



Generosity



Brisbane City Temple

15 March 2020

When we think of generosity, we often think of giving money freely, randomly, exuberantly, and at no real cost to our livelihood. Many are paralyzed by this definition, using it as an excuse to hold tightly to their finances until they can "afford" to give. Yet, living generously is not solely about money. First and foremost, it is about the heart.

There are many people today who give lots of money, yet do not live generously. They are stingy with their time, their resources, and even their gratitude. However, those who live generously are preoccupied with questions like, "How does God want to use me?" and, "Where is God leading me?"

Giving that pleases God costs us something. It is not the sacrifice itself that pleases God, but the position of surrender and trust we demonstrate that pleases Him. Jesus' life demonstrated the heart of generous living. He sacrificed His life so that we could have life to the full.

God does not need or want our money; He already owns everything. What He wants is our wholehearted devotion and trust in Him. He wants us to love Him and to love others with the same kind of love that Jesus demonstrated during His earthly life. That is the kind of worship He desires- generous living in response to His generous love.

Excerpts from *Leading the way* – 5 Characteristics of heart giving



Our National Vision

Wherever there is hardship or injustice

Salvos will live, love and fight

Alongside others

To transform Australia one life at time

With the love of Jesus



Come Alive in 2020

We welcome Major Michelle Oliver to worship today. She is responsible for Officer Recruitment and helping people to discover more about calling and how God calls people to specific ministry. She will share briefly about how you can further explore God's call on your life.

SELF DENIAL ALTAR SERVICE Sunday 29th March

Please take home today an envelope for this year's Self Denial Altar service, on Sunday 29th March. We pray that God will lead and encourage us all to be truly generous once again this year, that real hope might emerge in places far distant as our love filled sacrificial action brings lasting change for people everywhere.



Small Bag Ministry

How exciting to hear Col speak last Sunday about the ministry he and his wife began many years ago – putting loose change into a small bag and distributing the funds raised to support the work of overseas missionaries (separate to Self-Denial). You can be a part of this ministry, if you are not already, by talking with Col and gathering all your loose change.



FUNERAL DETAILS – Ron Smith

The funeral for Ron Smith will be on Monday 23 March at 10.30am at Stafford Salvation Army. Please pray for Joy and his family at this time.

HALF NIGHT OF PRAYER— MARCH 20

What an exciting opportunity to be part of praying for each other and for the people of Brisbane and for the mission God has for The Salvation Army in this city. You can come to the hall to pray or you can commit to praying for a specific time on the night. As a Christian, you pray; and the recognition of God's sovereignty is the basis of your prayers. Will you join in this time of prayer? Will you commit to praying on Friday 20 March?



Junior Soldier enrolment – Joshua Brown

Junior Soldiership is a lifestyle, not a program. It is an opportunity for children to explore God's Word themselves and apply His truth to their lives. Junior Soldiers are children who have made a decision to be a follower of Jesus and want to grow and express their faith through ministry within The Salvation Army. Today Joshua will be enrolled as a Junior Soldier and we, his Corps family, support his decision. We will encourage him by our words and actions to grow and develop into a godly man who knows the plans God has for him and who desires to follow God's will for his life.

We have an opportunity to pray for each other during the week.



Ruth, Anthony, Megan, Ella and Hugh, Warren and Vicki, Bree, William, Bill, Jaiden, Lyndon, Christine, Rebekah and Laura,. **Pray also for those unable to join us in worship.** Ann P and Colin P, Irene F, Sandra & Lindsey T, Ruth H, Evelyn W, Fay F, Evie W, Stuart & Joyce D, Basil B, Dulcie D, Bev B, Dirk and Glenda D, Carmel L, Graeme O, Rita H and Major Leona.

Alpha Holy Spirit day On Saturday 28 March those people who have been attending Alpha will be gathering together to learn more about the Holy Spirit and how He is at work in their lives. Will you join us in praying?

- Pray that the hosts and helpers would be filled with the Holy Spirit and the gift of wisdom as they help people explore who the Holy Spirit is
- Pray that people would be open to understanding who the Holy Spirit is and why the Holy Spirit is an important part of our lives
- Pray that people would feel safe and trusting in this group environment to ask questions relating to their journey here with Alpha
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would begin to move as they discover more about who the Holy Spirit is



What? – It is The Salvation Army's signature fundraising drive which helps fund our vast network of social and community services.

When? – Main collection will take place on 23-24 May 2020 but we will do some collection points around Brisbane CBD from Monday 18 –Sunday 24 May.

How? – Volunteer to collect for a few hours - Fundraise in your work place
- We need a couple of Salvation Army representatives to work alongside teachers in two private schools in Brisbane assisting students to door knock and counting money with them on Sunday 24 May
If you can help in anyway, please speak to Scott or Sharon



Factory Kids
Church for children happens during the second half of the meeting. On the first and third Sundays of the month.



MESSY CHURCH

· It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age and culture.

*Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.

*It's about worshipping God, having fellowship, exploring faith matters.

*It welcomes everyone, involves everyone, values everyone, is always there for the outsider.

*It meets at a time and sometimes in a place that suits people who don't already belong to church.

* It's fun.

You are invited to be a part of the first messy church at BCT. It is happening on Thursday 9 April (school holidays) from 9:30-11am. It will be downstairs in the multipurpose room. We will explore the significance of Easter through fun activities, music and story.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTION

With the spread of Coronavirus throughout the world, things are changing day by day. The current advice for anyone with any form of influenza is to stay home while infected, and observe social distancing to reduce the risk of contracting it from others. Simply be mindful of practicing personal hygiene to help isolate the spread of infection.

WEEKLY AT BCT

SUNDAY

- 9.30am Primary, Kids Connection & Junior Soldiers
Life Group/Corps Cadets
- 9.30am Coffee & Chat
- 9.30am Prayer Meeting
- 10.45am Morning Worship
- 5.30pm GSA/God's Sports Arena

TUESDAY

- 6.30pm Youth Connect Group & Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- 10.30am Bible Study
- 11.00am Open House
'Community Lunch'
- 7.30pm Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 9.30am mainly music for babies & preschoolers with parents, care givers

FRIDAY

- 7.00pm Factory 4:12 Youth & YA

BCT Bible Message Podcasts 2020

BCT Sunday Worship Bible based messages are now available at

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/brisbanecity/>

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Pindari Pickup We have a great opportunity to connect with people who are staying at Pindari by picking them up for the meeting. If you are happy to be a part of this ministry, please see Colin Thomson.

COFFEE & CHAT
SUNDAYS@930



SAVE THE DATES

- MAR 15 JUNIOR SOLDIER ENROLMENT
- MAR 15 FACTORY KIDS CHURCH 11.30AM
- MAR 20 HALF NIGHT OF PRAYER 7PM
- MAR 28 ALPHA HOLY SPIRIT DAY - 8.45AM
- MAR 29 SELF DENIAL ALTAR SERVICE
- MAR 29 CHAMPIONSHIP BRASS 2PM
26 MC GINN RD FERNY GROVE
- APR 4 KC 'INVITE A FRIEND DAY'
- APR 5 PALM SUNDAY
- APR 9 MESSY CHURCH 9.30AM

Brisbane City Parking Sat & Sun

Queens Plaza Parking \$6.00

[bring ticket to BCT for validation]

Entry Edward St Height 2.2mtrs

King George Square Entry is from Roma St or

Adelaide St Height 1.93mtrs \$5.00

(no ticket validation required)



In the **EVENT** of a **FIRE** proceed to the **CLOSEST EXIT ASSEMBLE** across the road from BCT in the forecourt of 180 Ann St / Do Not evacuate BCT Car Park / Do Not use the Lift.