

Celebration Sunday
11 September, 2022

HERE IS
LOVE



SOUTHERN CROSS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
growing followers of Jesus

OUR STORIES OF GOD'S LOVE



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I have been very sick and unable to work since the end of 2019. This has meant I no longer interact with lots of people at work, or sport during the week. Whilst I still have my family living with me at home, I do spend lots of time by myself, having to deal with constant pain and discomfort, and the grief of losing the ability to earn an income, losing the surety that my health is going to be OK if I make plans to go somewhere or do something, and often feeling too sick to engage with anything mentally challenging etc.

During this time, I've come to appreciate more the love and support from the guys in my DNA. Being able to share my struggles, frustrations, and my sins with them, and listening to them as they share advice and how they are going, has been a constant highlight of my week. It's been good to catch up with them outside of DNA too, even if it's just been to watch some sport or a movie.

Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

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It was awesome to witness the love, care and effort that so many people gave in helping clean up after the floods. I was especially encouraged to see how young adults rocked up day after day to head out and help wherever they were needed. From cleaning houses, to businesses, to farm fences. They showed a lot of heart and generosity and tried to share Jesus' love wherever they could!!

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When our family was hit with covid recently, we were really encouraged and felt really loved when people from our GC cooked meals and gave gifts of love to us. It was a massive help!!

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I was really encouraged by James and Amelia's love and efforts in helping coordinate flood help jobs and with the pop up-pantry (along with Peita, John and Delma, and many others).

Their desire to show Jesus' love was clearly evident!

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We were blown away by the generosity of God's people all around Australia who gave to #droplove, plus all the added generosity from our church family. So many people have said "Thank you SCPC" for the no strings attached generosity. It was also amazing to see how people opened their homes to flood affected people or offered to house people if we knew of anyone. There was lots of God's love flowing out of God's people both here in our church family and across Australia!!

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*I am so deeply thankful for our Father God's
love, care and provision for us in our relationship
with Lismore High School and the way this has
been shown practically by a significant reduction
in our rental fee for this year.*

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I've been blown away by the growth in my DNA over the past couple of terms! It's been so encouraging to see a renewed commitment to coming regularly and the way that we're sharing more together as our knowledge and trust in our great God, and each other grows.

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It was amazing to see our young adults step up, and out of their comfort zone, in a time of crisis. They were so tireless in their service to our church family and our town and shared the love and comfort of our Heavenly Father, and the hope found in Jesus, in so many ways.



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I thank God for the opportunities this year, even though most of it was through such a traumatic time, to really get to know more people from our church family and strengthen existing relationships within my Gospel Community.

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*It's been so great to see the fruit of the ongoing training
for our lay preachers and those leading our gatherings.*

*It's wonderful to see them grow in maturity and
commitment to sharing God's word and to see them
become more comfortable in the delivery of their Bible
talks or as they guide us through a gathering.*

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I was blown away by some young people from our church family and their tireless, passionate labour and love in the weeks following the floods.

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Earlier this year I heard of some difficult conflict between a few people in our church family. However in the months that followed, hearts softened and real repentance and forgiveness took place. I'm thankful to God for his love in softening our hearts and enabling us to bear with one another.

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When a young man was in desperate need for food, shelter and friendship many people in our church family met this need over a period of months. God has used this to help enable him to become a precious part of our church family.

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*I'm thankful to God for his unfailing love forgiving my
repeated stubbornness and foolishness.*

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After getting caught up in the flood disaster we have seen an abundance of God's love for us and those around us. From the many volunteers who gave up their time to assist in the clean up & recovery process, to those who donated goods, services & money; from those who baked & fed the hungry workers, to those who gave shelter, & even welcomed strangers into their homes (thank you x). Everywhere you turn God's love has shone through.