

Life in the Spirit

This course is foundational, yet stretching, as we discover more of who the Holy Spirit is in our lives and as we align our lives more closely to Him. It involves 8 weekly sessions, a Saturday morning retreat, plus daily readings to help personalise what we are learning. The sessions include worship, testimonies, teaching, small groups and the operation of spiritual gifts. We prioritise a clear biblical foundation, a personal application and a genuine experience of God, in the context of real connection with others. Life in the Spirit is for all believers in Jesus who hunger and thirst for more of God in their lives.

Wednesday evenings

29 July - 23 Sept,

Saturday morning 29 Aug

Participants in 2019 said:

"a wonderful wakeup"

"it gave me a good understanding of the Holy Spirit and assured me that I can have a relationship with him"

"I feel like I now have confidence that I can be used by God and that He wants to use me"

"I received an infilling on the retreat day like I have never experienced....I am seeing the impact on my life, my family and even my workplace"

"helped me prioritise my time alone with God"

"very useful because I am a new Christian and I found answers to some of my questions"

Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith. To ask questions and share your perspectives in an open, friendly environment. Each night includes a meal, DVD and opportunity for discussion. It is an ideal group to invite an unchurched friend who has questions or is wanting to explore. You are welcome to come with them.

Tuesday evenings 12 May - 4 Aug

Participants in 2019 said:

"it was wonderful exploring ideas, philosophy and experiences. I feel more open to explore and investigate my faith and/or world views"

"the more I heard the more I was convinced that God and Jesus are the real thing and I want to hear and read more"

"the sharing of a meal together is great"

"Tuesday nights became the best part of my week"

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But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen. 2 Peter 3:18



Spiritual Gifts for Hearing God

A three week course for discovering and exploring the revelatory gifts - prophecy, word of knowledge, dreams, visions and pictures, tongues and interpretation - and how God can use these in our world. It includes biblical and practical foundations, personal testimonies, small group connections and learning to practice gifts in a safe context.

A hands-on course, trying new things and growing what you already have, while broadening your relationship with God.

Wednesdays 7:30-9pm,

with a 30 minute online pre-teaching each week

19, 26 February & 4 March.

Register by Sunday 16th February in the foyer or email:

kathy@parramattabaptist.com

For more information talk to David Wilson, Elizabeth Gay or Kathy Bates.

The Blessings Course

Over 8 weeks the Blessings Course explores the role of blessing in Scripture and how it can be used powerfully as we pray today. It invites us to live closer with God as carriers of his blessing, allowing him to transform us and our communities.

Thursday evenings

12 Mar - 2 Apr; 30 Apr - 21 May

Or

Monday mornings

16 Mar - 6 Apr; 4 - 25 May

Participants in 2019 said:

"I am wanting to be in his presence more, beyond "ought to""

"I've found freedom and confidence in praying this way"

"it's given us a new tool in our prayer toolkit, there are so many ways to use it"

"when you offer to bless someone, they just say yes; and they feel it's so special"

"its healing and transforming work has given me strength to stay positive in a difficult family relationship situation"

"I'm finding I'm becoming less judgmental"

Heart of Man

"Shame is not a barrier to God's love, but a bridge to transformation, victory, freedom and hope." This course raises discussion on a number of topics from the Heart of Man movie, a re-telling of the story of the Prodigal Son. Each night will include a meal, a short DVD and small discussion groups.

Tuesday evenings 24 Mar - 28 Apr;
Saturday retreat 2 May

Participants in 2019 said:

"the visuals were powerful and engaging"

"it helped me rewrite old narratives and gain some new insights in the character of God and depth of His love"

"I came away with a new face of God, no longer angry, bitter, frustrated or disappointed, but one of love. A fierce, loyal, pursuing love. A face of gentleness and kindness of a God who wants me to repent and be freed from shame."

"the meals were a huge blessing and I thoroughly enjoyed them"

