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Being a disciple, or a follower of Jesus, is an active process. Jesus is always bringing in God's kingdom. We have to take steps to keep up with him as seasons change, so too must our methods of mission and ministry. I'm excited to be coming near the end of our period of reflection.

I'm looking forward to the emerging clarity, momentum, and sense of collaboration as we step out together as God's people, witnessing to others, here - and now.

Rev David Rietveld



DISCIPLESHIP

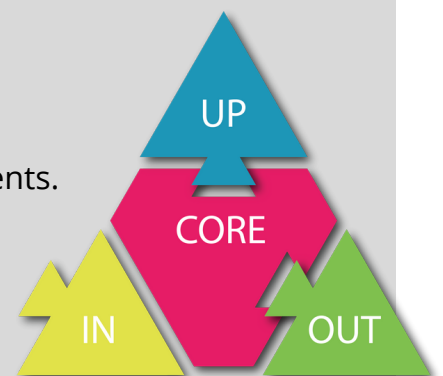
We have distilled discipleship down to four components.

In – belonging to God's family.

Out – sharing Jesus in a lost and broken world.

Up – engaging with God.

Core – centred and growing in Jesus.



Each year we will invite you to map your own discipleship plan for the year. In which of the four spaces do you sense you have room for growth? Do you have a specific approach in mind? To whom will you hold yourself accountable?

DNA GROUPS

Every Christian is called to be both a disciple and a disciple-maker (Matt 28:18-20). We are both following Christ ourselves, and helping others follow Him too. Discipleship occurs in many forms in church, both individual and communal. Growth Groups have been important in our history, yet we sense now is a time to explore an additional intentional discipleship strategy.

A DNA Group is a key way that we seek to facilitate this. Smaller groups of people (3-5) who meet on a regular basis to **D**iscover, **N**urture, and **A**pply the gospel to their lives.

DNA Groups will start up at DAC in 2021, alongside Growth Groups, to foster and facilitate in our church this ongoing process of growing disciples of Jesus. How do we trust, love, obey, and reflect God together?



IN



RE-INTEGRATION

As we emerge from COVID restrictions, some have made it back to live church, and others have not. For some, obstacles block the way. In 2021 Jason will lead and coordinate a team that creates pathways for everyone to return to face to face fellowship.

SUMMER NIGHTS

During the Summer of 2021, we are hosting a series of afternoon/evening events called "Summer Nights". These will be workshops, taking place on the first 3 Tuesdays of 2021 (5th, 12th and 19th of January). There will be workshops for children and adults; opportunities for all the family.

Children's workshops will include Puppet Making, Balloon Animals, Plaster Craft and Painting Skills. The Adult workshops aim to include: Sausage Making, Baking, Dumpling/Sushi, Painting, Cupping, Flower Arranging and Macrame.

We welcome your input. If you have a great idea for a workshop, or would like to be involved in helping to run a workshop, get in contact with the church office.

Summer nights will be a centrally organised and hosted opportunity to be a faithful, loyal, generous friend to your neighbours. Mid-year, we will ask all small groups to find ways to connect meaningfully with their friends in a decentralised manner.



GREENFIELDS MISSION

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West Dapto is coming. Tens of thousands of people, mostly young families, will be moving into our neighbourhood. Some will be existing regular church attenders elsewhere and maybe looking for a new church family to call home. Others may be people looking for community, or strong values to instil in their family—still others for a pre-school, or playgroup.

David and Jason will take a team to Oran Park and Leppington Anglican (two recent successful church plants in Greenfield suburbs). The aim is to learn, steal, then apply from them the mission and connection strategies that work in new suburbs, reaching people for Jesus.



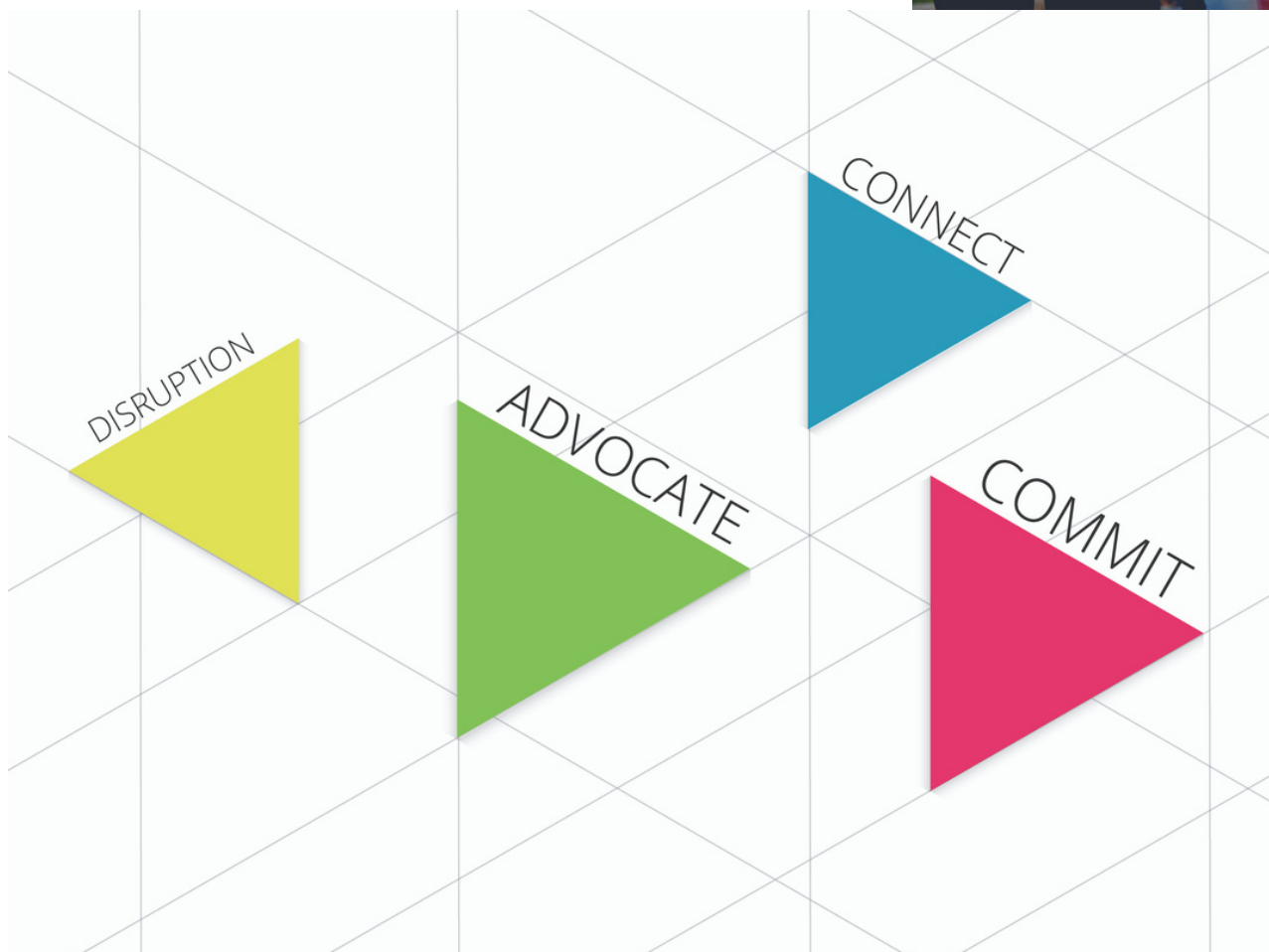
SUMMER INVITE

2020 is a year most will happily leave behind. 2021 is shaping up as a year of rebuilding. Our January Sunday sermon series will be outsider friendly, and focus around the themes of what can we learn from 2020, and how do we, as individuals and a community, rebuild something more resilient, something fit for the 'new normal' in 2021.

MISSION PATHWAY

2021 will be a year of focusing on disruption. Christians and churches are in disruption, as we come to the end of 1600 years of Christendom. COVID-19 shutdowns have everyone in disruption. People moving into a new suburb are in disruption. What is it about seasons of change that make us more open to modifying our beliefs and practices?

In our Greenfields mission focus, summer nights, and summer invite series, we are creating spaces where we can deepen our friendships with our neighbours, so we can speak into their lives in seasons of disruption.



In 2022 we will focus on equipping you to be an advocate.

UP

TEACHING TOPICS 2021

In 2021 we will continue our way through 1 Corinthians. The next section of 1 Corinthians sets us on course to engage two huge topics. Gender: Being a Man/Woman of God (1 Cor 11) & Spiritual Gifts (1 Cor 12 & 14).

Each year will also feature a Core Sermon series. In this series, we will introduce the major topic for the year to the whole church. Our Core Series for 2021 will be Daniel.

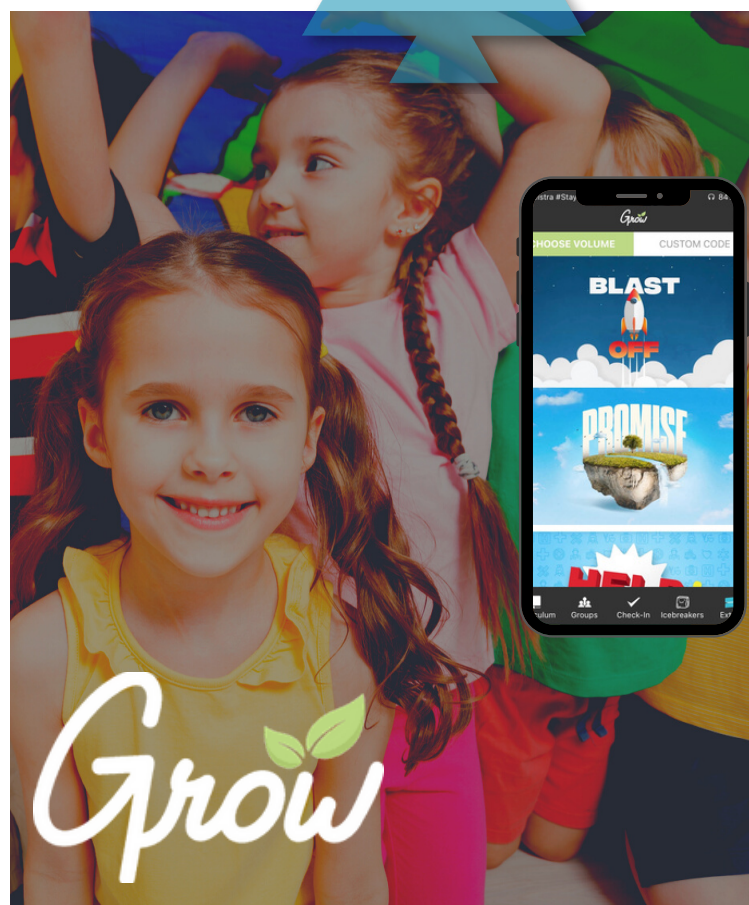
We have chosen Daniel because it's a book about how to honour God when we are transitioning away from being a part of the dominant story (being a Jew in Israel) to being on the margins (being a Jew in Babylon).

This journey parallels that of the Western Church, as we transition out of being Christians in Christendom, to being Christians in a post-Christian West. Daniel has some helpful and surprising tips for us.

GROW

Connect Kids will be using a new teaching curriculum in 2021 called **Grow**. Grow is a comprehensive curriculum that includes bible talks, activities, bible verses, family devotions and more. Grow also has an app where parents can access information on what their child is learning, as well as relevant family devotions and discussions.

Just as important as growing our children, we also seek to grow our leaders. Grow also includes regular leader training and development.



SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE LENT

Every year we will practise a spiritual discipline. Lent is a time of preparation and an opportunity to go deeper with God, a time for personal reflection that prepares our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter.

Beginning Wednesday 17th February, we'll seek as a church community, to fast, or to give something up, for the 40 days of Lent. When you feel 'hungry', use that as a prompt to pray.

We'll conclude with prayer and a celebration meal.

CORE

MOOMBARA ST MASTER PLAN

We have an amazing auditorium, and café/foyer space. However, since they were opened in 2012, upgrades to other parts of the Ministry Centre have not kept pace with our needs. The Moombara St master plan identified the following two stages.

Stage 1: upgrading smaller, obvious items including: colour in the foyer (started), sound absorption in the main auditorium (done), improved storage (done), clear signage, pedestrian crossings, simple shade and seating in the forecourt, making legal the handrail in the main hall and a handrail on the wall in the main auditorium.

Stage 2: larger projects that do not change building structure or fabric including:

1. Upgrade of the main hall: carpet and painting, increasing natural light and improving ventilation, upgrade AV-system, make safe handrail, storage area for chairs, remove existing stage and replace with temporary platform. Estimated cost \$45,000
2. Forecourt: install shade sail, more permanent seating, extend and integrate playground, repair/replace raised concrete. Estimated cost \$55,000



Forcourt upgrade



STAFFING AND PARTNERSHIPS

In 2021 Amy Marra will join the staff as a youth focused intern.

We are advertising to attract a new worship pastor.

We are in negotiations to partner with Anglicare, and appoint a DAC staff member as a chaplain to St Luke's Village independent living residents. We plan to start an on-site service in May 2021.

PLEDGE

Financial stewardship is an important component of a balanced spiritual life. Returning to God from what God has given us is a tangible way to express our faith. When we give together, we fund ministry within our parish and to the Dapto community and the world.

Determining the amount of your pledge is between you and God. However, receiving your pledge allows our Parish Council to plan wisely for the use of our resources in support of the mission and ministry to which God has called us.

I/We , _____, want Parish Council to know that my regular giving will increase/decrease by _____ weekly/fortnightly/monthly.

I/We would also like to give, in addition to my regular giving, a one-off gift of, _____, to support the following Next Steps initiatives:

- ☐ Summer Nights
- ☐ Greenfield's Mission
- ☐ Upgrade of the Hall
- ☐ Upgrade of the Forcourt

Signed: _____ Date: ____/____/____

