



# WELCOME TO SLBC



**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT  
ST LUCIA BIBLE CHURCH**



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Hi there, and welcome to St Lucia Bible Church - we're glad you're here!

Sometimes it can be a difficult and daunting thing to join a new church and meet a group of new people. It is our prayer that your visit with us today will be encouraging and that wherever you're at, one day soon you'll be able to call SLBC your home.

SLBC is a church full of ordinary people who have experienced the extraordinary love and power of Jesus Christ. Our church is all about the amazing reality that God our creator has forgiven us for all our wrongdoing and given us new life through Jesus' death and resurrection.

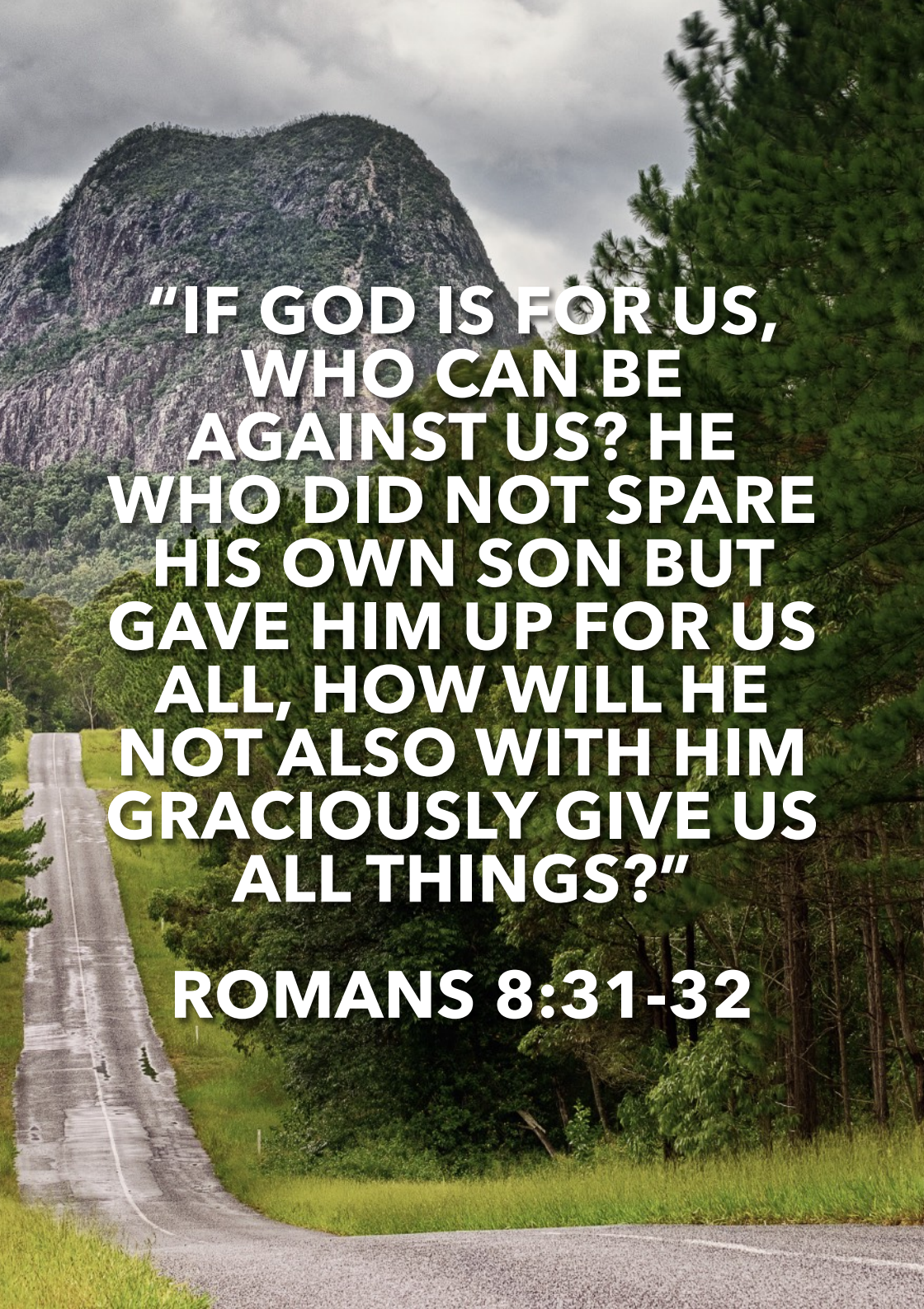
God's free gift to us in Jesus means we now have new life as part of God's family as well as the amazingly joyful hope of eternal life to come with him in heaven.

We hope you will find the information in this booklet useful, however, the best way to get to know about our church is to meet us in person.

Roy Davidson

Senior Pastor





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**ROMANS 8:31-32**

# ST LUCIA BIBLE CHURCH

## WHAT IS A BIBLE CHURCH?

At St Lucia Bible Church, we believe God's Word, the Bible is our ultimate authority. God has revealed His plans and purposes for all mankind through His Word and so Bible teaching is the foundation of our church. We preach through various books of the Bible, chapter by chapter, so that God sets the agenda and we hear the Bible taught in context. The Bible gives an accurate picture of the world, ourselves and our need for a Saviour, Jesus Christ. As the Bible is taught, God graciously saves and transforms lives.

## OUR HISTORY

SLBC started in February 1996 as Unichurch. Christian students at UQ, who had come from a variety of churches from around the state, were looking for a Bible teaching church to attend together. Starting as an evening congregation, a year later a family friendly morning service was added. The name of our morning gathering changed in late 2012 to St Lucia Bible Church, to clarify that we aren't a Uniting Church or only for University students. It also clarified the style of church we are - a Bible teaching church.





## OUR GATHERINGS

We are one church 'organisationally' - we pray for each other, hear the same sermons, share the same staff, governing board and finances. Many Unichurch members serve at Kids Church on Sunday mornings - which is a great blessing for everyone. We gather in these ways:

- ❖ **Morning church** at 9.30am on Sundays at Ironside State School is our "family" gathering, with people of all ages and stages of life, and from many countries of the world. Programs for children and youth run during church.
- ❖ **Unichurch** meets at University of Queensland, 4.30pm Sunday afternoons. In addition to those at university, we encourage students from year 10 to join, and graduates to continue serving with us there.
- ❖ **Youth Group** for high schoolers runs on Friday nights at Ironside State School, 6.30 - 8.30pm.
- ❖ **Growth groups** and **Co-worker teams** meet weekly at various times and places.

## OUR NETWORKS AND PARTNERS

SLBC is a member of FIEC (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches), a network of churches across Australia. We also support:

- ❖ The university ministry of AFES (Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students), at UQ, QUT and Griffith University.
- ❖ City Bible Forum (CBF), encouraging and equipping Christians in the workplace, as they share the Gospel.
- ❖ Some of our members have left us to work with CMS (Church Missionary Society), taking the Gospel of Jesus overseas.

# MEET OUR STAFF



**Roy Davidson**  
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Roy is married to Karen and they have a teenage daughter, Jessica. Roy studied at Moore Theological College in Sydney and has been the Senior Pastor of SLBC for 20 years. He enjoys fishing when he can find the time and the conditions are right.



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Josh is married to Kathryn. They have three four daughters; Zoe, Aurelia, Clara and Naomi. Josh studied at Moore Theological College and loves telling people the gospel. He spends his week pastoring Unichurch and training ministry apprentices. He also enjoys spending time with family, going to the beach and following the English Premier League. He spends most days off drinking coffee at playgrounds.



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Dave is married to Sheena and they have 3 high school children, Ella, Hayden and Zoe. Dave studied at Sydney Missionary and Bible college. He is dedicated to seeing generations of youth and children firmly established in Christ. He enjoys building 'stuff' in his spare time.



**Kelly Dickinson**  
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Kelly is our part time administrator. She also works for AFES at QUT University where she enjoys spending time with students and loves seeing them growing in their love for Jesus and what it looks like to live for him. She enjoys spending time with friends, playing cards and watching survivor.





# OUR VISION

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Our vision is to be a church filled with followers of Jesus from many nations gathered together under His saving Lordship by His word, who sacrificially love, serve, and give to advance the Gospel in all the world.

# OUR MISSION

Our mission is to “present Christ to everyone and everyone mature in Christ,” which comes from Colossians 1:28. Jesus is the Christ, who died once in our place for our sins, rose from the dead, now reigns in glory as the eternal king, and will return as judge.

## ❖ PRESENTING CHRIST TO EVERYONE

Our heart’s desire is that people from every nation will come to know and submit to Jesus as their Lord and trust him as their Saviour. This means that we prayerfully present the message of Christ - the gospel - to people both publicly and privately in whatever ways we can.

## ❖ PRESENTING EVERYONE MATURE IN HIM

Having trusted Jesus as Lord and Saviour, our goal then is to grow more and more like Him in every area of our lives. As a church our ongoing work is to bring people to God on the last day who have continued to grow in their Christian character and convictions.

# OUR MINDSET

## ❖ MISSION: A HEART FOR THE LOST

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few." Our greatest joy is to be a part of God's team of labourers, prayerfully proclaiming Good News to the lost.

## ❖ MEMBERSHIP: A WELCOMING FAMILY

God's church is a place where everyone is welcome. No matter their ethnicity, social status or background. Jesus described himself as gentle and lowly (Matthew 11:29) - the most accessible person who has ever lived. We want to make sure our church is like that too.

## ❖ MATURITY: GROWING LIKE CHRIST

No one at SLBC is perfect. We've all still got a long way until we reach the stature of our Lord Jesus (Ephesians 4:13). That's why we study God's word diligently and work hard to grow in godliness. Even though we're not perfect, we always want to be making progress.

## ❖ MINISTRY: EQUIPPED TO SERVE

Jesus taught his disciples that true greatness is to be found in humble service to others (Mark 10:45). So at SLBC we make it our goal not just to be served but to serve. We work hard to train and equip each other to be as useful as possible in serving the Kingdom.





**PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11**



# GETTING CONNECTED

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## NEWISH

We regularly run a Newish morning tea or lunch to help newcomers meet one another and others from church. It's a time to hear more about SLBC, the Good News we proclaim, how to get involved and also a chance to ask your questions. If you can't make a Newish, we're happy to come to you!!

## ONE-TO-ONE

You might be new to Christianity, haven't been for a while, or just have some issues you'd like to work through more personally. Let us know and we will arrange something for you.

## GROWTH GROUPS

These meet around the Bible at various times during the week and are a great way to connect with others and be encouraged in your faith. More details later in this booklet.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Once you've been around for 6 months or more, you may want to become a formal member of our church. We run Membership Matters to help you through that process.

If you didn't fill in a connect form at church, please scan this QR code and complete the form. Otherwise, you can contact our staff directly.





# "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME..."

Youth and Kids ministry is there to support parents in discipling their children. We want young people to have fun, form real friendships and experience a life transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. We do this through:

- ❖ **Faithfully teaching God's Word.** Our youth and kids leaders support parents by giving young people a solid foundation in understanding what the Bible says, how to read it, and what it means to follow King Jesus.
- ❖ **Modelling Christian living in community.** Our leaders are committed to sharing their lives as well as God's word, in getting to know young people and helping them grow in Jesus.
- ❖ **Connecting with peers.** We intentionally encourage young people to form real friendships with each other in the context of studying the bible and having fun and sharing life together. We want young people to have Christian friends as they grow together.

**Kids:** [Slbc.org.au/kids-church](http://slbc.org.au/kids-church)

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Kidschurch 3 year olds - Year 6

9:30-10:35am Sundays

**Youth:** [Slbc.org.au/youth](http://slbc.org.au/youth)

Friday Night Youth years 7-12

6:30-8:30pm Fridays during Term

Small Groups on Sundays

## Parent reps

If you want to connect with parents of kids a similar age to yours, let us know and we can connect you to the relevant parent rep.

For more information contact Dave Abraham, our Kids and Youth Pastor, [dave.abraham@slbc.org.au](mailto:dave.abraham@slbc.org.au) or phone 0447 405 946

# YOUTH & KIDS







# INTERNATIONALS

# "EVERY TRIBE, TONGUE & NATION..."

We have people from all over the world at church with us. Whether you are visiting, studying, working or just staying here in Australia, whether you are single or have your family with you, we hope that you will feel most welcome.

Jesus is our friend and we would like everyone to know him. When we are together, we like to read the Bible, share a meal or go out and walk in nature.

We find joy in helping others feel at home here in Australia. Look out for a group heading out to lunch after morning church. You are most welcome to join us!

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# MOVING TO

## MISSION

*Share the good news with everyone*



## MEMBERSHIP

*Welcome new people into our family*



*TRANSFER*

*TRANSFORM*

# THE RIGHT

## MATURITY

*Grow in faith, love and hope*



## MINISTRY

*Train together for life-long service*



*Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. (Phil. 3:12)*



# WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

At the heart of the bible is the Good News about Jesus. And at SLBC, that's the thing that we're most passionate about.

The Good News Course is a relaxed opportunity to find out about who Jesus is, why he came to earth and what it means to follow him.

Over six weeks we carefully examine what the Bible has to say about life's biggest questions. Each week, we'll have a short talk from Luke's gospel (about 10-15minutes), discussion groups, and question times. You'll have a chance to investigate the claims of the Bible, and share your point of view.

Come and enjoy friendly, genuine conversation with a group of people who are looking for truth, just like you.

Whether you're just checking it out, brand new to Christianity, or finding your way back to church, you're invited! We'd love to have you.

Find out when the next course is on by asking one of the staff or send us an email.



# THE GOOD NEWS COURSE





# GROWTH GROUPS

# GROWING STRONG IN FAITH

Growth Groups (GGs) at SLBC are more than just for making friends and supporting one another through life's ups and downs. As the name suggests, they are about **growing** - growing strong in the Christian faith. There are 3 main elements in our group time:

**Bible:** As we hear from God in the Bible, we grow in our knowledge of God and His plans and purposes for us and for this world. We also learn what it means to love God, to trust Him and follow Him in our daily lives. So that's why our GGs are centred on reading, understanding and believing the Bible.

**Prayer:** We know that only God has the power to grow us, so praying for one another, our church and the world, in response to what we learn from the Bible, is an essential part of our GGs.

**Community:** Also crucial for growing more and more like Jesus are loving, honest relationships with other Christians. Other believers help us understand the Bible better, gently help us see our blind spots, and encourage us when we doubt. To this end, our GGs happen in small weekly groups, usually in homes.

At SLBC there are different GGs to suit a diverse range of needs and preferences. We have groups: for those who are new to Christian things or are still exploring; for those with pre school children; for those for whom English is not their first language; for men; for women; as well as mixed groups.

For more information, please contact a staff member.

# CO-WORKER TEAMS

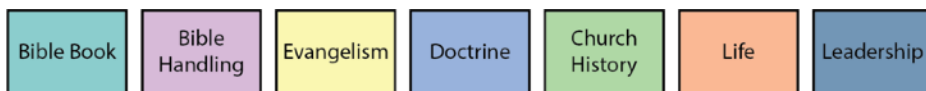
The Apostle Paul was not a lone ranger, but a member of a team of co-workers - a multi-national, inter-generational team devoted to proclaiming the gospel. As wonderful as all of this is, we discover the most astonishing thing about this team in 1 Corinthians 3:9. God is on the team. Paul describes himself as God's co-worker.

This is what our Co-Workers Teams are about: training up people who will not only work with us but with God himself to build his church. We want to train up mature and equipped disciples to serve within our own congregation, as evangelists, growth group leaders, welcomers, meeting leaders, musicians, board members, youth and kids leaders and more! And we want to train up people who will take initiative in ministry even when they are not given a specific job title.

But we also want to send out disciple making disciples (Matt. 28:18-20), to reach the world beyond us (2 Tim. 2:2). We want to make sure our leaders have gospel convictions, godly character, and suitable competencies to fulfil their responsibilities.

Our CWTs will spend most of their time helping our leaders to understand the gospel, to read their bibles and pray, to put sin to death in their lives and devote themselves to love and good works, to preach the gospel, to be servants and not tyrants.

The curriculum is based around 7 key areas:



Our usual practice is to invite people into a Co-Workers Team, but if you're interested in this training, get in touch with one of the staff.



# MTS



MTS stands for the Ministry Training Strategy. At SLBC we are committed to training up lots and lots of gospel workers to send out into the Lord's abundant harvest field.

To that end we recruit godly, mission-minded apprentices, place them under the guiding hand of an experienced trainer, and give them a two-year full-immersion experience of working for a church.

We have two great Ministry Trainees with us in 2024; Nathan and Ashling Davis, and look forward to having more join us in the years to come.

If you share our vision for raising up and sending out generations of gospel workers all over the world, you can support our MTS trainees by going to the page on our website or speaking to them personally.



**WHAT WE  
BELIEVE...**



## **.... ABOUT THE BIBLE**

- ❖ The divine inspiration and trustworthiness of the Holy Scripture as originally given, and their supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

## **.... ABOUT GOD**

- ❖ The unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
- ❖ The sovereign work of God in creation, revelation, redemption, judgment and establishing His kingdom.

## **.... ABOUT HUMANITY**

- ❖ The creation of men and women together in the image of God and together having dominion over the created order.
- ❖ The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering all people subject to God's wrath and condemnation, and unable to turn themselves to God without the prior regenerating work of God's Spirit, who convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment.

## **.... ABOUT JESUS CHRIST AND SALVATION**

- ❖ The conception of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit, and his birth by the virgin Mary. He is both God and sinless man.
- ❖ Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin, only through the sacrificial death, as our representative and substitute, of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, demonstrating God's love to us most perfectly and his victory over Satan and his forces.
- ❖ The physical resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead in flesh, bones and body.
- ❖ The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective in individual sinners, granting them repentance towards God and faith in Jesus Christ, so that salvation is entirely by God's grace and not of their merit or good works.
- ❖ The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory to judge the living and the dead. The unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the Godhead.





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