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Welcome

Somebody once said to me, "when you start something, you start it the way you want to finish it". These were wise words from my friend and pastor Brian Houston, who had come to my family home after church on a Sunday night. I was only young then and part of the youth group. Brian wasn't a particularly famous pastor, and the church was just over 100 people. I have seen it grow. I remember the first "Hillsong Conference". You can then imagine what a joy it was for me to watch our Christian Prime Minister speak to 30,000 people at the last Hillsong conference. My heart swelled with joy and appreciation. The song "The Great South Land" filled my soul. As I reflected my experiences with Hillsong church, Brian's words came back to me "Start how you want to finish".



It got me to thinking about how Glory City Network (GCN) has started. The GCN is young, fresh and brimming with potential. The calibre of young leadership in our movement is staggering. It seems to me like we are off to a good start.

The Brisbane church was founded by Katherine and Tom on John 13:35 "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another" This value continues to be demonstrated as our churches continue to prioritise our Tuesday 11:00 am zoom meeting (Brisbane time). Geography and distance is no barrier. We are friends before we are colleagues because we value genuine and authentic relationships.

Here are some other things that have happened over the last 12 months.

- The GCN has launched an "Associated Ministries" stream to complement and run alongside the "Church Leaders" ministry stream. As an apostolic movement, the GCN believes its mandate is not only to see church leaders arise and thrive, but also champion those who are birthing unique ministries that serve the wide body of Christ.
- There have been 3 new GCN churches join the network (total now of 16) and 4 associated ministries join.
- A range of initiatives was rolled out across the GCN including the Silence Breakers & Prophetic Equipping course (thank you Nathaniel Oliveri and Sarah Cheesman), with most GCN churches participating in this training online.
- Joel Shaw's famous three circles teaching has impacted and been rolled out across our GCN with many souls being saved.
- The Academy was launched in February this year. The Academy has gone way above our expectations and well done to the inspirational leadership of Mark Greenwood.
- The April "Arise" conference centred on the apostolic and application of the 5 fold ministry gifts to equip the saints. This conference drew many people from all over Australia and some international guests. Significant leaders called the revelation in this conference "World Class". The Australian prophetic summit continues to be Australia premier prophetic conference. This year the prophet's sought words for the state of our nation, and Katherine Ruonala was then given the unexpected opportunity the following Monday to speak directly to our Prime Minister and give him those words.
- The GCN Leaders Retreat was held in May as a time of collectively seeking the Fathers direction for the GCN and encouraging one another.
- Darwin, Melbourne and Bendigo churches have all hosted family camps. Bendigo and Melbourne (and Wandearah in September) have all hosted conferences with GCN ministries.
- The Priceless movement initiative has rocketed to community influence in Darwin, thank you, David Ridley, for your outstanding leadership

If this is how we started....., then I have a bubbling excitement and expectation brewing for our future. Well done all - it is a joy to journey life with you.

Blessings, Daniel Zelli
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NT Weekend

Making a better NT

One man's love for the Territory and what he's doing to improve it

RAPHAELLA SAROUKOS REPORTS

Kingdom Advancement in the NT

DAVID RIDLEY - GC DARWIN

NT Weekend EVERYDAY TERRITORIAN 11

Family life and helping other people keeps David here

Devoted to NT change

RAPHAELLA SAROUKOS

EVERY day David Ridley strives to make and inspire meaningful change. It's motivated by Christian faith to help people to work and share with people they see an impact and although there's pain and suffering in the church's higher purpose, he said Mr Ridley was born in South Australia and spent a brief time in Queensland before moving to Adelaide. He studied a Bachelor of Applied Science and, to complete his degree, took a placement in the Northern Territory. In 2005, he travelled to an indigenous boarding school about two hours out of Darwin, where he helped develop and encourage health initiatives. "That was when I got the seed that in my veins," he said. "There's really felt it was with the Territory and also the indigenous people."

In 2011, Mr Ridley married and travelled the world with his wife. When they returned they decided to settle in the Territory. "I think the change I love the most about the Territory is the ideal place to raise a young family," he said. "The thing that drew me here was a passion for seeing meaningful change, especially for indigenous Australia. I want to see things change. In the Territory there's genuine opportunities to make a difference."

In 2012, Mr Ridley was the director of Youth for Christ where he developed youth programs used across the Territory. He regularly engages with indigenous communities and believes the key to change is through relationships. "We have an open relationship with partnership with leaders and we try to build relationships with indigenous people through sharing a meal," he said. He currently leads Glory City Church and is working for the next opportunity to make meaningful change in the community. "I want to see the transformation of the NT one person at a time, whether it's through teaching, volunteering or

control and coaching, or providing meals," he said. "We're not here to consume the culture but contribute to it, and my prayer is more people come and ask what we can do to contribute."

What NT News Why I Love the Territory series share the stories of people of all ages and backgrounds who call the Top End home. The catch is the person who is featured chooses the NT Territory. Check out next Sunday's NT Weekend to see who David Ridley picked

For 8 months I had the privilege of working part-time for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. During this time I was able to hear stories about a Christian leader that I have admired for many years. One such story was at Billy's first crusade in Los Angeles. Billy was going about his business of preaching the simple gospel message each night, except one night the crowd was unexpectedly packed to overflowing with a swarm of media taking photos and wanting to interview Billy. What happened? Billy discovered a media mogul William Randolph Hearst had sent a two-word decree to his national network of editors. "Puff Graham." Although Billy never met William, this was a journalistic signal instructing his array of people to write praiseworthy stories of the young evangelist. This set the stage of national and international influence and favour that Billy would have for decades to come.

When Ruth and I heard this story, it provoked and reminded us that God moves on the hearts of men and women to open doors of favour that no one else can open. He simply asks us to be obedient to what he calls us to do. That day we prayed a simple prayer in our kitchen that we would walk in favour and that God would open doors of opportunity.

Shortly after this, I was contacted by the NT news asking to interview me about why I love the Territory. What eventuated was a front page (insert) picture of our family and a God honouring article clearly communicating our heart for God and work in the community! May this be an encouragement to you, as it was to us, that God desires to glorify His name through our lives!

Thinking 'Network'

MATT WYMAN AND
AARON DAMIANOPOULOS



The Glory City Network is a quickly expanding global community of churches and ministries. Recently we felt to increase the networking possibilities from what has traditionally been church leaders getting together over an online meeting platform, to now encompass different ministry areas within each Network Church.

On the 25th of April GCC Worship Pastor Arron Damianopoulos ran a network first worship team gathering for worship leaders and their teams. The event was held online and was well attended by worship leaders from the GCN churches. The aim of the time together was to connect and be known to one another, share vision for worship and discuss dynamics that may be challenging. It is envisioned that these gatherings will become a regular occurrence to empower a strong and healthy worship culture across our Network.

In 2020 another Network first is scheduled to take place in Brisbane in the form of the inaugural GCN youth camp. GCC Youth Pastor Matt Wyman's vision is to see a movement of youth that:

- encounters God privately and publicly through intimacy and relationship.
- is grounded in their identity because they are grounded in God's love.
- walks powerfully in freedom and purity across all areas of their lives because they know who they are in Christ.
- walks in power and influences society wherever they go.
- will disciple generations to walk and live like Jesus in this world.

This event is twofold, with a primary focus on youth, however also seeking to bring together youth leaders from across the Network for collaborative input and leadership of the event.

If your church has Youth or Worship leaders who would love to be connected, please email matt@glorycitychurch.com.au or aaron@glorycitychurch.com.au

New to the Network... Stephen and Cheryl Blackwell, HopeBathurst

STEVE BLACKWELL

FAMILY LIFE

Cheryl & I will have been married for 35 yrs in August this year.

We have no biological children but 7 foster children. The oldest two, Lambert & Olivier, are Rwandan genocide orphans but are now both married with 3 kids each. Téa came to stay with us for three weeks about 18 years ago and is now part of the family. We then fostered 3 siblings through docs, Katelyn, Stephen & Anthony. They were 8, 7 & 5 at the time but are now 24, 23 & soon 21. We also have Liam who was 14 months old when he joined the family & is now 11. We are in the process of Guardianship with him - the step between fostering and adoption.

CHURCH COMMUNITY

Our church, HopeBathurst, is very active in the community. We run an op shop in town and a recycling shop near the council tip which raise funds for our community work. We have feeding programs, welfare support, food hampers, financial counselling and the newest addition a low cost food pantry where people can come and purchase inexpensive, quality food. We have an awesome worship team, great services and are starting to see an increase in the prophetic and in healing.



L to R (back) Ardie (Téa's foster boy), Anthony, Steve, Cheryl, Téa
Front Katelyn & Liam

FUNNIEST MINISTRY MOMENT

One year while I was in Rwanda Cheryl had a call from someone to do a funeral service - they got our church name from a local funeral director. Cheryl worked with the son to organise his father's "small" service. Five minutes before the service began the son pulled Cheryl aside to say that we had a problem - his father had been a member of Sydney's underworld scene and that their were several heads of gangs, who were not all friendly, present. Service had some interesting moments but she made it through and went to the graveside. The plot had not been prepared and there was no mechanism to lower the casket, so the hearse, with casket still inside, did a quick trip to Bunnings to get some straps. Arriving back they realised that the straps were too short so someone else got some straps from their vehicle. After the casket was very roughly lowered into the ground one of the gang members threw the straps into the grave. Cheryl left as the owner of said straps was jumping into the grave to retrieve them. Just another day in ministry.

MINISTRY ADVICE

My advice to any aspiring leader in ministry. Be called!! A calling will bring you through the hard times that will cause those who aren't called to fall right out of ministry!!



The Academy

MARK GREENWOOD - ACADEMY PRINCIPAL

The Academy has been in dream form in my heart for many years. To have found such a mutual vision in Katherine, Tom and Daniel's heart for a ministry like this is an unmistakable divine set up. Christine and I were led to move to Brisbane from Darwin in 2018 to join Glory City Brisbane. Finding a home here and being empowered to birth this ministry has been a true joy.

The Academy has kicked off its first year in 2019 with 54 students, full time and part time. With a dynamic and high capacity leadership team of 15 people, implementing and continuing to build The Academy, we are expecting to see historical fruit in the season to come!

With last years dynamic interview intake process, an informative Orientation Week and then a whole week communal retreat with students before Term 1 started, we could see quickly this was going to be a life changing year for these students. Well into Term 2 now, we have seen a potent and beautiful culture formed in The Academy as our three full days per week experience is impacting lives in a dramatic way! Personal transformation, souls being saved weekly through student outreaches and the atmosphere of God's presence throughout it all have been wonderful to witness.

We are cultivating the 'perfect storm' of the components we believe are required to trigger an awakening of individuals, communities, and we pray, a nation:

- The message of righteousness/identity and other foundation theologies of our movement
- Deep and empowering equipping in the scriptures
- The constant ministry of the 5-Fold Gifts
- Worship times
- The supernatural
- Leadership teaching
- The prophetic
- Evangelism
- Saint Life teaching around impacting the world in all spheres
- Prayer and intercession

Our missions trips kick off shortly, as we send teams to Canada, Africa, Arnhem Land and more, further helping students to put legs on what they are learning.

With 2020 fast approaching, we are already working hard on curriculum development, certification, international visas and much more, with an expected 100 student intake!

Please pray for wisdom and grace upon us as we continue to follow the Father's heart in this ministry, that it will become all that He wills it to be.

May we raise up righteous radicals, who leave nations different to how we found them.

Change Is In The Air - GC Aiken

CARSTON WOODHOUSE - GC AIKEN

On February 24th, we passed on the baton of Senior Leadership of Glory City Church, Aiken, SC (USA). The Church family was excited to welcome us as the interim Senior Pastors and say thank you to Keith & Kerri Solomon for five wonderful years of pioneering and establishing this amazing family. The Church beautifully honoured Pastors Keith & Kerri and displayed their enthusiasm for the short-term future as we stepped into our new role.

We are grateful to Pastor Tony Thompson, Senior pastor of Glory City Church, Atlanta, and our apostolic director over the region as leader of the Glory City Network USA, who presided over this transition.

Much love and affection was shown as we prayed for, prophesied over, and released Pastors Keith & Kerri into a season of rest as God prepares them for the next season of their God-given destiny. Mandy and I have served as associate pastors of Glory City Church, Aiken, for four-and-a-half years and we feel that we carry the hearts and momentum of the community and network with fresh fire and vision for the future.

As our time in Aiken will end at the beginning of June, we will confidently leave an amazing team of leaders to carry on the community vision under the oversight of Pastor Tony Thompson from Atlanta, and Pastors Darrell and Jody Morgan on the ground in Aiken.

Since its founding in 2014, Glory City Aiken has maintained increasing financial health, having recently celebrated the purchase of our first church building. The family has continued to grow in the community, including the establishment of Glory Homes in the neighboring city of Augusta, GA.

In the past four months, we have seen significant growth in visitors, in salvations and baptisms, in healings, and in the establishment of a fully trained and equipped Prophetic Ministry team as well as a youth group and a solid leadership team.

As we return to Australia in late June, we anticipate what God will continue to do in Aiken. We are confident in what we have accomplished with Holy Spirit in the interim, and we believe that we have so much to celebrate as Aiken increases in health and continues to stir the revival fires that have existed since Keith and Kerri pioneered the community.



Equipping The Saints

JASON HARRISON NEW NATURE CHURCH



Over the last 12 weeks of “As He is” school, we have had such a wonderful time seeing the awakening of God’s children to His extravagant love, their righteous identity and living “As He Is” in their daily lives.

13 students from 7 churches, came together for 3hrs a week to seek the Fathers heart for their lives in an atmosphere of worship, teaching, activation in the spiritual gifts, sharing testimonies, evangelism and so much more.

It was so beautiful to see hearts connected in deeper intimacy with God, understanding their true sonship and inheritance, fear broken off, minds renewed and God’s truth transform lives.

These two students comments on the school sum it up so well;

Student 1:

“What a journey the last 12 weeks has been learning the fathers heart and really listening to him and understanding and knowing who I am In him, that I died to sin, died to the law, that I now have a new nature and can walk and live just like Jesus, He was the example. Enteral life is to know him.”

“We went through scripture and learnt in depth Gods word that we are qualified and redeemed; Jesus’ life purpose was to reconcile us back to God! I’m so grateful for this school and every speaker that has taught me so much.”

“I’m doing things I never thought possible, hearing from God, getting visions, healings, having my eyes opened to his explosive power and it’s so exciting this is only the beginning, I’ve gained a better understanding of who he is.”

Student 2:

Shared at graduation that she had...“learnt more in these 12 weeks than she had in her previous 30 years of being a believer.”

We are so excited by the fruit of these lives being equipped, activated and sent out. And the opportunity to run further “As He Is” 2-day intensives in regional cities/towns, and even abroad, stay tuned!!



GCN Webinar

The Glory City Network is rapidly expanding with more and more churches and ministries joining our family.

It is imperative now, in the midst of this growth, for clear and consistent communication messages to be conveyed. On March the 12th two webinars will be run to train and equip GCN churches, and interested churches in the GCN vision and administrative support structures.

A range of information being covered includes:

- GCN Vision
- GCN Values
- Differentials of GCN Identified Churches, GCN Associated Churches and GCN Ministries
- GCN Prospectus
- GCN Web Portal
- GCN Zoom Meetings - Purpose and Structure

All GCN churches are strongly encouraged to attend one of two time options outlined below. A link to register will be sent out to churches via email in the near future.

We believe this is going to be an incredible year and see all of our existing GCN churches as forerunners in an expanding network.

CHOOSE TO ATTEND ONE OF TWO TIME OPTIONS

SEP 3RD

- 11am EAST
- 7pm EAST

Arise

Arise Conference

DANIEL ZELLI - CO LEADER GCC

"Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself." (Ephesians 2:20)

A trend occurred in 1980 of a growing awareness of the prophetic gifting. In response, GCC pioneered a premier prophetic conference call the "Australian Prophetic Summit".

Towards the end of the 1990s, we saw another trend occur. A new appreciation for the ministry of the apostolic gifting started to evidence itself. I believe the church worldwide is being prepared for a season of divine acceleration and unprecedented growth.

In 2018, GCC pioneered another conference and this year, we were pleased to have our second annual apostolic conference called "Arise."

Why was it called "Arise"? An apostle is passionate about saints becoming everything they are called to be. At GCC we have this catchphrase "The saints are the high watermark". Gone are the days where the preachers are seen incorrectly as the only ones in ministry instead we say "hello saints, welcome to the ministry." It is time for the saints to "ARISE."

Congruent with this theme were the messages delivered. I framed the conference by calling out the new era of leadership that celebrates and release saints to ministry.

Chris Gore, the key note speaker and director of healing rooms for Bethel church, taught that to release a saint to the ministry, we must first understand our righteous standing with God. Mark Greenwood then followed with a strong emphasis on our righteousness in Christ, with sin being completely removed and the life of God now in us. Katherine Ruonala then so beautifully inspired all towards having a genuine and intimate relationship with the Father. Wes Chambers from New Zealand so lovingly showed how apostolic leadership is akin to a fathering model; one that is totally focused on the success of the children ... and nobody is ever going to forget Gideon Hoekendijk's communion message.

The message from all our Network guests and other speakers were that it is time for the saints to "Arise". However, the climax of the entire conference, the fulcrum of experience, came together on Saturday afternoon when various local church leaders and members, (i.e. everyday saints) stood and spoke for 10 minutes. Each one demonstrated how the different five-fold gifts practically worked in a church so that the SAINTS could arise and do the work of the MINISTRY. It was a defining moment. It was as if the 10-minute speakers were saying - "You have heard the theory for the last two days - this is what it looks like."

It indeed was an inspirational conference. It is time for the saints to "Arise."



P R I C E L E S S

Priceless Movement

DAVID RIDLEY - GC DARWIN

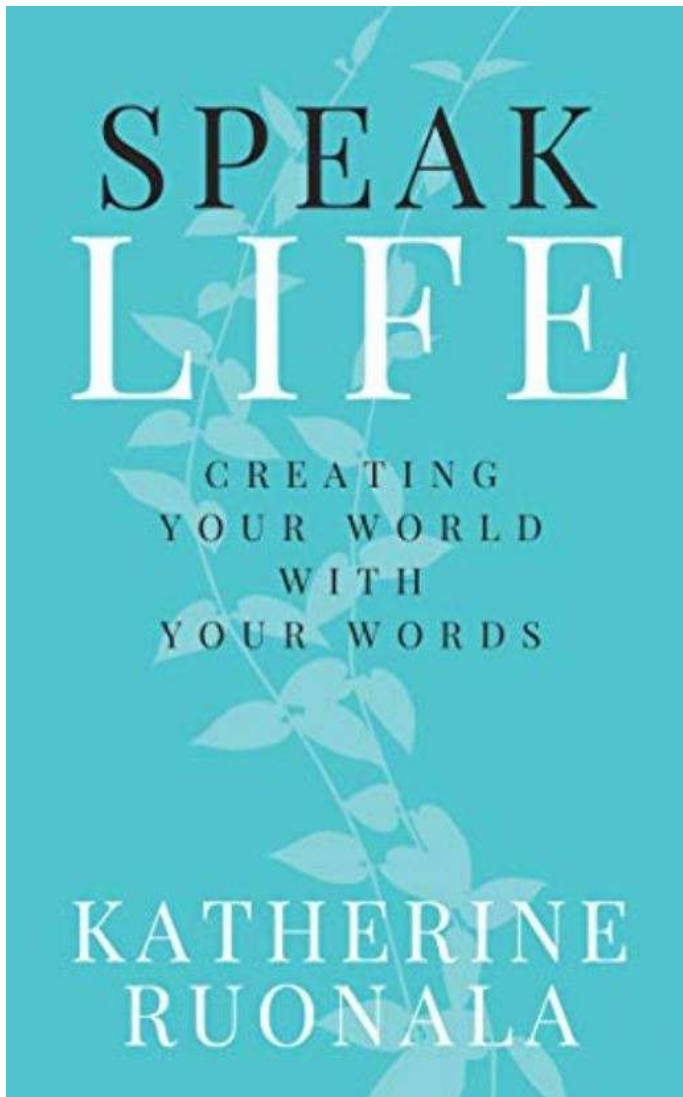
For some time our Glory City Darwin family have been praying about how we can corporately take serious Jesus instruction to be salt and light to our city.

An opportunity arose when our major NT newspaper released a headline “Sex Work Win”. The NT government proposed changes to our sex work laws to legalise brothels and legitimise the industry. The rationale was to support sex workers by removing stigma and ensuring safety for workers by recognising brothels as the same as a bakery or barbershop and therefore be treated and regulated like any other industry. The government released a discussion paper and invited the community for feedback.

What is the ‘salt and light’ response to this? We wanted to do something, but what? We researched and became educated about the truths of the sex industry. The evidence is clear that when you legalise the sex industry you normalise the sex industry. Normalising naturally increases demand for the sex industry and the demand is inevitably met through human trafficking. With Darwin being so close to south-east Asia where human trafficking is a massive problem - we aren’t going to have this happen on our watch!

Members from our church and the local community launched a campaign called ‘Priceless’. The purpose of the campaign was to create a new narrative for the sex industry. The aim was to expose the exploitation intrinsic to the sex industry, but also support sex workers who are often in the industry due to addiction, abuse and limited options. We then lobbied our Government through creating a 2 minute video that would direct people to our website to be informed and then sign our petition. Our video received 37,000 views, (which is amazing when you think Darwin region is 120,000 people!) We have reports of the Government being overwhelmed with responses not supporting their proposal but wanting laws that value women, not the sex industry. We can make a difference! We can be salt and light! We wait for await the Governments next move.

Search Priceless Movement on Facebook or visit www.pricelessmovement.net



Book Launch July 1st

What a wonderful gift it is to have books being authored from within the Glory City Network, that transport the truth of life in Christ Jesus to the world!

Katherine's latest book was released on the 1st of July. You can get a copy by visiting Amazon... in fact why not get two and give one away!

The message of 'Speak Life' is one Katherine has been diligent to personally live out, bearing incredible fruit in her own life as she speaks His truth and life into every circumstance.

Biography

We all have the power to change our lives and our relationships with the words we speak. Many of us float through life proclaiming only the things that we can see, however, we have a God-given ability to partner with the Holy Spirit to affect the world around us with our words. Once we understand God's perspective, we can speak life into every part of our existence.

Speak Life shows you how wonderful your future can be by partnering with God's promises and speaking life into every situation. As you read Speak Life you will learn:

- that God is totally with you, in you, and for you
- how much power God has given you through your words
- how to bring God's promises into existence
- what the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are saying about you
- the keys to transforming your circumstances and relationships
- the treasure trove of promises waiting to be released by your words

Encounters Conference USA
GC Atlanta
July 18-20

The Australian Prophetic
Summit
November 7-9

GCN Webinar
September 3 2019
11am and 7pm AEST

Glory City Network
Conference 2020
March 2020

GCN Leaders Retreat
July 8th-10th 2020



WHAT'S ON

GIVING

The account for the GCN has changed. Please check which account details your church is using and update accordingly.

GCN Monthly Giving Details
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ACCOUNT: 1068 0680
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