

SUMMER 2024

INTO OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

WHAT'S ON

Sign up for Streams

A new season of Streams courses will commence at the end of January.

- + **Restoring:** Get help to recognise and release the wounds of the past to walk in freedom and victory in your life.
- + **Transforming:** How to grow and change with God's power.
- + **Engaging:** Understanding the specific and general calls on your life.

Sunday evenings 5-7pm from **28 January to 24 March**. Registrations for Restoring, Transforming and Engaging courses are open online now. Check out more information at <https://brushfire.com/riverlife>.

Kids Church in January

Parents, please note that there will be no Kids Holiday programs running during the 9am services in January. On Sundays 7, 14 and 21 January, families with children under Kindy age are welcome to use the Splash Room for parent-supervised activities.

Regular Kids Church programs for all ages will resume on **Sunday 28 January** during the 9am service. We look forward to seeing your children for a new year of fun and adventure with Jesus.

Worship Room

Our Worship Room recommences **Tuesday 16 January**. All welcome to come along from 6pm to join in praise and worship of our great God together. Runs regularly every Tuesday evening.





ONE Conference

ONE Conference is a regional gathering of youth and youth leaders with the purpose of encountering God and being transformed by the life-changing potential that exists in just ONE moment with Him. *In Our Time* will focus on the call of the youth to press in for an outpouring of God's presence in the SEQ region in the years ahead.

It's all happening on **Friday 19 (6pm-9pm) and Saturday 20 January (9am-9pm)**. Cost is \$40 which includes meals and all conference activities.

The Conference will feature powerful worship and challenging teaching from our guest speaker Pastor Alex Tan, Pastor Scott McKinnon, and guest panelists. For more information and to book your spot, head to our [website](#).

Can You Help?

We are looking for a few people to assist with baking for Alpha Marriage on **Thursday 1 February** and/or help set up at Riverlife that afternoon. If you have a few hours spare or are a whizz at baking delicious treats, please email aimee.cowan@riverlifecyclechurch.org.au.

Men's Coffee & Chat

All men are welcome to join us at The Kenmore this **Thursday 11 January** from 9.30-11am. Enjoy coffee and a chat. If you are already a regular at this event, why not invite a friend to come with you. For more info contact Allan on 0409 006 554 or Michael on 0414 896 136.

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The Marriage Course

This course helps couples to communicate more effectively, understand each other's needs, resolve conflict, and much more! The seven week course commences **1 February 2024** and runs each Thursday evening until 14 March. Cost is \$25 per couple. Visit <https://brushfire.com/riverlife> to register.

Opportunities to Serve

As we move forward into a new year, there are many ways you can get involved in serving here at Riverlife. If you feel God calling you to serve and want to find out more, email church@riverlifechurch.org.au. We would love to assist you in finding where you can put your skills to the best use.

Rightnow Media Gift to You

Many of our church family have already signed up to this great website. Rightnow Media is the world's largest library of on-demand Bible study videos. Riverlife has its own page on the website which gives you recommendations from our Senior Pastor, John Robertson, on helpful resources for yourself or your Life Group. You can also discover fun shows for kids, training videos on leadership, studies on books of the Bible and much more. You will be amazed at what is freely available through this website. If you haven't signed up yet, then we offer you free access via the following link - <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/riverlife>.



A PRAYER FOR PEACE

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:16 CSB

No matter what you are facing this year, God can and will give you the peace you want and need. Pray the prayer below for yourself and for others seeking peace in 2024.

Thank you, God, for offering me the gift of peace. Forgive me for being so easily distracted and weighed down by all the things this world keeps throwing at me. Forgive me for feeling more comfortable with fear and worry and frustration than I do with the heavenly peace you have promised.

Please show me how to fix my eyes and ears and brain and heart on you, letting everything else fall away. Keep me focused on you, Lord, and everything you have done for me, instead of thinking about what I need to do, what I want to do, what I think I should do.

Give me peace, Jesus. Give me peace in my heart and my home, in my work and my ministry, in my relationships with my family, my friends, my neighbours and the world. Be with me, Lord, and give me peace always in every way.

Thank you, Jesus. Amen

Reaching Out

- + Pray for our mission co-workers who serve in places within Australia and around the world – sometimes in difficult circumstances. Ask God to strengthen, encourage and protect them and their families as they continue to share the good news of Jesus to those they interact with.
- + Pray for God's peace and divine wisdom to rest on them as they follow God's plans for them in this new year of opportunity.



What's Happening in 2024?

If you are new to Riverlife or just visiting during this holiday period, you might like to know about some of our regular activities which will start up again in a few weeks - visit the website for more details.

- + Riverlife Community Choir - Mondays 7-9pm
- + English Conversation Classes - Tuesdays 10am
- + Girls' Brigade - Tuesdays 5.30pm
- + Know Your Bible (KYB) - Wednesdays 9.30am
- + Keep Active Class (50+) - Wednesdays 10am
- + Women's Life Groups - Thursdays 9.30am
- + Men's Coffee Group - 2nd Thursday 9.30am
- + Youth (Grades 7-12) - Fridays 6.30pm

Worshipping Together

Experience the joy and power of worshipping together with our church community with worship clips on Riverlife's YouTube channel. Make sure you like and subscribe to find the new content each week.

Online Giving

If you would like to give tithes, offerings or donations, please use the following details.

ACCOUNT NAME RIVERLIFE BAPTIST CHURCH

BSB NO. 704-913

ACCOUNT NO. 100 001 891

REFERENCE TITHE, OFFERING OR DONATION

OR SMS 'RIVERLIFE' TO 0488 202 202



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What's On Email

Scan the QR code to sign up to our weekly What's On email.



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GET CONNECTED

If you are a newcomer to our church we want you to feel at home and part of the Riverlife family. We hope you will give us the opportunity to get to know you. Please fill out this slip and present it at the Info Desk in the foyer for more information on how you can get connected at Riverlife.

Date 7 January 2024

Service 9.00am

5.00pm

Personal Details

Mr Mrs Miss Ms

Surname _____

First Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Age

High School 40s

18-30 years 50s

30s 60+

Date of Birth DD / MM / YYYY

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*Blessed is the one ...
whose delight is in
the law of the Lord,
and who meditates
on his law day and
night.*

PSALM 1:1-3

Can we help you in any of the following ways?

- Accepting Jesus as my saviour
- Finding a church home
- Being baptised
- Church membership
- Pastoral care
- Life groups
- Children's activities
- Youth activities
- Young adult activities
- International social activities
- Growing in my faith
- Discovering my ministry
- Volunteering
- Other

I was welcomed by

Prayer requests and praise points

- Please send my prayer needs to the prayer chain

NAME

CONTACT NUMBER/EMAIL (OPTIONAL)

**WE DESIRE
TO BE**

**A family
embracing
the Father's
presence,
releasing
empowered
people who
declare and
demonstrate
Christ's
kingdom**

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