



# The Grapevine 22/8/2021

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## **VISION & MISSION: Matt 28:16 - 20**

Last week I was talking about TEAM = *Together Everyone Achieves More* and how this impacts Paul's metaphor of BODY ministry. The horizontal relationship we have with each other is based on the vertical relationship with Jesus, shaping our WHY & our WHAT. I used examples from the Olympics such as the men's basketball team who won bronze, their first medal in 56 years to reflect upon culture, commitment and effort.

(NOTE: The AUS women's BBall team, "Opals" have already won 3 silver & 2 bronze medals over the last 56 yrs.)

Today we will focus on our Vision and Mission statement at The Vines. Vision statements in general are about having a "*hope-filled picture from the heart, for the future of the church*". Often based on questions like:

- *What does God want to accomplish through us?*
- *What will our ministry look like to accomplish this?*

Mission is the overarching statement and speaks to the fundamental purpose of the church.

- *What are we supposed to be doing?*
- *Who will we serve, and how will we serve these people?*

While Jesus' Great Commission (Mt 28:16-20) "to go into the world" is the basis of our WHY, what we are doing is trying to clarify and refresh our focus in the midst of what has been a couple of chaotic years. So we are spending some time to make sure we are clear about our WHY as a church. Importantly this then helps us flow into the WHAT or HOW we do ministry and importantly includes to WHOM Jesus is calling us to serve.

So, hopefully the next month may invigorate you and stir some thinking as we explore what it means to be the Body of Christ at Woodcroft.

Peace, Rev DJPrior

❖ **OUR VISION:**

*To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.*

❖ **OUR MISSION:**

*To reach out and reflect God's Love –  
connecting others to Christ.*

## **SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY**

An amount of \$1,033.00 donated by members of the Vines Church Congregation has been forwarded to the Noarlunga Schools Chaplaincy Committee Inc.

Colin Dredge, the Treasurer, of NSCC Inc., has written:

“On behalf of the Noarlunga Schools Chaplaincy Committee, I would express our gratitude to the gift of \$1,033.00 for the work of the Committee in our local schools.

I am well aware that the church has expressed its support over many years and that it has deeply appreciated the valued chaplaincy work.

Thank you so much.”

John Norton, Treasurer



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

During August/ September we will be preparing shoe boxes for distribution overseas.

There are 3 ways in which you can be involved:

- ❖ Fill your own shoe box/ or plan as a “Small-group” activity.
- ❖ Donate an individual item.
- ❖ A donation of money.

Shoe boxes, collection boxes and brochures are available in the foyer.

For further information please contact; *Wendy Fittock 0422 230 795 or  
Sandra Stone 0403 607 852 or Judy Beames 8322 0892*

Please pray for this special ministry, as these gifts are prepared.

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring God's love and joy to so many children and families in need.

**Completed shoeboxes to be returned, please, by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**Remember OUR key MESSAGE:**  
**Connect with others and *CHOOSE LIFE***  
**'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID**  
**We *have to* pass on God's love.**

**BREAD TAGS**  
**CHAPLAINCY**

Please help Reynella South School by continuing to collect the plastic tags from bread bags and leaving them in the red labelled box in the church foyer.

The School is collecting them for a charity that makes them into products that are then sold to fund the purchase of wheelchairs.

Thank you, Leon.



**FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY**

Thank you for your continued support of this Ministry.

This week we are need of the following items:

- ❖ Canned Soup
- ❖ Canned Vegetables
- ❖ UHT (Long Life Milk)
- ❖ Toiletries
- ❖ Or a Cash Donation marked  
FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY.

Thank you again and may God Bless you.

Leon and the Pastoral Team

**LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES**

Each Sunday our worship services at the Vines can be accessed live at 9:30am via our YouTube channel. Please use the following link to access our services,

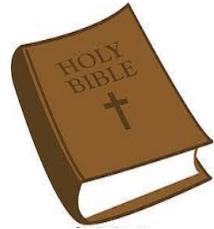
[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=the+vines+uniting+church](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church)

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

**Next week:**

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**VALUES: CENTRALITY OF CHRIST**

**BIBLE – CENTRED TEACHING**

*Our Children's Church....Sessions are held fortnightly, during the services at the Church.*

*See below for the scheduled weeks:*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

***Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel***

Children's  
**CHURCH**



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