



Accelerate CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

EQUIPPING PEOPLE TO HONOUR GOD

DECEMBER 2025

Hey Accelerate Family,

Welcome to December — the most wonderful time of the year (as the songs and sayings go). This season is filled with joy, family, celebration, and reflection. But for those who are in Christ, every day is the most *wonderful time of the year*, because we have the gift of salvation (John 3:16), and our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev 21:27). What greater joy could there be?

Even so, this month carries a unique atmosphere. Much of the world — even those who do not know or acknowledge Christ — will pause, slow down, and make room to reflect. This can create beautiful opportunities for us to remember the true reason for the season and to share Jesus with those around us. However, it can also stir up less encouraging things: memories of loss, regrets, disappointments, or the weight of a year that has felt long and intense. Moments like these can tempt us to let our guard down mentally, spiritually, and even physically.

We want to lovingly encourage you: remain steadfast. Stay grounded in God's Word. Hold your position in the Spirit. And finish this year strong. The following word from *Craig Cooney* has blessed us immensely, and we believe it will strengthen and encourage you as we cross the finish line of 2025 together.

With love and blessings,

Ps. Slabbert & Naomi Pretorius | Lead Pastors - Accelerate Church



FINISH STRONG.

You have entered the final weeks of 2025.

I know you're weary. It's been an intense year.

At times, the warfare has been relentless.

You have contended and been sifted. But God has sustained and strengthened you in every season.

Don't let your guard down now.

Don't settle or shrink back.

Be strong. Stand firm.

Set your course. Don't be swayed.

There's no room for carnality, compromise, or complacency.

You're not only ending one year — you are setting yourself up for 2026.

You are sowing seeds.

Laying foundations.

Declaring intentions.

Establishing boundaries.

Forging relationships.

Breaking old mindsets.

Receiving blueprints and plans — glimpses of where you're going.

Dreams and visions of what the Father is preparing to place before you.

Don't underestimate the significance of how you're ending 2025.

How you end one season determines the level of favour you carry into the next.

The enemy knows this.

You may find unusual attacks and opposition as you near the finish line of this year.

Misunderstandings and accusations.

Temptations and enticements.

Don't give them your energy or attention.

Walk in purity. Guard your heart.

Protect your mind.

Stand on God's Word. Speak truth.

Remain unshakeable.

The final stretch of the race can be the hardest.

You're not sure you've much more to give.

But this is also where the greatest reward is waiting.

The Father will supply your every need. So persevere. Endure. Press on towards the finish line.

Stay in your lane. Keep your focus.

Don't be distracted by shiny objects.

Don't be deterred by the swirl of noise or negative voices.

Run to win. Glory awaits you.

FINISH STRONG.



Looking Ahead With Expectation

Recently, our pastoral team gathered for a significant and Spirit-led time together to pray, to seek the Lord, and to finalise our full 2026 program in alignment with our prophetic theme for the year: ***“Righteous in Christ — A Revelation to Live.”*** We left deeply convinced that 2026 will be a year marked by growth, deeper discipleship, and greater Kingdom impact as we live out the revelation of our righteousness in Christ. To stay updated with everything coming up, you can add our digital church calendar to your device [HERE](#):



MISSIONS SUNDAY RECAP

Mission Sunday was an awesome and impactful morning as our Missions Pastors, Ps. Llewellyn and Shireen, shared the heart of our church’s “Go.” We were reminded that our mandate is clear: to go and make disciples of NATIONS and to bring a heavenly impact through the sphere of education — one of the most powerful avenues for shaping future generations.

A huge thank you to everyone who gave generously toward our Missions Fund on the day. Your giving enables us to continue reaching, teaching, discipling, and resourcing communities around the world. If you missed the opportunity and would still like to contribute, you can give [HERE](#).



Christmas Musical Recap - “Unto Us”

A huge congratulations to our local homeschool community for producing and performing the beautiful Christmas musical ***“Unto Us.”***

The children and families involved poured their hearts into every rehearsal, prop, song, and scene—and it truly showed! We are so proud of everyone involved. The performance was full of joy, creativity, excellence, and a powerful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas.

Thank you to every parent, child, volunteer, and organiser who made this such a special event for our church and community. You all did an amazing job!

MEN & WOMEN’S EVENTS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Every month, these gatherings remind us that we’re better and stronger together—real conversations, genuine connection, and encouragement in the Word. This Saturday will be the last one for the year before we return in February, 2026

MEN OF INTEGRITY – 8:00 AM

Connect, be encouraged, and enjoy great fellowship with the men of our church.

ACCELERATE WOMEN – 10:00 AM

A beautiful gathering for the ladies to refresh, connect, and celebrate the year.



ACCELERATE YOUTH END-OF-YEAR CHRISTMAS PARTY - FRIDAY, DEC 12

Get ready for an unforgettable night! Our Youth Christmas Party will be packed with games, food, music, Christmas fun, and plenty of laughter to wrap up an incredible year together. This is the perfect chance for our teens to celebrate friendships, welcome new faces, appreciate our leaders, and look ahead with excitement to all God has in store for 2026. It's going to be an amazing night of faith, fun, and festive vibes — don't miss it! Watch or contact the Accelerate Youth FB Page for updates [HERE!](#)



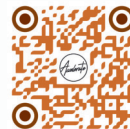
ACCELERATE KIDS END-OF-YEAR SONG IN SERVICE - SUNDAY, DEC 14

One of our favourite Sundays of the year! Come ready to cheer on our amazing kids as they present their special item. To close off the year, we will also be blessing our children with gifts and taking a moment to celebrate those who will be stepping into the Youth space in the new year. It's going to be a beautiful morning of joy, honour, and celebration!

LIFEGROUPS

Lifegroups are truly the heartbeat of our church family — places of discipleship, encouragement, prayer, and authentic connection. As we step into the holiday season, most of our Lifegroups will take a short break over Christmas and New Year. We pray this time is refreshing for our leaders and families as we pause to rest, celebrate, and enjoy the season. We are so excited to relaunch in the new year with a renewed focus on **discipleship** and **reaching our communities for Jesus**. We currently have Lifegroups in Narangba, Deception Bay, Dakabin, and North Lakes, and we are believing to expand into even more suburbs across our region.

If you'd like to get connected with a Lifegroup in 2026, we would love to help you find the right group for you! Fill out the connection form [HERE](#)



If you feel led to start a Lifegroup or would like to open your home as a host location (*with someone else leading*), please reach out using the same form — we would love to partner with you.

Let's continue growing together as a family and fulfilling the Great Commission right where God has planted us!



"LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS" CAROLS NIGHT SUNDAY, DEC 21 - STARTS 5PM

Join us for a joy-filled evening as we **Light Up Christmas** together! We'll kick off the night with a delicious BBQ dinner, laughter, and community connection — the perfect warm-up as we gather as a church family. From there, we'll move into a beautiful time of Christmas carols and a fun, family-friendly program for all ages. Bring your friends, neighbours, and loved ones — everyone is welcome at this festive community celebration!



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GIVING

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

Every seed sown generously and faithfully helps advance the Kingdom—impacting lives, supporting missions, and enabling ministry both locally and abroad. Your giving truly makes a difference!

Ways you can give securely:

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acceleratechurch.com/giving
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UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO SAVE

CHRISTMAS CAR MEET

- Saturday, December 20 12:30 PM

SUNDAY SERVICE + ACCELERATE KIDS END OF YEAR SING-ALONG

- Sunday, December 14 9:30 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Sunday, December 21 9:30AM

LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS - CAROLS NIGHT

- Sunday, December 21 5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

- Thursday, December 25 8:00 AM

NO SUNDAY SERVICE ON DECEMBER 28

- Enjoy time with loved ones and reflect on God's goodness!

2026 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SUNDAY SERVICES

- Sunday, January 4 9:30 AM
- Sunday, January 11 9:30AM
- Sunday, January 18 9:30AM
- Sunday, January 25 9:30AM

AUSTRALIA DAY CAR MEET + BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

- Saturday, January 24

VISION SUNDAY + CHURCH 8TH BIRTHDAY

- Sunday, February 1 9:30AM