

Sunday 13 September 2025



SERMON TOPIC: Unity in the family of God
BIBLE TEXT: Ephesians 4:1-6
PREACHER: Chris Pretorius
ELDER ON DUTY: Jacob du Toit
OFFERINGS:
1st Collection: The work of the Church
2nd Collection: MAMA Gift account

Charlie Kirk Died: A Turning Point ~ by Pastor Chris Pretorius

We used to say that martyrdom didn't really happen in the west. We might face increasing opposition to our beliefs, but Christian persecution is pretty minor in countries like ours. Today Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA, was shot dead. I have seen the footage. There was a lot of blood. But as Tertullian famously said "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church".

Some of us, myself included, woke up to this news this morning shocked and dismayed.

Charlie was one of the most effective and helpful Christians of our age. He spoke rationally, Christianly, and in a God honouring manner. He was a committed father of two young children, loving husband to his wife, and a strong proponent of biblical Christian values. He rightly believed and preached that abortion is wrong, that it is perhaps the single biggest evil in our time, that it results in the masse murder of children to the tune of millions each year.

For this he was constantly attacked. He stood up against liberal leftist views and spent a large portion of his time openly debating people in public. During these debates he would put forward a rational and logical view and invited others to poke holes in his arguments.

Very few, if any, succeeded at that. At the same time he allowed others to freely express their opinions and would then challenge them on the aspects of their worldviews that were in conflict or irrational. For this he endured abuse and, at times, assault. He stood up for historical views that society has held as given for hundreds of years. These "radical" views include that there are only two genders, that men and women are different, that it is good for men and women to have children, that it is immoral to murder unborn children, that people should take responsibility for who they have sex with, and that the problem with the world was not primarily "out there" but "in here". He actively opposed transgenderism as an evil which forces people to participate in, affirm and champion a lie they know to be untrue.

He did these things because he was a Christian who loved Jesus. He was a patriot who loved his country. He was a rational debater who loved people enough to challenge them on beliefs that harm themselves and the world. I do not agree with his view that gun ownership is a good thing, but He did not force anyone to accept his views. Instead he tried to convince people through rational argument. He let rational common-sense thought dictate what he believed, and publicly invited others to do the same.

I believe that that is why he was shot. No, not shot, martyred. Killed for promoting a world in which Christ ruled. Assassinated for fighting for a world ordered the way the Creator did. He died as a victim of a spiritual war. A victim of the fight for the very soul of countries like the USA and Australia that were built on a Christian foundation. He died after being shot, while openly and publicly inviting debate in his "Prove me wrong" booth at Utah Valley University. But today Channel 9 (Australia) reported "Pro-trump personality Charlie kirk dead after shooting on US college campus".

BBC reported that "Trump ally shot dead at campus event". ABC (Australia) ran a piece titled "Who was Charlie Kirk, the MAGA podcaster and Trump ally shot dead in Utah?".

While this may be media shorthand, it goes to show that these media outlets have fundamentally misunderstood what Charlie Kirk stood for.

Charlie Kirk was assassinated, not because he supported Trump. He was martyred because he fought, peacefully, for a world aligned with the design of God. A world where people weren't forced to participate in lies. A world in which the courage to speak the truth would be applauded instead of ridiculed. R.F. Kennedy Jr. said it well: "Once again, a bullet has silenced the most eloquent truth teller of an era."

But perhaps the one who said it best was Jesus himself: "Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your master."

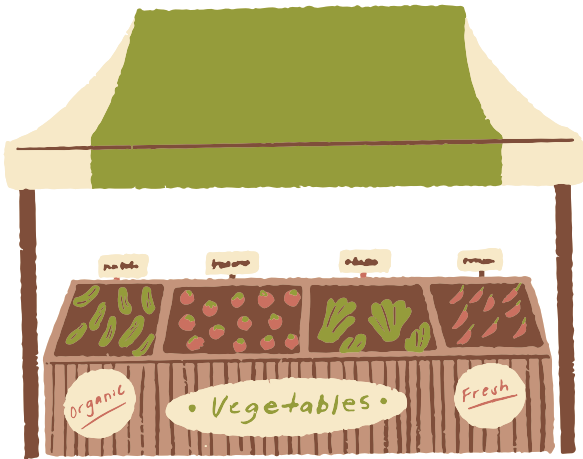


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dining room mission **HOW TO HELP**

The next Dining room mission is Tuesday 23 September.

If you would like to contribute with a cooked meal or pantry staples
please contact Joy van Veen



An Organic Fruit and Veggie co op runs from
our church hall every second Thursday. You
are welcome to stop by to purchase fresh
fruits and veggies.

Next date: 25 September
9:30 - 12:30 & 16:00 - 18:00

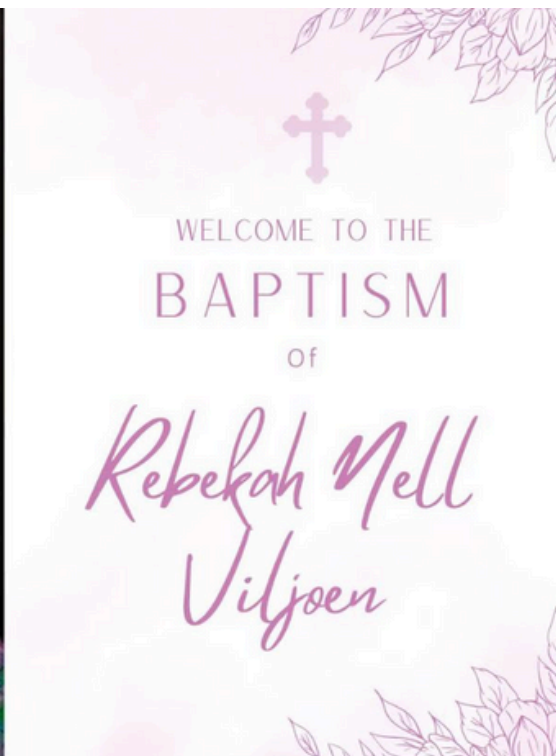


Church Calender

WHAT IS HAPPENING

Sunday 14 September: Baptism of Rebekah Viljoen
Wednesday 17 September: Young Adults Bible study
Thursday 18 September 19:30 Prayer meeting
Friday 19 September: 19:30 Super Dash
Sunday 21 September: 10:00 The Lord's Supper
Wednesday 24 September: How to read your Bible for all its worth.

Baptism Blessings



Update from



LEADERSHIP TRAINING – AJUKI & SAMASODU

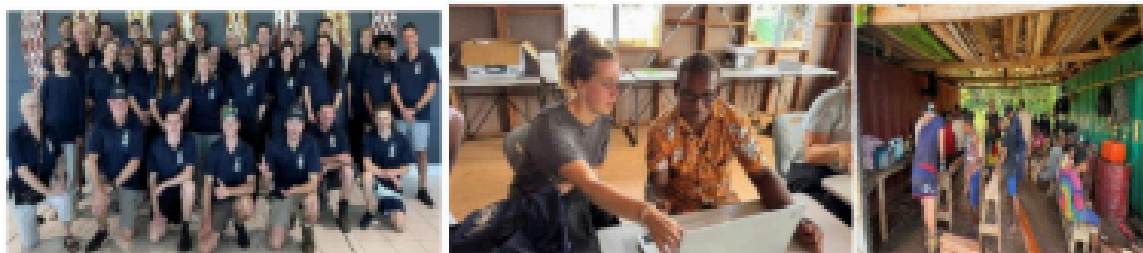
In July 2025, SWIM Ministry had the privilege of conducting two powerful training courses that left a lasting impact on leaders and youths alike. In Samasodu 29 leaders within the communities were empowered with fresh skills and hope during a two-day Biblical Leadership Training. Later that month, over 100 youths from the Malaita Province gathered at the Zion Worship Centre for an eye-opening training on "The End Time Events". New Bibles were also gifted to the newly baptized youths, thanks to SWIM Ministry. Equipping leaders and youth to serve and stand strong in faith.



*Pictured above : Pt Michael at Ajuki & Samasodu

KATOVA TEAM PROJECT- SAMASODU

The ongoing project in Samasodu was once again blessed with the arrival of a 35-member team. The advance team came earlier for logistics and preparations on the 1st of July, and the main team came on the 6th of July. For two weeks, they poured their hearts into serving alongside the Katova Community High School teachers, students and the surrounding community. The team was able to build a new dormitory, upgrade the school's Wi-Fi, and even assist in teaching the students. Every hammer lifted, every lesson shared, and every smile given reflected the love of Christ in action. It was more than just work – it was ministry. This journey became a living testimony of God's faithfulness and the selfless love He calls us to show. The seeds sown in Samasodu will continue to bear fruit for His glory in the years to come. The team left on the 20th of July 2025. God is good, All the time, God is good!!



*Copy right: KATOVA HIGH SCHOOL Facebook page

MINISTRIES

Our Ministries have continued weekly with expanded in numbers, missions, worships, and praise. Our weekly Women's, Children's, Youth and SWIM Fc ministries have each played a vital role in building our spiritual journey and growth within our neighboring communities. To God all the Glory be praised unto him.



*Pictured above, Ministries during the weekly sessions.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCES – SWIM BASE

Repairs are steadily continuing for House 4 and the Deed House, including fixing the broken tank and other small maintenance tasks. We thank God for His provision and for our dedicated groundman and staffs, who ensures our base is always well kept and cared for.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human master" - Colossians 3:23



*Photos not above: SWIM Base and work

PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Praise:

1. Praise God for His faithfulness, strength, care, love, and provision over the past six months in our lives.
2. Praise God for the many lives blessed through the ministry efforts of SWIM Ministry over the years in the Solomon Islands.
3. Praise God for the completion of the new girls' dormitory at Katova High School.

Prayer:

1. Pray for God's continued leading and provision for our operations for the next five months in 2025.
2. Pray for our daily ministries reaching communities, children, youth and sport, women, prison ministry (Crossroads), and leadership training throughout the next five months.
3. Pray for the Water Project at Kwainifala—especially for the safe handling of project materials to Kwainifala village, North Malaita, and for the successful work of the project scheduled for October 2025.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to each one that have contributed to SWIM through their faithful arms giving, materials or in any form of help or appreciation towards the SWIM Base in Solomon Islands. Massive thanks to the SIW, LLT and the SWIM Base staff and management for their dedication in ensuring that SWIM continues to thrive with the Lord as head of the mission statement we strongly uphold. May God bless, guide and keep you all from harm in the coming days. Let love shine, let God handle the rest. Give Love, Show Love and be Love. Thank you all, tagio tumas and God bless! Amen.

TERM 3 **2025**

SUPERDASH

25
JUL

SOCIAL : ESCAPE ROOM

7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

8
AUG

BIBLE STUDY: MARK

7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

10
AUG

STATE YOUTH SERVICE

4 PM @ GEELONG CRC

22
AUG

BIBLE STUDY: MARK

7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

5
SEP

BIBLE STUDY: MARK

7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

19
SEP

BIBLE STUDY: MARK

7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

FOR MORE INFORMATION SPEAK TO YOUR YOUTH LEADERS

Term 3 2025

YOUNG ADULTS

23 July	YA Bible study ^a
6 Aug	YA Bible study ^a
10 Aug	SYS* (Geelong)
17 Aug	YA Social
20 Aug	YA Bible study ^a
3 Sep	YA Bible study ^a
13 Sep	YA Social
17 Sep	YA Bible study ^a

Series: Jesus the game changer

a — Location: 70-72 Ennismore Crescent, Park Orchards
Time: 7:30-9:30pm

* — State Youth Service

Our Giving, an Act of Worship

In our Church we have two offerings every Sunday. The first goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various Christian causes. This week our second offering is for the MAMA Gift account.

If you would like to support the work of you can do so by in Church giving - simply add your offering to the bag at the back of Church or by bank transfer -

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If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering "Sun1" or second offering "Sun 2" in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app

<https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

This week's **PRAYER POINTS**

God has no greater controversy with His people today than this, that with boundless promises to believing prayer, there are so few who actually give themselves unto intercession.

Arthur Tappan Pierson

Personal **PRAYER POINTS**

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

Giving thanks for the unity among us and ask the Holy Spirit to protect us as a church family so that we may be a great witness for God.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2 NIV)

Give thanks and praise to the Lord our God for our Lord Jesus Christ who came and showed us what it means to be children of God.

Congregational PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for Rommie Chapman as she is grieving the loss of her sister, pray that the Lord will be her and her family's comfort and peace.

Please continue to pray for Leon and Anjali De Beer and their baby Zealiah, please do not cease praying that she will be completely healed.

Please pray for Wendy and Ellie Chapman as they're travelling to Europe and for Leana van Gent and Ina du Plessis who are travelling to South Africa, pray that the Lord will watch over them and bring them back safely.

Continue to pray for new elders, pray that the Lord will bring forth those he chooses to come into this ministry.

Local & Global PRAYER POINTS

Please do not stop praying for our nation, pray that the Lord will do great things in spite of our leadership.

Please pray for the situation in Indonesia as they are suffering from severe flooding and pray for Jenna Miller's nephew Callum who is there on a mission trip.

Continue to pray for those caught up in areas of conflict such as Gaza and Ukraine and other parts of the Middle East. Pray that there will be peace.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in China.

Before he met Jesus, Guo was overwhelmed with the subliminal message that the church was the bride of communism. Sheng, a co-worker, invited him to attend a local, official church. As Guo walked into the building, he read the words on the sign at the entrance: "Love This Country, Love Our Religion, Honour God, Benefit People." Inside, the pastor preached a sermon called Being a Patriotic Christian. Guo sat amidst so-called 'patriotic Christians' who listened as the pastor declared that "the church is a member under the Party's leadership" and "faith should integrate with communism".

The members, in obedience, responded in unison with "Amen". For Guo, this initially seemed correct. But Guo wasn't listening with the discerning ears of a regenerate believer, but with the ears of an aspiring 'good citizen' of China

Guo was, in his pursuits, a good citizen of China: attending the official church, trying to pray and learning some of their songs. He even began to find a sense of belonging in the church. However, the external striving failed to quell the internal tempest. The sermons left him unsatisfied and unquenched. Furthermore, he had questions: "What is true faith?", "Why do the pastor's sermons always emphasise the country and the [communist] Party?", "Isn't faith supposed to be a personal inner experience, a choice in life's path, a pursuit of eternal values?" It wasn't until a year later that Jesus calmed the internal storm. Guo's employer sent him to another city to pursue a marketing development opportunity.

When in this new city, and away from the official church, he met a woman - his neighbour - who enthusiastically invited him to attend her church, described as a "small gathering". Guo was hesitant. He had heard of house churches and underground churches and knew they weren't officially recognised. His pastor had dismissed these churches as places where "heresy ran rampant". But Guo felt he couldn't refuse, and so he went.

What Guo encountered was, to him, strange. It was a place without the typical markers of the official church: no pulpit, ornate decorations, or officially recognised pastor. Instead, Guo witnessed a dozen people in a circle with a few Bibles and hymn books. In the service, a brother shared from Scripture about how Jesus was "the way, the truth and the life". It was in this brother's sharing that Guo discovered that one comes to God simply and only through Jesus. He is at the centre of the Christian faith - He alone. Not any other religion or organisation or isms. Only Jesus. "That was the first time I heard the true gospel," said Guo. For the first time, he heard the unpolluted, undiluted, uncorrupted gospel. He found the true Bridegroom for the church.

Fast forward a few months, Guo, now a true sheep, was baptised. With time, it became evident that the official church he once belonged to was fundamentally a bride of communism, not Christ. When a brother lent him a copy of Wurmbrand's *Tortured for Christ*, he read about how the official church was in the business of uprooting religion. A year later, Guo returned to his own city a changed man. He became a passionate evangelist and started a small Bible study group. With time, some of his friends from the official church came to the study and eventually came to faith, to the displeasure of the official church leaders. Guo received a call from the official church pastor, who accused him of "sheep stealing". The leader said, "You took away our members, disrupting the church's unity. This is immoral! Moreover, your activities outside the official church are all illegal."

Guo came to understand that true sheep follow Jesus only. He reflects, "Before we truly understood the gospel and wholeheartedly trusted in Jesus alone and followed Jesus only, we weren't even Jesus' sheep. At that time, although I had the title of Christian, I was merely a registered religious person in the official church. At that time, we obeyed the Party's policies. I didn't have the confidence to know that Jesus would say to me: 'I know My sheep, and My sheep listen to My voice.'" Guo continues to follow the truth, having true peace and joy as he commits to listening to the voice of the true Shepherd.

Voice of the Martyrs

The next prayer meeting will be on Thursday the 18th of September at 7.30pm.

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Bible passage: _____

Date: _____



Something
that shines
from the
passage



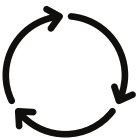
Anything
hard to
understand
or any
questions



Personal
application
for your life



Theme of passage



How does it
fit with other
passages in
the Bible



Who will you
tell about
what you have
learnt?

[illegible]

Discussion QUESTIONS

- Paul says we should “live in a way that matches our calling.” What do you think that means where you find yourself in your life?
- Which of the “ones” in verses 4-6 (one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God) stands out to you most, and why?
- Paul says we need to work hard to keep unity. What’s the difference between unity and just “not fighting”?
- What makes it hard for you to “put up with” people in love? Can you think of a time when someone showed patience with you?
- Why do you think humility, gentleness, and bearing with one another in love are key ingredients for unity?
- How does baptism remind us that we all belong to the same family in Jesus?
- If Christians all share “one baptism,” how should we think about kids in other churches or youth groups?
- How do you see differences (boys/girls, older/younger, different personalities) in the church family actually helping us rather than hurting us?
- What are some small things you could do this week at school, sports, or youth group to show you care about unity?
- If unity is something we have to protect, what’s one danger that could break it down among your friends or family?

Helping HANDS

	14 September	21 September	28 September
Preacher	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius
Elder on Duty	Peter W	Kasha	Jacob
Prayer Leader	Inge	Kasha	Herman D
Music Leader	Inge	Neil	Mia
Children's Talk	Lize	Sarah	Roger
Bible Reader	Mari	Armin	Lynette
Sound	Nina	Cassie	Nic
Visuals	Salme	Isaac	Ene
Broadcasting	Christo	James	Pieter
Sunday School	Ilze, Lize S, Nici	No Sunday School	No Sunday school
Coffee	Theron Family	van Wyk Family	Rob & Jenna Miller

Upcoming BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Cassie van Veen 12 September
Alister Bennie 13 September
Ina du Plessis 14 September
Luke Corney 14 September
Macy Miller 16 September
Suzanne Nel 16 September
Abigail Viljoen 20 September
Pamela Moore 22 September
JD Steenkamp 24 September
Mia van Wyk 25 September
Inge Theron 27 September
Philip Nel 30 September

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Kids coloring
CORNER

