

31 *Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and **the truth will set you free.**”*

36 *“So if **the Son sets you free,** you will be free indeed. [...] you seek to kill Me because My word finds no place in you.” (John 8:31-32, 36-37)*

As our church enters into an ‘Abiding Season’, I will be preaching next three Sundays on these three topics: [1] Abiding in the Word, [2] Abiding in Jesus, and [3] Abiding in Jesus’ Love. The passages will be all from the book of Song of Songs.

In this write-up, I will share a little about the first topic, ‘Abiding in the Word’.

In the above text from John 8, Jesus declares that if we abide in Jesus’ word then (1) we will know the truth, and (2) the truth will set us free. And Jesus continues and says that if the Son sets us free then we will indeed be free. What this teaches us is that *the truth* is equivalent to *the Son*. In other words, the truth is a person, not just a fact. (see also John 14:6)

Putting this text in logical order: When we abide in the word, we get to know the truth, who is the Son of God, and He will set us free *from lies and deceptions of the world*. So, the objective of *abiding in the word* is to meet and know the Son, who is the truth, that enables us to discern what is true and what is lie so that we may be set free from control and manipulation.

***I look forward to sharing more this Sunday!***

## What's on this week

**Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>):** Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7-8pm (contact Les)

**Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>):** Ladies’ Time with God 1:30-3pm (Contact Jenny)

### CONTACT US

**Office Mobile Phone:** (0432) 30 9792  
**Grace Henshaw:** admin@dcoc.org.au  
**Senior Pastor:** Steve Hwang  
 Mob: 0424 181 007  
 Email: steve.hwang@dcoc.org.au

**Child Safe Compliance:** Michelle Johnson  
**Property Maintenance:** Mark Risson

### Board of Elders:

**Chair:** Michelle Johnson michelle@dcoc.org.au  
**Secretary:** Jenny Grainger jenn.mwbvic@internode.on.net  
**Treasurer:** Les Russell les.russell@outlook.com  
 Morag Thorne moragthorne52@gmail.com  
 Vinod Meethal vinodmeethal@yahoo.co.uk

### Messenger:

Belinda Waterhouse belindawaterhouse1@gmail.com  
*(articles & advertising by 8pm Thursdays)*

### Our Sunday Service

is on at 10AM EVERY SUNDAY



## GIVING

### TITHE & OFFERING

**BSB: 083-170 (NAB)**  
**ACC: 232017899**

### MISSIONS

**BSB: 083-170 (NAB)**  
**ACC: 2333 78688**



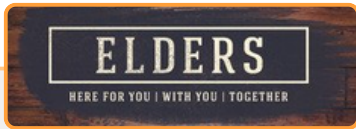
## DCOC PLAYGROUP

THURSDAY MORNINGS  
(10AM-12PM) @ CHURCH  
Contact: Crystal 0401 478 920



## LOCAL COUNCIL PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAYS MORNINGS  
(10:30-12PM) @ CHURCH  
CONTACT KRISTEN: 0413 641 389



Our church has five elders who are serving, shepherding and leading the congregation. Their names and contacts are listed on the front page of The Messenger every week.

As the minister of our church, I feel very blessed to journey with such a mature, experienced, word-based and prayerful group of elders in this season. I am sure you feel the same! So, please encourage them when you see them and pray for them that we will always be aligned with God's purpose and will for our church.

*Please also pray for us as we meet as the board coming Monday (18th)!*

## PRAYER

**PRAYER CARDS** (in the foyer) provide an opportunity to request prayer. Place it in the box provided and it will be prayed for.

### ZOOM PRAYER MEETING

Every Tuesday Evening @ 7-8pm  
Please contact Les Russell for the link:  
les.russell@outlook.com

### PRAYER ROOM

Open on Saturdays (8am-12pm).

## SMALL GROUPS

DISCIPLESHIP • FELLOWSHIP • MINISTRY

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH.  
1:30-3:30PM @ THE CHURCH.

### CONNECT GROUPS:

Meet for fellowship, Bible study & prayer. If you would like to be part of one of these groups:

Contact: **JENNY GRAINGER**

### LADIES' TIME WITH GOD:

1:30-3pm | 1st & 3rd Thursday | Church  
Contact: **JENNY GRAINGER**

**21 May**

### MEN'S MAINTENANCE

10-12pm | 2nd Monday | Church  
Contact: **ALAN BENNIE**

## In Brief

- **Nora Chatelier** is thankfully back home with Mitch after recovering from extreme low level of kidney function. On the day that the doctors were planning to do kidney dialysis, the level picked up. Praise God! Mitch and Nora deeply thanks all who have prayed for her during the time of emergency.
- **Prayer** is the backbone of the church. As you talk and share lives with one another, please share your prayer points so that we may pray for one another!