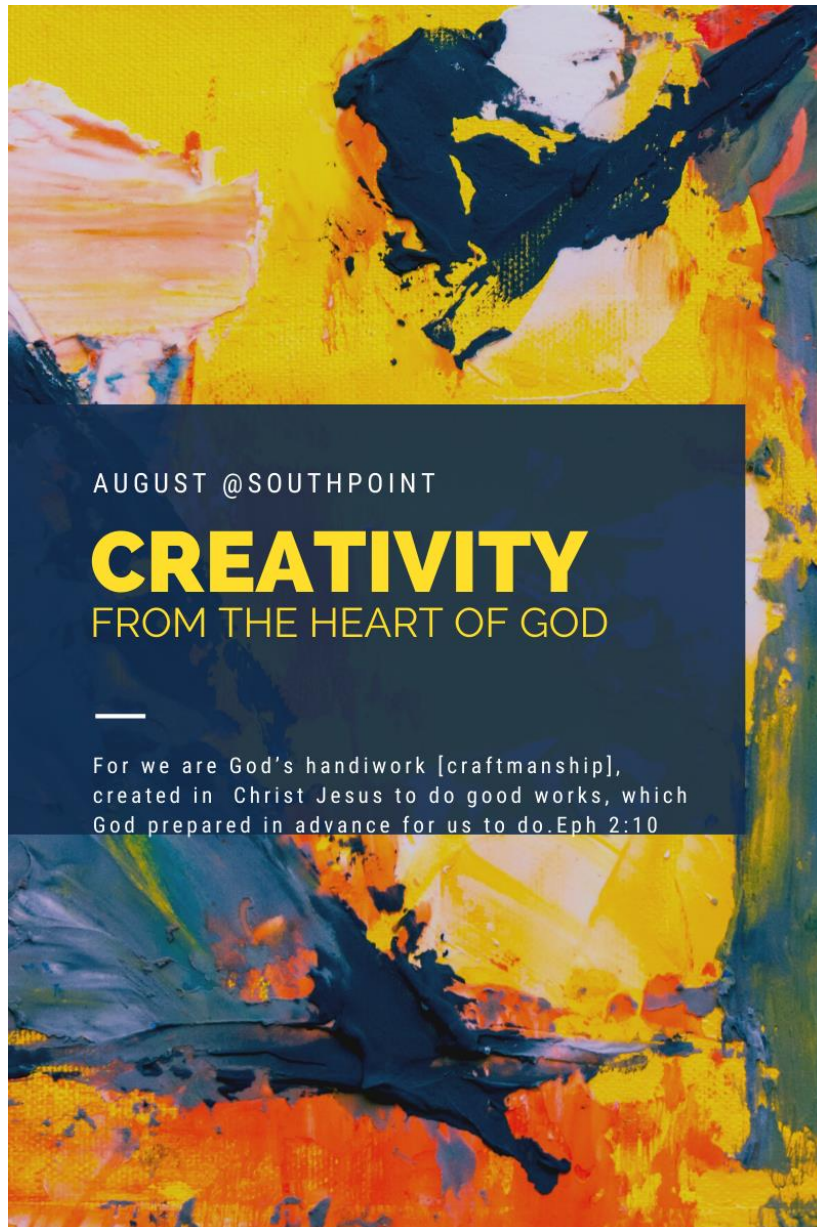


SouthPoint Life NEWSLETTER



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CREATIVITY FROM THE HEART OF GOD

For we are God's handiwork [craftmanship],
created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which
God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph 2:10

SouthPoint Church of Christ, 24 Towers Terrace, Edwardstown SA 5039

August 2021

About Us

SouthPoint Edwardstown is a community church, a place where Everyone is Welcome.

Our service is on Sundays at 10am, followed by informal morning tea, where we get a chance to chat with visitors, new members, and friends.

“Create”, art classes.

Every Sunday during school term we offer “Create”, art classes. Headed by Paul & Gaynor, if art is your therapy, please come along to bring your projects to life. Paul & Gaynor welcome beginners, intermediate or advanced artists, or artists in heart. All welcome.



Online Presence

Our SouthPoint Website and App is our face to the outside world.

If you missed a sermon, you could look at the sermon video on the website or App, and you can also view the latest Newsletter (with some photos excluded for security reasons).

Other things you will find on the website are events and daily verses.

Our website address is: <https://southpointcc.org.au/>

Steps to download the new Church Central App:

- Download the Church central app from App Store (Apple) or Play Store (Android)
- Select "Find a Church". Search for SouthPoint and select as favourite
- Delete your Old SouthPoint App

SouthPoint organization is run by eight ministries.

1. Pastoral Care
2. Hospitality
3. Outreach and Engagement
4. Leaders support and Development
5. Generations and Discipleship
6. Preaching and Communication
7. Worship and Music
8. Stewardship

Ministry Area under Spotlight

Worship and Music

Team Vision

SouthPoint Music is about making authentic connections. Through music we are able to create landscapes and environments where people can connect to God in a real way. Through music and song we can stand together in solidarity and articulate truth in ways that we might find difficult to do with mere words. We come together and express our shared faith, demonstrating the community feeling that is a hallmark of the trinitarian God we worship.

It's all about authentic connection. Real people, with real

problems, making real music and singing out loud together out of a belief that we are not the centre of the universe, but that there is something far bigger than us, revealed to us in Christ, that brings all our broken little centres together into one, grace filled, interconnected whole.

We are a group of musicians, vocalists and audio technicians who love playing music, singing and making it sound really good. Without having musicians and vocalists, we can't do what we do, so that's key. Equally as important to creating the landscapes that connect people to God and each other, are the audio technicians- sound, lights, video and projector. These jobs are in the background, but the skill and intuition needed to facilitate this can't be underestimated.

Band members



Ben Halifax
Dan Woodyatt
Jared Grierson
Jason Marsden
Kerri Rodda
Lisa Carey
Lisa Croke
Luke Fisher
Mark Knight
Paul Steele
Ryan Christopher

Biography of Key Personnel

Jared Grierson- Coordinator and Band Leader

Jared loves using his gifts and talents to facilitate worshipful spaces where people can connect to God in a meaningful way. He has a passion to support others to grow their capacity as musicians, band members and worship leaders.

Ben Hallifax-Band Leader

Ben has an authentic heart for God and leads his band and the congregation into meaningful worship experiences. A gifted song writer, Ben blesses us with his creativity and the words God places on his heart.

Jason Marsden- Audio/Visual Technician Leader

Jason is a humble servant who works hard behind the scenes with the audio and visual technology we need to present our worship each week. He is an incredibly knowledgeable and skilful individual in the tech space, and has a problem solving attitude so that often problems are fixed before they can even be noticed by the church. Always willing to train others up, Jason's knowledge and willingness to serve are invaluable to our ministry.

Luke Fisher- Youth Band Facilitator

Luke is a talented musician in his own right and uses his skills and natural rapport with young people to develop the Youth Band. Always willing to get involved and help out, Luke's work with the Youth will be evident more and more as this young community of musicians grows in confidence and craft.

Proud of whom we are
Church of Christ



The heart of this movement was to abandon denominationalism and follow the New Testament and its central priority on Christ. We rally around this simple plea: In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things love.

Our story from Churches of Christ website
(<https://www.cofcaustralia.org/our-story/>)

Churches of Christ in Australia began with individuals and families seeking a better life in colonial Australia. The earliest congregations were formed in South Australia in the mid nineteenth century.

The first members met in homes, workplaces and modest chapels to share the Lord's Supper and read scripture together. Believers were baptised by immersion in creeks, rivers and the sea.

Initially, they called one another brother and sister, and referred to their congregations as Disciples, a church of Christ, or simply as Christians. Rejecting much of the church's use of creeds, hierarchies and traditions, they sought to live out an authentic Christianity based on the New Testament.

As part of the Stone-Campbell Movement, which advocated Christian unity through the restoration of New Testament practice, these scattered congregations found common ground in the theological writings of Alexander Campbell. In a practical way, the 'Letters to the Editor' in the periodical "British Millennial Harbinger" alerted isolated members to one another's presence across Australia.

Relationships were formed between congregations led by elders and deacons. Realising that persuasive preaching was needed in order to communicate the gospel, the congregations worked cooperatively to fund evangelistic initiatives.

At the height of the gold rush these early cooperatives of Churches of Christ sent preachers to establish congregations on the goldfields of Victoria and South Australia in the 1860s, and in Western Australia in the 1890s. Their preaching was effective and, in the decades that followed, most congregations employed ministers.

In the absence of theological barriers, women were occasionally employed as pastoral ministers from 1931, but sociological factors inhibited their wider acceptance as church leaders until the 1970s.

There has always been a tension between independence and cooperation in Churches of Christ in Australia. Churches accepted the assistance of visiting British and American evangelists in the 1800s, but resisted being treated as a colonial outpost and most often celebrated the work of local Australian evangelists and elders.

While numerous members became parliamentarians, Churches of Christ were resolutely opposed to state aid to religion. Colonial church conferences were established to enable and support collective efforts

beyond the capacity of local churches, but congregations maintained the right to make their own decisions.

The first Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in Australia was held in 1906, resulting in the establishment of the first ministry training college just a year later. The education of ministers and missionaries led steadily away from biblical literalism and toward a broader theological outlook. Greater engagement with other Christian churches followed, and congregations increasingly welcomed believers from all denominations to share with them in the Lord's Supper.

In the early 20th century, Churches of Christ in Australia grew considerably. There were just 24,000 members in the 1901 national census. By 1921, their numbers had more than doubled to 54,500, peaking as a percentage of the Australian population at one per cent. Membership continued to increase until the 1970s.

Congregations were established in the ACT in 1951 and the Northern Territory in 1978. Chapels were built and funded by local members, and many were constructed by volunteers. Some timber chapels were built in a single day, demonstrating the movement's practical, can-do approach to Christian faith.

Awareness of the social demands of the gospel grew throughout the first half of the 20th century, following on from women's charitable work, and missionary efforts among Chinese communities in urban centres and Pacific Islanders in Queensland. Welfare agencies, aged care facilities, children's homes, overseas missions, and Indigenous ministries were all organised by State and Federal Conferences of Churches of Christ.

In joining word and deed, conferences also took public stands on social issues, upholding religious conscience while appealing to the maxim, "where the Bible speaks, we speak: where the Bible is silent, we are silent".

Most notably, in recognising Jesus' opposition to violence, Churches of Christ made a number of public statements against compulsory military service between the 1930s and the Vietnam War. Repeated campaigning for the tightening of liquor laws in the early 20th century

owed less to biblical precedent than it did to Churches of Christ's long-term commitment to the objectives of the temperance movement.

Worship services have changed in recent decades, influenced by both the charismatic movement and contemplative Christian traditions. Greater variety between the congregations in worship style and spiritual expression is now evident, reflecting a prioritisation of local issues and identity.

Through all this the historical centrality of leadership by everyday Christians in worship and the Lord's Supper has remained. Overall, Churches of Christ in Australia has moved from a focus on New Testament patterns of worship and church governance to a broader and more varied interpretation of what it is to live out the gospel in contemporary society.

Kerrie Handasyde

Who is GMP?

Global Mission Partners (GMP) has been investing in life-changing partnerships with churches, individuals and communities both overseas and within Australia for over 130 years. *Formerly known as*

Australian Churches of Christ Overseas

Mission Board Inc. our story began in 1891 as the Churches of

Christ Foreign Missions Committee. Our strong history is evident in the quality and values of our partnerships, both internationally and in Australia. We want to see lives changed through relief and development, church partnerships, and Australian Indigenous ministry; and we're committed to encouraging the next generation of young people to explore issues of mission and justice. We believe that mission must work with what God is doing and in partnership with local people.

We connect with, come alongside, and work together with our partners to learn, pray and act so that lives and communities are changed.

GMP VISION

"OUR MOTIVATION IS FOUND IN
GOD'S MISSION TO THE WORLD-
INVITING PEOPLE TO FAITH IN
CHRIST AND RESPONDING TO THE
REAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN
POVERTY"

John Gilmore - GMP Executive Officer

Bringing lasting change together.

We believe real change happens through authentic relationships. Instead of trying to push our solutions onto communities, we partner with local people around the world to help them create positive change in their communities. We also connect them with people like you; people who want to support life-changing initiatives, even when they're happening beyond their own backyard. We think holistic mission and development should be more than just give and take; it should connect people across nations, and create positive change that lasts.

Some of GMP's Projects

GOTO <https://www.gmp.org.au/what-we-do/projects> to see more of GMP's projects

Let's Bring Change through Safe Water



Projects > Zimbabwe

Showers of Blessing was established by BJ Mpofu and leaders of the Associated Churches of Christ in Zimbabwe in 2007 to provide assistance with food distribution, the drilling and installation of boreholes, wells and the establishing of income generating projects. Its goal is to support people to become self-sustaining in a very challenging economy. A borehole makes a huge impact on a village in a rural area.

BECAUSE OF SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS, THE WATER NOW COMES TO
US!

Access to Safe Water

Installation of a borehole provides safe water and reduces diseases like cholera and dysentery. Safe water means that dams and dirty water holes can be dedicated to livestock, rather than people using them also for drinking. Access to safe water means that a greater variety of vegetables can be grown, improving nutrition for people with HIV/Aids while also providing small incomes. Community members regularly express how the project has benefited them in terms of personal hygiene creating better opportunities for bathing, washing hands, cleaning and doing laundry. Wells have stimulated school gardens, community gardens, an irrigation scheme, and a whole new village with a shop, a grain mill, school and church.

Empowering Local Communities

The local communities in rural Zimbabwe organise the labour for construction of the concrete apron around the borehole and form a management committee to manage the use of the borehole. As it is most often women who fetch water in Zimbabwe, the project gives them back time for other activities and they often take a place of leadership on the borehole committees.

Motorbike Evangelists



Pastor Nyika Mashindi leads five churches in a rural area where churches can be located up to 10 km away from a main road. Prior to 2005, when Nyika was given a motorbike, walking was the only option. Now, he can ride through the bush and along rough roads and small pathways. This is enabling him to create relationships with people who are normally isolated from regular church fellowship and to hold crusades to foster church growth and development. During one crusade, he visited 160 homes over seven days! Nyika and his wife struggle to provide basics including food, warm clothes, and money for schooling for their 3 children, especially in a drought year. It is a challenge for him to maintain his motorbike in a good condition for travelling the long, rough roads. GMP equips pastors like Nyika with a motorcycle, fuel and necessary repairs, registration and insurance costs. To date, 30 motorcycles have been supplied to pastors and evangelists in Zimbabwe so they can reach remote locations with the love of Jesus.

COVID-19 Ministry Appeal



The impact of COVID is beyond comprehension. In India we see the images of funeral pyres and try to comprehend the grief that each represents. We also know that lockdowns deeply affect people. The situation is made worse in many settings because there are few social security provisions and the dominant form of employment is casual.

People in these impacted communities have very few resources. The situation in India, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Thailand and other places is deteriorating. Some of our Churches of Christ partners are well located in these vulnerable communities to provide direct and grass roots care and support.

Please give to this Appeal to help resource COVID-19 support by local churches.

Your support will provide financial resources to churches so they can reach out to those being impacted by COVID providing them with necessities like food, water and what they need most during this difficult time. It will also give comfort to our partners who are personally impacted by COVID.

Because of the urgent situation, initial support will be directed to India. Vital hygiene supplies and groceries will be distributed to communities including Baramati, Daund, Phaltan, Dhorje, Bhangaon, Shrigonda and Mumbai slum churches including Sathe Nagar, Ramabai Nagar, Airoli, Kamani, Chedda Nagar and Kanjurmarg.

Please give to this COVID-19 Appeal. Your help will continue making the ministry of care and support possible in our partner countries affected by COVID-19.

Bank Transfer

Account Name: ACOC-GMP Ltd

BSB: 065 005

Account: 1018 1367

Customer Reference Line:

Donor's Name / Project you are supporting

Other

Want to make a donation in another way? Please call us:
1800 467 222



Project of the Month

SALA



SALA Organisers

Paul and Gaynor Steele

Both very talented artists

SALA is short for *South Australian Living Artists* and is the biggest art festival of its kind in the world. It was started by Greenway Gallery in Kent Town and has continually grown over the years.

This year, we will have 21 artists exhibiting at SouthPoint (even though this is not a Christian festival). Christelle, Frank, Cameron, Lilly and Ben Wade, as well as Gaynor and myself from the church, plus all the other Create members and some family and friends too.

The theme for this year is "wild" as in plants and animals and freedom.

SALA at Southpoint is an outreach - it is the **Bless** and **Belong** part of bless, belong, believe and become. It also gives Create students a blast to exhibit and sell work. Money raised from the sale of artwork goes to the artist to purchase more art materials and to cover the \$30 SALA registration fee for each artist, plus the food which is supplied by artists

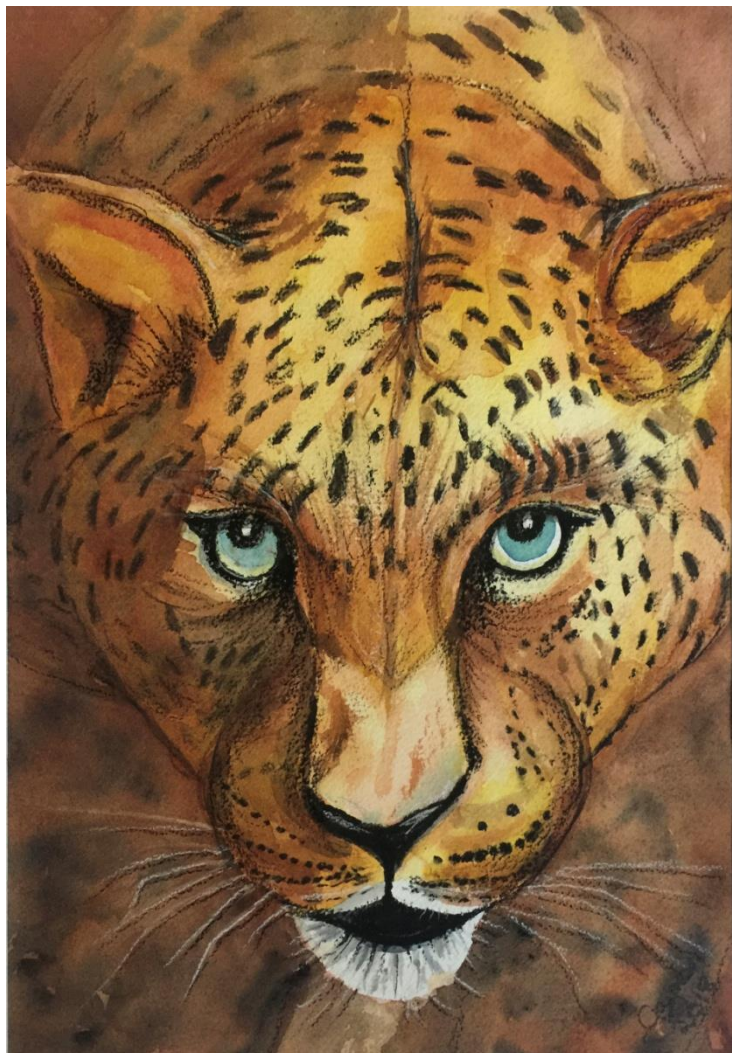
and friends. The price of paintings is discounted, so a wonderful opportunity to pick up some quality art.

Entrance, coffee, food and live music are all free. It is a way of blessing the community.

We would appreciate your help to help hang the paintings on Saturday Aug 7th, and Sunday afternoon Aug 8th from 1 pm until we finish.

Paul





In The Pipeline

Leader's Meeting

August 2nd, 7pm – 9pm

Men's Ministry: breakfast + working bee

September 4th

Prayer Points

This month we would like to pray for our elderly citizens. Often, they are facing loneliness and isolation due to many factors from weather, mobility issues and not having family/ friends nearby.

We are aware that recently number of our members were feeling ill and even went to hospital. Our pastoral care team is doing amazing job reaching out to as many people in need as possible. If ever you feel like you need more support, please reach out to us via Prayer Request / email/ phone or in person (details under Admin section at the end of the newsletter). We are here for you!

This week, our long-standing member, David Blanden, was taken to the hospital. David is 89 years of age and has done a marvellous job of living on his own in his own home until now. His condition changed suddenly, and we would like to wish David all the very best in this difficult time.

*Jesus knew each of us would need a comforter to get through this life.
I will pray to the father and he will give you another Comforter, the Holy
Spirit that he may abide with you for ever"*

John 14:16

Dear Father,

We thank you for the Holy Spirit who is our comforter. Be especially close to those in our community who have been hospitalized or are facing loneliness and isolation at this time.

O Holy Spirit thank you for your daily presence in their lives.

We pray for that deep peace that only you can give them as they deal with their isolation from family and friends.

We commit David's future into your hands knowing that you can meet his deepest needs.

May those in our community who are struggling physically, spiritually or emotionally know the grace and love of our heavenly Father sustaining them during this difficult season

Amen

Robyn Combes (Pastoral care)



Finance Tip of the Month

Introducing the lovely

Jo Knight

Jo is the clever lady behind the SouthPoint finance and together with Rod they make important decisions.

Jo's tip for the month is: When sending money online to SouthPoint **always** use a reference that explains clearly what your money is for. Don't for instance use "Mission" as a reference, but rather "Lion Hearts", or "Compass", or "Compassion". This makes it easier for the finance team to know where the money should be allocated.

How to give

Banking details

Direct Deposits to SouthPoint Church of Christ Inc.

BSB 105131

A/C No

067 242 040

Website and App

GoTo: <https://southpointcc.org.au/payments>

Ivana's Recycling Fact



The [Tokyo Organising Committee](#) of the Olympic and Paralympic Games collected more than 32kg of gold, 3,500kg of silver and 2,200kg of bronze during its Tokyo 2020 Medal Project, which was designed to recycle precious metals from electronic devices and turn them into medals for the athletes.

The collection of small electronic devices for the Tokyo 2020 Medal Project closed on Sunday 31 March 2019. The medal design was announced in the summer of 2019.

The metals were from small electronic devices such as used mobile phones, and were collected from all over Japan to produce the medals.

In the two years between April 2017 and March 2019, 100 percent of the metals required to manufacture the approximately 5,000 gold, silver and bronze Olympic medals were extracted from small electronic devices contributed by people from all over the country. Every single medal to be awarded to athletes during the Tokyo 2020 Games is made from recycled metals. The organising committee said it is grateful for everyone's cooperation on this project.

"We hope that our project of recycling small consumer electronics and our efforts to contribute to an environmentally-friendly and sustainable society will form part of the legacy of the Tokyo 2020 Games," a spokesperson said.

Those figures include more than six million recycled mobile phones from 1,621 municipalities throughout the country. Those precious metals were taken from approximately 79,000 tonnes of electronic waste.

Admin

Please do get in touch to say hello, ask questions, or provide feedback about what you would like to see at SouthPoint. You might have ideas for events, fundraising, home groups, kids church activities etc. We want to hear it all.

You can reach us via e-mail: admin@southpointcc.org.au or phone 8293 5754 or speak with us in person.

We share our days in the office, which is now open on Tuesdays (9-5 Hanli), Thursdays (9-3 Ivana) & Fridays (9-5 Hanli & Ivana).

We hope you enjoyed this Newsletter, we are here for you!

Yours,

Hanli & Ivana

1 Corinthians 13:13

Three things will last forever: faith, hope, and love-and the greatest of these is love.