

# GETTING STARTED WITH KPC



# WELCOME

We make all visitors welcome, but for those who choose to stay **we want you to become part of the church family.**

KPC is was once a **church plant** – 29 January 2006 was our first Sunday together. We are a **growing church** - we are keen to grow as followers of Jesus, and to see others come to share our trust in Jesus. We are a **Presbyterian church**, but we welcome people from all church and non-churched backgrounds.

Hopefully the following information will help answer some of the questions you may have about our church, so that you will soon be able to feel that together we are **your** church.

We'll start by explaining the key events and structures that hold our church together, introduce some of the people behind those structures, give you a look at our vision and values, and then come back to how you can fit into things.

# CHURCH ON SUNDAY

We see **Bible teaching** as central to what we do when we meet



together on Sunday. In the end it is Bible teaching that will shape everything else. With that in mind we structure our morning to cater for teaching both adults and children.

On Sunday morning everyone starts church together. Then the children go out to **KPC Kids** just before the Bible talk. We are also catering for a growing, number of high schoolers – so we run a **Youth Group** on Sunday afternoons.

## **KPC** Kids

We are keen to see children grow into faithful followers of Jesus.

At this stage KPC Kids is made up of three groups. Crèche for the really little ones, middle KPC kids for years and older KPC Kids.

Our KPC Kids teachers and helpers are volunteers, and each one is required to have a Blue Card and to receive **PresSafe** training.



# KPC Youth

Youth group meets at 3:30 on Sunday afternoon, for 6/7 weeks during school term. They also have socials. As with KPC Kids our Youth Group leaders and helpers are required to have a Blue Card and to receive **PresSafe** training.

## MORNING TEA AND SUPPER

Morning Tea after Morning Church and Supper after NightChurch are an important part of our time together on Sunday. It's not the food that makes this time stand out – but the opportunity to talk together. Sharing our lives is part of what makes us a church.



## GROWTH GROUPS

During the week we have Bible Study and prayer groups. We call them Growth Groups as a way of reminding ourselves that we aim to grow in number and in maturity as followers of Jesus. Our Growth Groups are a central part of what makes our church work.

We like to think in terms of **growing** in Growth Groups and **serving** on Sundays. Of course that is over-simplified, but it does help us stay focussed.

# SOCIALS

We make an effort to have socials – chances to just get to know each other better. That means, in the long run, we will be better able to care for each other.



# NIGHTCHURCH

On Sunday 10 February 2008 we kicked-off NightChurch in Kenmore. We started with a small but keen core group, and we watched this new church grow, then plateau, then decline. In December 2015 we stopped NightChurch and went through a process of rethinking and planning before re-planting in February 2016.

NightChurch now meets at 1 Pullenvale Road at 5:30pm.

# PEOPLE

We encourage *everyone* to be actively involved in church, but there are a people that have been given particular roles.

## MINISTER

**Steve** and Lyndel Blencowe helped start KPC. Before that they served at Acacia Ridge Presbyterian for four years – where Steve was the assistant minister. Steve trained at Moore College, and in the Ministry Training Strategy.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WORKER

**Mel Waldeck** began as Children's Ministry Worker in 2016 and works two school days a week. Mel is keen to help children to know, live and share the Gospel and encourage parents in discipling their children. Mel is married to Peter and they have three children.



## STUDENT MINISTER

**Steve Young** has just joined us. Steve and Annie have two children. Steve has completed a three-year degree with Queensland Theological College and is now completing Candidate studies to become a minister with PCQ.

## ELDERS

We have four elders who oversee and lead our church - **Rodney Brydon** – **David Fairhurst**, **Rob Miller** and **Riaan Saunders**.



## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The 'business' and 'accounting' side of church is looked after by our Committee of Management. **Ian Muller** is the secretary, **Keith Esson** the Treasurer, **Annette McGrath**, **Libby Constable**, **Irwan Djamaludin** and **Jon Thorlton** make up the rest of the committee, and **Debbie Esson** does the book-keeping.

The Committee of Management is elected/re-elected each year at the Annual Congregational Meeting – which is usually held in March.

## VISION AND VALUES

### WHO WE ARE

We are a group of Christians in the western suburbs of Brisbane, who believe that the message of Jesus Christ is the most important news. It is this message that determines all we do as a community of Christian people.

Everyone is welcome at Kenmore Presbyterian Church - any age and from any background, and at any stage of Christian understanding. We especially welcome those who are beginning to explore Christianity.

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to grow as we proclaim Jesus to everyone and to aim to present everyone mature in Christ.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a loving, growing, Bible-centred community that challenges people to be reconciled with God through his Son Jesus Christ.

As we grow together, we will be welcoming, open and flexible, so the good news of Jesus will be made clear through us.

And as we grow together we desire to plant new churches, so that they too can grow to plant again.

We will strive to have a positive influence in the wider church, our community and our world, and will seek to raise up and train Christian leaders for the future.

## OUR CORE VALUES

- We value **the good news** that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, gave up his life for the sins of the world, and rose from death to rule the world. We seek to share this news.
- We value clear, Christ-centred **Bible teaching** that leads to trusting in Jesus as Saviour, and obeying Him as Lord.
- We value **prayer**, as we recognise God's rule over all things, and we seek to pray according to His will.
- We value **each other**, and seek to encourage one another to grow in Christian maturity in everything we do.
- We value **all people**, and aim to engage everyone with the person and truth of Jesus.

## OUR CULTURE

Meeting together to encourage one another and spur each other on towards love and good deeds is an important part of what it means for us to be a church. So we have regular Growth Groups and we encourage one-to-one prayer and discipleship.



We encourage all followers of Jesus to play their part in building Christ's church and so we run church activities in a way which is simple, welcoming and understandable to everyone. We desire that our church community would express practical love modelled on the sacrificial love of Christ, who gave himself for us.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q 1. How do I become a member?

You don't have to be a formal member to be a part of the life of our church. However we would encourage you to talk to the Minister or elders about membership. The Elders receive people into membership.

Q 2. Why doesn't an offering/collection get taken up in Church?

We decided not to pass-the-plate during church. We ask regulars to contribute financially through the box on the morning tea table, or directly into the church bank account. We encourage you to think and pray about what you will regularly give, and then to be committed to what you have decided.

Q 3. How do I receive the weekly email-updates?

Send an email to [church@kpc.org.au](mailto:church@kpc.org.au) and ask to be added.

Q 4. How do I get onto the rosters?

We encourage everyone to serve. One way to do that is to be help set-up, pack-up, morning tea, KPC Kids, crèche, music, welcoming and much more. If you would like to help out by being on a roster, please talk to Steve.

Q 5. How did KPC start?

We began as a group of around eighteen adults (and children) from Ann Street, Acacia Ridge and Ipswich Presbyterian Churches. Brisbane Presbytery formed a new church and appointed the Ithaca Church elders as an interim Session.

You can see that this church plant required team work. Acacia Ridge Presbyterian and Ithaca Presbyterian were particularly supportive in the early stages – but there was also support from many other churches and from the denomination.

Since then we have grown, elected our own elders, and been declared, by Brisbane Presbytery, to be a church in our own right with the ability to call our own minister – which we did.

Q 6. Are there plans to buy a church building?

PCQ recently purchased a property for KPC and we have plans to build a church on it as we continue with our goal of growing and supporting Bible Teaching churches in the western suburbs of Brisbane.

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If you still feel very new to KPC, then **keep coming along** on Sundays, and take your time to get to know everyone.

On the other hand, if you are starting to feel more at home and are planning on staying, then we encourage you to **join a Growth Group**.

We also encourage you to think, pray and talk to us about ways you might be able to serve the rest of the church **by being a part of the regular rosters**. But at the same time remember that **just being at church on Sunday is an important way that you can serve**. In showing your commitment to meeting with your church, you will encourage others to keep coming too, so that together we can be built-up as we study the Bible together.

Take the time to read the church photo-directory and have a go at learning everyone's names.

If you are not sure about something, please don't hesitate to ask.