

Accelerate CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

EQUIPPING PEOPLE TO HONOUR GOD

APRIL 2026

Hello Accelerate Family,

The year is well under way, and April has already come to an exciting and eventful start with our Easter celebrations. Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday gatherings were a truly special time—coming together as family, drawing close, and remembering the significance of Christ's sacrifice for us. We reflected on the finished work of Calvary, His triumphant resurrection, and what that means for us today.

All of this aligns so beautifully with our theme for this month: **"Our Position in Christ."** Throughout April, we'll be delving into what it truly means to be in Christ—a position that secures our new identity and our standing before God. As the Word says in Ephesians 2:4–6:

*"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."*

There is much happening in the world and in our individual lives that can create opportunities for uncertainty, fear, and hopelessness to creep into our hearts and minds. But we must not forget—nor allow ourselves to drift from—the truth of who Jesus is and who He says we are. Our position in Him is one of authority, confidence, hope, wisdom, righteous boldness, and peace that surpasses all understanding—not because of ourselves, but because we are rooted in Jesus Christ.

If you are feeling weighed down or shaken in this season, we encourage you to get into the Word. It may be time to assess what voices are speaking the loudest in your life. Cut out what doesn't align with Philippians 4:8, and replace it with truth—God's Word, worship, fellowship with believers, and content from those who are grounded in Him.

As we journey through this month, we are praying and expecting God to lead us into a greater revelation and lived-out expression of His righteousness. May every event, every program, and every moment in our church life—highlighted in the pages ahead—be soaked in His presence.

With love and blessings,  
Slabbert & Naomi Pretorius  
Lead Pastors - Accelerate Church



## WEEKLY SERVICES & PRAYER

We would love for you to continue gathering with us regularly as we build faith and community together:

- **Sunday Service – 9:30am**
- **Wednesday Service – 8:30am**
- **Prayer Meeting - 6pm every Wednesday**
- **Afrikaans Service - 8am every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**

There is something powerful about consistently gathering together in God's presence — we encourage you to make space to be part of what He's doing each week.



## EASTER WEEKEND RECAP

What an incredible Easter weekend we shared together as a church family! Both our Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday services were such a special and intimate time—reflecting, worshipping, and celebrating all that Jesus has done.

There was something so powerful about gathering in unity, remembering the cross, and then stepping into the joy and victory of the resurrection together. Moments like these remind us of the beauty of doing life as the Body of Christ.

And how amazing was it to celebrate those who took the next step in their faith through **baptism** on Resurrection Sunday! What a powerful declaration of new life in Christ.

If you've been thinking about getting baptised, we would love to walk alongside you in that step of faith: Please let us know [HERE](#)

## MEN & WOMEN GATHERINGS SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Our monthly Men's and Women's gatherings are a great way to stay connected and grow alongside others in our church family. These regular rhythms create space for encouragement, meaningful conversations, and building strong relationships.

Whether it's over breakfast with the guys or connecting with the girls at Accelerate Women, you don't want to miss it—come along and bring someone with you!

- **Men's Breakfast – Saturday, April 11 at 8:00am with Ps. Slabbert**
- **Accelerate Women – Saturday, April 11 at 10:00am with Lynne**



## YOUTH & YA CO! SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 6:30PM

We're so excited for our second Youth & YA CO! Night after an incredible launch last month! This new initiative is all about creating a space for our **youth and young adults** to gather, encounter God, and build strong, faith-filled community.

Expect a night full of energy, connection, and powerful moments in God's presence. Come hungry, bring a friend, and get ready for another impactful night!

## Care Groups TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Care Groups (formerly Lifegroups) are a vital part of our church life—where discipleship, genuine connection, and community outreach come together. These smaller, midweek gatherings create space to grow in the Word, care for one another, and reach the areas God has placed us in. Our Care Groups are meeting on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays across different locations.

### **CURRENT CARE GROUPS:**

**(1) Deception Bay, (2) North Lakes (3) Dakabin (4) Youth Care Group (5) Young Adults Care Group**

Whether you're looking to get connected, grow deeper in your faith, or step out and help lead or host, there's a place for you!

To join, host, or find out more, head to:

<https://acceleratechurch.com/care-groups/>



## SPHERES YOUTH CAMP

**APRIL 13-16**

Our youth leaders are heading off to Alpha Spheres Youth Camp, and we're so expectant for what God is going to do!

As a church, we'll be taking time this Sunday to pray for the team heading out—so come and be part of covering them in prayer.

Let's continue to lift them up throughout the week, believing for powerful encounters with God—that lives will be transformed, identities will be anchored in Christ, and they'll return fired up and ready to pour out what has been poured into them.

## ACCELERATE KIDS RETURNING TERM 2 SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Accelerate Kids will be on break during the school holidays, returning on Sunday, April 19. When Term 2 starts, we're so excited to welcome our kids back into a fun, engaging, and faith-filled environment where they can learn about Jesus and grow in their relationship with Him.

For parents, while kids are in the main service during the holidays, we'll have activity packs available to help keep them engaged—just ask one of our team when you arrive at church.



## Discipleship Process

As a church, we are intentionally leaning into our Accelerate Discipleship Process—a journey designed to help every believer grow deeper in their relationship with God and be equipped to disciple others, in obedience to Matthew 28:19.

Our main program is currently in Stage 2 (Spiritual Orientation stage), but the beauty of this process is that anyone can jump in at any time. Whether you're starting fresh or catching up on a previous stage, you can move through it at your own pace—personally, with family, friends, or within your Care Group.

This journey is about more than just personal growth—it's about multiplication. As we walk this out together, we're being equipped not only to follow Jesus more closely, but to help others do the same.

Discipleship books are available to pick up at church, so make sure you grab yours and get started!

You can also access the Discipleship Process digitally through our church app [HERE](#):

<https://accelerate.elvanto.com.au/posts/the-church-app/>



## ENCOUNTER 2 WEEKEND

### APRIL 24-25

Our first Encounter Weekend was such a powerful and impactful time, and we are so expectant for what God is going to continue doing as He builds on that foundation.

These weekends are a key part of our **Discipleship Process**—creating intentional space to encounter God, be transformed, and step into greater freedom and clarity in our walk with Him.

We're believing that this next Encounter will be even deeper, with lives changed, hearts renewed, and people stepping more fully into who God has called them to be.

Make sure you're part of it—and come expectant for all that God wants to do!

## WORSHIP NIGHT

**Sunday, April 26 | 6-30PM**

Join us for our monthly Worship Night as we come together to seek God, lift His name high, and make space for His presence to move.

These nights are always so special—unhurried, intentional moments where we can fix our eyes on Jesus, be refreshed, and minister to the Lord together. Whether you've had a big week or just need time in His presence, this is a space for you.

Come expectant, come hungry, and bring someone along—we're believing for a powerful encounter with God!



## SAVE THE DATE - WINTER FAMILY DAY

**June 27**

How good was our recent **Autumn Family Day** out in the community! Such a great time of connection, fun, and reaching people together. Watch a short recap video [HERE!](#)

We're excited to do it all again—so make sure you save the date for our **Winter Family Day** on June 27! More details to come, but you won't want to miss it.

## ANZAC DAY CAR MEET

**Saturday, April 25 | 2pm**

Our Car Group will be hosting a special ANZAC Day Car Meet, kicking off after our Encounter 2 program, and creating a great opportunity to connect with the community while honouring and celebrating our veterans. The afternoon will include awesome cars, BBQ, coffee, raffles, prizes, and relaxed, family-friendly vibes. All are welcome—come along, bring a friend, and be part of it! Find out more [HERE](#)



## MISSIONS FUNDRAISER NIGHT

What an incredible night we had at our recent Missions Fundraiser! With a strong PNG focus, it truly felt like "A Night in Papua New Guinea". A huge thank you to everyone who was involved—those who organised, served, gave, and came along to support. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise much needed funds to support **Bush Schools** in PNG, making a real impact in the lives of students and communities there. The team is already looking ahead to the next fundraiser—this time with a Fiji theme! Keep an eye out for more details coming soon! In the meantime, head over to the Bush Schools Facebook page to stay connected and up to date with all that's happening

## STAY CONNECTED

There are so many ways to stay connected and up to date with everything happening at church! Download the Church App – Access the Discipleship Process, stay informed, and stay connected wherever you are.

- **Sign up for our Monthly Newsletter & Updates [HERE](#)** – Be the first to know what's coming up.
- **Follow us on Social Media [HERE](#)** – Stay encouraged and engaged throughout the week.
- **Grab a Church Calendar** – Pick up a copy at church to help you plan ahead for the year.
- **Join a Team [HERE](#)** – Get involved, build community, and be part of what God is doing.
- **Join a Care Group [HERE](#)** – Grow in discipleship, build community, and do life with others.

Let's stay connected as we journey together!



## 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:

- **Online:**  
[acceleratechurch.com/giving](https://acceleratechurch.com/giving)
- **In Service:** During the offering time or via eftpos
- **Direct Deposit:**  
BSB: 084 004  
ACC: 729 879 320  
NAME: ACCELERATE CHURCH  
ABN: 89081008675



## UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO SAVE

### MEN'S & WOMEN'S EVENTS

- Saturday, April 11
  - Men's Breaky - 8:00AM
  - Accelerate Women - 10:00AM

### YOUTH & YA CO!

- Sunday, April 12 - 6:30PM

### AFRIKAANS SERVICE

- Sunday, April 19 - 8:00AM

### ACCELERATE KIDS RETURN

- Sunday, April 19

### ENCOUNTER 2 WEEKEND

- Friday, April 24 - 6:00-9:00PM
- Saturday, April 25 - 8:00AM-1:00PM

### ANZAC CAR MEET

- Saturday, April 25 - 2:00PM

### WORSHIP NIGHT

- Sunday, April 26 - 6:30PM

### SUNDAY SERVICES

- Sunday, April 5 - 9:30AM
- Sunday, April 12 - 9:30AM
- Sunday, April 19 - 9:30AM
- Sunday, April 26 - 9:30AM

### MAY

### MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

- Sunday, May 10 - 9:30AM

### MISSION SUNDAY

- Sunday, May 31 - 9:30AM