



# *Family Connect*

April 2018

# Message from Pastor Dave

I recently felt led to start studying giants in the scriptures. I also felt to study Peter and one would realise quickly that the two seem very different topics but I believe there is a correlation that perhaps God might encourage you with today.

In my walk with Christ I have observed that God allows certain tests to happen in my life. These tests are for my growth and maturity and not for my demise. I believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit come with a test for an individual in the area of pride. The test of authority of a believer comes with a test of our character. We grow in authority based on our intimate relationship with Jesus. The word, “dunamis,” means power. The words in the Greek for authority are; exousia, iskhoo-o, and kratos. I encourage you to do your own word search and study.

When the spies went out to spy out the promise land in Numbers 13 and they found the huge cluster of grapes being carried between two men, they also were in the land where 3 giant brothers dwelled. Numbers 13:22, Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai who were sons of Anak a giant who was son of another giant Arba, see Joshua 15:13-14.

The names of these giants are interesting as they sync with the battle of every person against the giants of our flesh or self will.

Arba is self ambition, Anak is self will, Ahiman is self protection, Sheshai is self righteousness and Talmai is self preservation.

We are called to kill the giants in our life that stop us from possessing the place God has called us to live in. The good news is that our giants don't disqualify us from being a son or daughter that lives in the fullness of Jesus Christ! We deal with self one day at a time. How do we deal with our flesh or self-will that can battle against the spirit of God's will for our life? We ask God to change our attitude, personality, heart, character, and will that is different from His will, way and Word!

Sunday Services: 9am & 6pm

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Peter is an example of a believer who stayed in the will of God despite his journey and growth to become a disciple who followed Jesus with holy abandon! The word, hypotasso, means to stay in the will of God by submitting one's control, self will, or to simply obey! We see in 1 Peter 5:6 where the word (hypsoo) is used which means to exalt to the very summit, to raise and exalt! So we can observe Peter and he does show self-will, but it didn't disqualify him from becoming an overcomer so he could fulfil destiny. Why? He exalts Jesus lifting Him high in his life, this producing the key to dying to our self-will that opposes Christ's will! God can trust us to overcome the giants in our life and we see Peter as a wonderful example of how this is accomplished!

Peter is used in the first miracle recorded directly after the Holy Ghost manifests Himself in the book of Acts chapter 3. In Acts 4:8 of Acts Peter is willing to be filled the second time after being baptised in the Holy Spirit in Acts 2. This is because he is seeking the King and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth...our promised land!

Remember Peter was a fisherman Mark 1:16. He had a revelation of who Jesus was in Matthew 16:16. He rebuked Jesus in Matthew 16:22 and then got rebuked by Jesus in verse 23. Peter has an incredible encounter on the mountain-top in Matthew 17, he wants to pray when asked by Jesus in his greatest hour of need. Yet...he falls asleep Matthew 26:40. He cuts the servant's ear in John 18:20. He declares his undying loyalty to Christ and then denies Jesus three times, see Luke 22:33; 22:60. He goes back to the family business instead of doing the great commission in John 21, but is totally restored by the love of God in the same chapter. Peter as he allows the Spirit of God to do His work in his life bringing him to die to cultural pressure to follow the plan of God to take the gospel of Jesus to the gentile nations, Acts 10.

Let's be a people who are aware that the giants in our life need not disqualify us from fulfilling our destiny for our lives! That like Peter who seems to be in and out of the will of God and his own will, yet character is produced that brought maturity to the early church! May we be people that will allow our self will to be submitted to the plan of God and possess the land for which He desires for us!

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# Upcoming Events

## NAMBOUR BURNSIDE CHAPLAINCY FUND RAISER

*Thursday 19 April*

*6.30pm for 7.00pm Dinner at Le Relais Bressan*

Guest Speaker - Fiona Simpson MP

RSVP plus any dietary requirements to Yve at  
ycruickshank@gmail.com or text to 0408753738  
by Thursday 12 April

### **Nambour State College Mentoring**

Beginning Tuesday April 24 and running for 9 consecutive Tuesdays, 11am-1:25pm. Nambour State College are looking for mentors to help students in year 8 and 9 who are at risk of disengaging from education. If you are interested in being involved please see Kelly Murphy or Pastor Stu White (or email [stuwhite@flametree.org.au](mailto:stuwhite@flametree.org.au)) No experience is necessary, just a whole lot of encouragement and a little patience. Oh, and you'll need to have a Blue Card which the church can help organise with you.



**7am on April 28th | FlameTree Church Cafe**

**\$10 for hot breakky**

All men welcome! To register, sign up in the foyer or by contacting the church office.

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# Church News & Updates

## *Nambour Clean-Up Days*

“As in the spiritual, so in the physical”

The week after our prayer walk in February over 70 volunteers in Nambour took to the streets to begin improving the physical appearance of our humble town. I believe the Lord is stirring the hearts of Nambourians with a passion to see our region thrive: in business, in natural beauty, in relationships and in creativity. Lets also see a spiritual awakening come to our region! Nambour is at a crossroads as the town searches for a new identity. As a church I believe we need to be involved not only in the spiritual life of our town- prayerfully seeking God's best for our churches, schools, and families- but in every aspect of community life and relationship.

To that end, we have an opportunity to join in the next clean-up day! This time it will run over a Saturday and Sunday - April 21 and 22.

Here are the details: (and you can find them on the Reviving Nambour facebook page)

### **SATURDAY 21 April - 8.30am to 1.00pm:**

- Cleaning of Howard street from Currie Street to Ann street
- Cleaning of Ann Street from Howard to Short street

### **SUNDAY 22 April - 8.30am to 1.00pm**

- Cleaning of Howard street from Ann street to Smith Street
- Cleaning of Queen Street and Lowe Street
- Optional: Repaint some sections of Quota park playground (i.e. the little train). Waiting for approval

As per last time, we'll meet at the NAMBOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE, Cnr James St and Shearer St.

### **WHAT TO BRING:**

- Hat, sunscreen and sun glasses
- Protective gloves
- Buckets, cleaning products, sponges, scrubbing brushes, outdoor brooms

### **WE ALSO NEED:**

- Volunteers to provide food and drinks to our teams on both days.

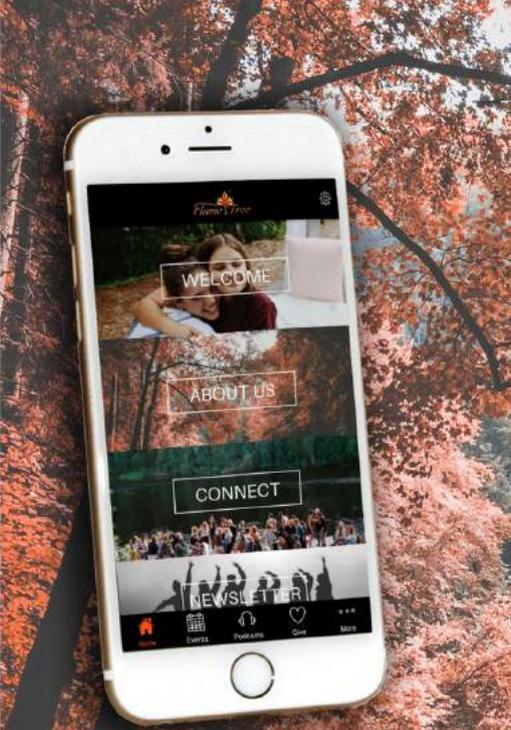
“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16

Any questions, go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/373226279826983/> or see me (Stu), or email [stuwhite@flametree.org.au](mailto:stuwhite@flametree.org.au)

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- Text 'FlameTree App' to 0488 202 202
- Click on the link
- On the landing page, click the blue logo

## Mala Family - Vanuatu

As you may have heard, Hannah & Ray Mala are going to be moving to Vanuatu with their kids to do missions in April. We're excited to send them out & know that they are going to do amazing things for the kingdom. BUT... before they can leave, they are needing financial support. If you would like to sow into this ministry here are the bank details:

BSB: 704 913

Account: 400 039 103

Reference: Vanuatu (or Mala)

It's not possible for all of us to go out into the world to places like Vanuatu to do missions but we can certainly support the people that do go.



### GIVE

If you would like to partner with The India Building Project and give them a financial gift, please hit the 'GIVE' button select 'OTHER' and then write 'India Building Project' as a reference on the church app, or on our website.

Direct Deposit:

BSB: 704 913

Account: 400 039 103

If you are unable to give financially, please be praying for God appointments, courage, miracles, boldness, anointing & lots of fruit for these 50 brave lights (pastors) as they shine.

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## JAPAN

I have an interesting story to share with you all! I met a young man while I was ministering at the Pacific Islanders influencers Conference in October 2017. We instantly laughed and had a joke with one another and this young Japanese man had a permanent smile on his face and the anointing of God pouring out of his being. Ryota Yoshinouchi or, "Ryo" as I call him, is 26 years old and married to Emily formerly of Melbourne Victoria. At age 13 she found all things Japanese appealing and her father Shane Baxter who is the leader of the ACC churches in Victoria, released her to pursue the desires of her heart upon her graduating from high school. Ryo fell in love with Emily while she was in Japan and decided to follow her after Emily attended university in Japan. Ryo who didn't speak English learned English to be able to marry Emily and also found Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit and joined the Enjoy church family. Ryo has seen heaps of Japanese students come to Christ in Melbourne!

After meeting Ryo we began to talk weekly and he asked me to mentor him in the area of ministry. I have thoroughly enjoyed speaking into the life of this amazing man of God. Ryo and Emily have returned to Japan to Osaka and have planned on launching an Enjoy Church within the city. I brought back the incredible God appointment story of meeting Ryo in Melbourne to our Mission Council team and we decided with leadership approval to partner with Enjoy Church Osaka and FlameTree has been sowing into this work monthly through our partnership ministry within our Missions.

As only God can do, Pastor Stu White contacted me by text telling me he had found cheap flights to Japan and asked if we should go! He had no idea that the church launch in Japan was scheduled for April 15th. We quickly prayed and while praying Ryo contacted me asking me to come to the launch in Osaka not five minutes after Stu's text to me! I love it when God's plan comes together with confirmation! So Stu and I are off to Japan from April 11th to April 17th...yes on those cheap tickets! We will be involved in street ministry and outreaches planned everyday, do a little sight seeing and lots of praying with and giving invitations to the local people to attend the launch! Amazingly Pastor Stu speaks Japanese and he even spent time living in Japan...God has a sense of humor hey! Please pray for us while we are away, as there is a sense of something very significant taking place. The nation of Japan only has 0.5 % of its population that professes to be Christian. Let's believe God for the fires of revival to ignite in the Japanese people, thank you for your support!

Pastor David Fenton

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If you're on Facebook, jump on and like our page. We post weekly podcasts, scriptures, any upcoming events and different things happening in the church.

<https://www.facebook.com/FlameTreeChurch/>

## Podcasts

To listen to the latest podcast sermons log onto [www.flametree.org.au/podcasts](http://www.flametree.org.au/podcasts) OR download our church app!



## Paying Tithes / Donations Online

If you would like to pay your tithes online via bank deposit, here are the bank details. Please make sure to put in your reference whether it's tithes, missions, building fund, etc.

Name: FlameTree Baptist Church  
BSB: 704 913      Account: 4000 39103

You can also pay your tithes on our church website, under the 'tithes' tab.

**Push pay is here! If you pay by credit card, this is an awesome new way you can give from your mobile phone. Simply text 'flametree' to 0488202202, click the link, and fill in the details.**



## Lighthouse Leadership Psychology & Training

Chris & Gretchen Mitchell are available at the church office for life coaching, psychological counselling, prayer counselling and marriage counselling for people from FlameTree Church and people in the community. (Medicare rebates available)

For bookings & information please contact the Mitchell's on 0408 824 261 or check out their website at [www.lighthouseleadership.com.au](http://www.lighthouseleadership.com.au).



## Pram Needed

Julie Blennerhasset would like to borrow a pram and/or stroller as well as a travel cot for 19th April-4th June. She has her daughter and grandchild visiting. Please contact Julie on 0407 388 763 if you have something she can borrow.

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# Weekly Calendar

**Sunday Services:**  
9:00am & 6:00pm

**Wolf Pack**  
Monday 6pm

**Brothers in Arms**  
Monday 6:30pm

**Ladies Group**  
Tuesday at 9:30am

**Frappe Mums Group**  
Wednesday at 10am

**Jubilee Dancers**  
Thursday at 4:00pm

**Young Adults**  
Thursday Fortnightly at 6:30pm

**WildFire Youth**  
Friday at 6:00-8:00pm

**Kidz Church / Teen Church**  
Sunday at 9:30am

**Crèche**  
Sunday at 9:20am