

Getting Involved



Here is a brief overview of our ministries and our philosophy of ministry. If you live locally, or have the opportunity to be visiting in Brisbane, you are invited to join with us in any of our activities as a welcome guest ... *we love visitors!*

Upon the First Day of the Week ...

"Do this in remembrance of Me"



Leonardo da Vinci's 'The Last Supper'. Public domain image accessed at [http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Leonardo_da_Vinci_\(1452-1519\)_-_The_Last_Supper_\(1495-1498\).jpg](http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Leonardo_da_Vinci_(1452-1519)_-_The_Last_Supper_(1495-1498).jpg)

Each Sunday we come together as a church to honor our Creator God and to celebrate and strengthen our new life in Christ. The writer of Hebrews described the purpose of Christian assemblies as being an opportunity to stir one another up to love and good works (Hebrews 10:23-25). The apostle Paul indicated that church meetings should serve to edify Christians, with everything being done in a seemly, intelligible and orderly fashion (1 Corinthians 14:26, 40) so that even a non-Christian visitor might comprehend the wonders of God (1 Corinthians 14:18-25). Our Sunday assemblies are informal and friendly but thoughtfully and purposefully planned with a view to reverently praising and honoring God; as well as edifying, equipping and encouraging the saints. To achieve this we engage in the same spiritual disciplines practiced by the apostolic churches from the beginning: Reading and teaching from the Scriptures, praying together, and acappella singing (i.e. singing without instrumental accompaniment) of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Central to each Sunday assembly is our sharing together in the Lord's Supper (also called Communion or Eucharist).

We do not take up a collection publicly so visitors need not fear embarrassment ... or extortion! We do provide a collection box to receive planned voluntary financial contributions from members who wish to give in this way to support our budgeted expenses and ministries; and to support special collections for extra-ordinary benevolent needs (e.g. disaster relief) that arise from time to time.

Because much of what we do and don't do in church is quite counter-cultural when compared with the practices of most Western churches today, we seek to explain in more detail our understanding of the apostolic traditions (teachings and practices) that pertain to church life in articles and Bible studies that can be found under **RESOURCES** and **LETTERS FROM THEOPHILUS** on this website.

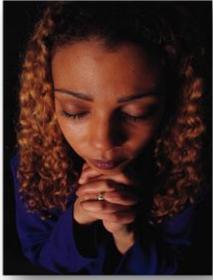
We meet every* Sunday commencing at 9.30am (till about midday) at:

Wellington Point Recreation Hall (adjacent to the Redlands Sporting Club cricket oval/E.G.W. Wood Sportsfield)
347-371 Birkdale Road, Wellington Point
Gregory's UBD Map 165, Reference: A19

** except on the Easter weekend when the church meets on Bribie Island for our annual retreat*

We typically begin with a Bible oriented lesson followed by time spent in small gender-based groups to discuss and apply the lesson, and to share concerns and blessings, and to pray together. This is followed with a time of congregational singing which leads into our celebrating the Lord's Supper together. Our Sunday assemblies usually conclude with a time of news sharing and a benediction led by one of the elders. It's all quite simple by (God's) design – a lot like family really. No showy performances or entertainment. No pomp and elaborate ceremony. Simply followers of Jesus worshipping God in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24); while seeking to equip and encourage one another in our daily living for the Lord.





Bible Studies and Spiritual Formation

In addition to our Sunday assemblies, The Point Church facilitates a wide variety of Bible studies and other spiritual formation activities, including:



- Weekly evening Bible classes for all age groups
- Weekly Sunday night small group Bible studies
- Weekly youth Bible studies
- Fortnightly women's Bible studies
- Monthly women's 'Sew and Sow' group
- Monthly men's breakfast and Bible study
- Bi-monthly song and prayer meetings
- Bi-monthly 'Sacred Rhythms' meetings (focusing on contemplative practices including *lectio divina*, silent prayer and reflection, etc.)
- Annual church family retreats (held over the four day Easter weekend)



As opportunities and demand present themselves, The Point Church also facilitates special seminars and training events designed to address a diversity of topics and needs ranging from parenting to eschatology.

Contact us for times and locations and further information about these and other opportunities to share and grow around God's word.



Disciples Making Disciples

A large percentage of our budget is allocated to foreign missions with the full financial support of two indigenous evangelists in the Philippines and two indigenous evangelists in Papua New Guinea.

The best way to grow is to serve! Members from The Point Church volunteer as guest teachers on a regular roster basis to edify and encourage several congregations located in Brisbane and throughout South East Queensland. At home in Brisbane, every member is encouraged and equipped to be sharing the gospel – in word and deed – with everyone the Lord sends our way.



Doers of the Word

The best way to grow is to serve! It is our understanding and practice that church leaders serve all members of the congregation by equipping them for ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16) – *all of our members are ministers!*

Theory (knowledge) is important, but it is the means to an end, not an end in itself (James 1:21-27). The truths of God's word must be translated into practice to become truly meaningful. Imaging Christ and working with God to accomplish His redemptive mission in the world *here and now* is the objective of "the Way" which is Christianity (it's much bigger than simply *getting to heaven after we die*). Right doctrine must lead to right practice, just as right practice comes only from right doctrine (or Christianity is reduced to a stimulating but ineffectual head-game in the first instance, or a subjective self-centered consumerism in the second instance – both of which serve our egos well but are not spiritually transformative because the focus remains on serving 'self' rather than truly loving God and our neighbor). Whether it is preparing and leading a Bible study for the church or a neighbor down the street, providing transport to someone needing a lift, cooking meals and visiting the sick, setting up a hall for church meetings, encouraging the struggling and downhearted, advocating for the weak and disadvantaged, or extending hospitality to strangers ... there are countless opportunities to minister daily as a member of God's family.

We're not big on formal 'church programs' as such. The Point Church seeks to encourage a culture where *every* member sees *every* aspect of life as *incarnational* expressions of Christ ministering in and through each one of us as we live our life faith-fully (Galatians 2:20) as parents or students, accountants or social workers. *We* are the body of Christ in *this* world! There is no secular/sacred divide in the life of Jesus' apprentices. All of our life is to be offered to God as worship through obedience and service ... all of our life is to be lived with *gospel consciousness* (thankfulness for God's goodness and grace) and *gospel intentionality* (commitment to reflecting and sharing Christ as the way, the truth and the life).

Steve Wilson

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

Romans 12:1 ESV

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3:17 ESV