

Life @theLakes



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Welcome!

to our third edition of Life@theLakes.

It is great that you could join us in celebrating the life God has given us. We are excited about what God is doing and believe He is shaping us into a community which restores hope and healing to our broken world, one life at a time. Our heart is for all people to connect with God - Life - and Each Other ... It is our desire that you would feel at home and find this is a community where you can grow to your full potential, learning to love God and others the same extravagant way He loves you.



A personal note...

Freedom

“In your freedom I will live,” is a line from a song that captured my heart the first time I sang it at Hillsong last year. It has sparked a desire within me to live truly free – the way Paul challenged the church in Galatia to live.

Freedom for many people is defined by being able to do what we like when we like.

We often think of freedom in terms of external resources and circumstances.

Things like financial freedom – no rules – no restrictions – no responsibilities.

The bible though teaches, and life confirms, a totally different form of freedom. It's a freedom that comes from within, where Christ is given the central place in our life - where He is the One calling the shots not us - where He is the One directing our decisions not us - and where He is the One determining our destiny not us. This does not sound like freedom to many people's ears, but for those who truly live this way there is a freedom that cannot be bought.

Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.....

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows.

Gal 5:1,13

When we embrace the freedom, which only Christ at the centre can bring, we find ourselves free to choose what is right not just what feels good.

We find ourselves free to love naturally and in rhythm with life. We find ourselves free to give generously not holding back. And we find ourselves free to live for an audience of just One.

When Paul said, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for

me,” he was making a statement of what it means to live truly free.

During second term we will be working through the book of Galatians and in particular looking at what it means to be truly free.

I pray this will be a time where people are set free, truly set free, from sin, from guilt, from performance, from addictions, from self, and from fears.

May we stand and walk in the freedom only Christ can bring.

Phil Bignill

Community Life

Hi everyone

I'm writing this having just returned from attending the Colour Conference (Hillsong women's conference) in Sydney. 16000 women attended this conference and I have to tell you it is a real experience to spend time with 16000 women!!! There were queues for the entire weekend, queues for coffee, for the toilet, to get out of the car park, to get into the auditorium and the list goes on.

I have been to this conference for the last three years and have always really enjoyed the times of worship, praising our great God in this environment, and this year was no exception.

Although I have to admit that this year I really found an appreciation for what we have here in our church at Centenary Lakes Christian Community. I missed worshipping with my family here in Cairns!!! When you are able to feel at home

someplace there really is no greater place to be, and for me that place is here. I really hope that for many of you your place is here too!

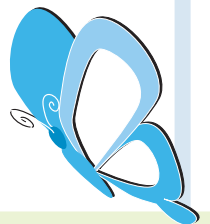
As many of you know last year the plight of the child soldiers in Gulu in Northern Uganda really affected me personally.

I came back from Colour bursting with a need to do something, to make a difference. This year I have come back being amazed at how much God is working in that place. Marylyn Skinner (of Watoto Ministries) made a comment that last year Satan thought that Gulu was his territory (my paraphrase) but God has taken this community back for himself. At the end of last year 4 of the leaders of the rebel army actually came to Marylyn personally to ask for her help for some of the children that they had abducted – how amazing is that, how great is our God!

It seemed on the surface that God had left Gulu, and yet nothing was further from the truth. There are many places that seem so far beyond God's reach and yet nothing is beyond His reach. I really believe that prayer played a huge part in the turn around in Gulu. By making so many people aware of the plight of these children people really began praying and doing, as a result of that there was breakthrough. As a community we have a responsibility to play our part in the places that seem beyond God's reach. Are there areas in your own life that seem impossible to breakthrough? Do you know of a need somewhere? The more we as a community pray for each other and help each other the more we will see of God's amazing power.

Have a great month!
Love

Julie Bignill



Community Life children

Lakes Kids



Koala Kids
Playgroup
Tuesdays and
Thursdays
9.30am - 11.30am



Geckos
Kids Club
Grades 3-6
Thursdays 5.30pm
Cost \$3 dinner incl



Guppies Junior Club
Wednesdays 3.30pm - 5pm
Cost \$2 afternoon tea incl

"Kids@church"



Welcome to Lakes Kids!!

We have amazing outreach programmes for our kids at Lakes Kids and one of those great programmes is Geckos. Geckos is a club for kids. Last week they had a fantastic time on a wet night and the week before they were all dressed as Pirates. I know that the kids have a blast at Geckos because my kids go and they love it!!!

As they provide dinner for the kids they are always in need of some extra help in the kitchen to free up the leaders. So if you can make a few easy dishes, you have a blue card, and can help on a Thurs night, just see Robyn or contact the office.

Please pray for this wonderful kids club that reaches out to the kids in our community!!!

God bless,

Sharon Price



Geckos - Getting Every Child to keep on Seeking

Geckos is the club our community provides for any child in grades 3 through to grade 6. We meet every Thursday during school term from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Dinner is included. Our leaders are passionate in their love for 'kids' and our deepest desire is that every child will know that God is real and that he loves them. We run a loud, fun program which has structure based around games, laughter, songs, stories, sharing meals together and social interaction.

Robyn Francis



Community Life Youth



Richard



Sarah



Wayne

Program

April 4th
Pizza & Reflection @
the Lakes (end term 1)

April 11th
Holiday NO YOUTH

April 18th
Jesus - who do YOU
think he is?

April 25th
Jesus - Son of the
Living God

Hi everyone...

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce you to some of our team...

Hmmmm let's start with Richard Mindenhall, or Richy, rich, ricci depending on our mood of course. Now Rich would say he is very dramatic and a huge fan of food (invite him to dinner and suggest he do the cooking... top nosh). Richard reckons Psalm 63 is a ripper, so check it out. Ohhh and about his cooking... he makes a great chocolate slop... he calls it a dessert catastrophe though.

Now Wayne and Sarah come as a package... they didn't originally but somehow maybe moon phase or something... they are now one.

So about young Saza, she's is a pretty happy kind of person. But a word of warning, if you have a wheelie bin and a lemon tree... you may find Sarah teaching your children to play cricket with them out

on the street. Her favourite bible passage is 1 Corinthians 13. She loves Thai food as well.

Now Wayne Hannah, or Wacky as his mates call him eats Lasagne. Seriously who has lasagne as favourite food (maybe that's why they call him whacky). Wayne is a funny guy who luckily married someone who can cook as he finds it a foreign concept that he would cook. Favourite verse for Wayne is Proverbs 27:17.

At Yzone we take food seriously, besides filling your children up with red cordial... NOT... we make sure they have plenty of water, juice, fruit and savoury as well as sweet. But it's not only the physical food we are concerned with. We also feed your children spiritually, in hope that when they are asked for their favourite food they will quote scripture instead of a dietary menu.

Bless Ya

Walter Harnisch



April

Monthly Calendar

Sun

Mon

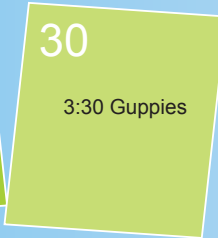
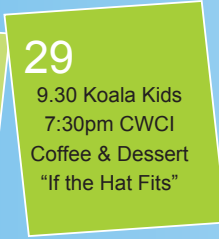
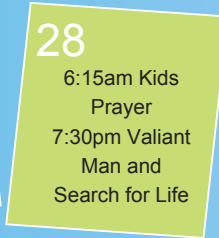
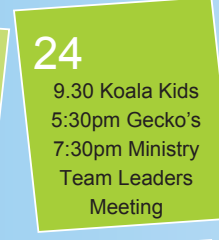
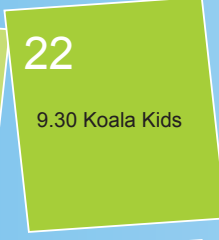
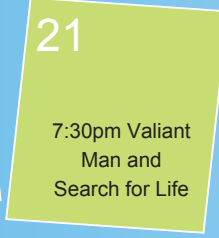
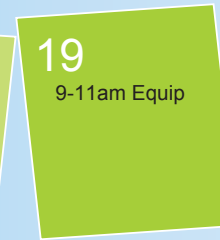
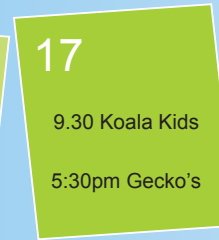
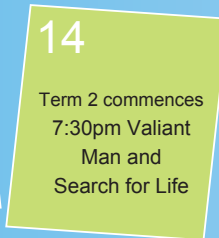
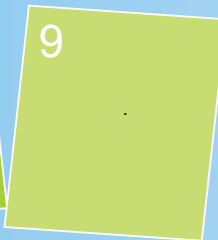
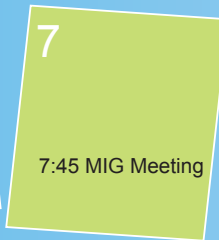
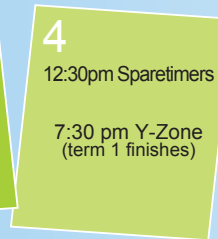
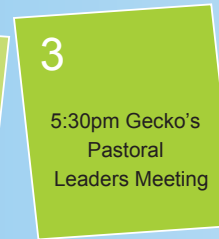
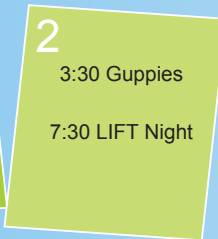
Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



Regular Weekly Activities

Sunday Service & Kids Church 9:30am

Prayer & Worship at Church
8:30-9:30am each week day

Adult Life Groups Tuesdays and
Wednesdays - see following page.

Community Lifegrowth

Growth

Are you **NEW** here?

We would love you to journey with us here at Centenary Lakes. If it is your first time here please enjoy a complimentary cappuccino from our Connection Corner.

If you would like more information on how you might get connected into the life of the church please speak to someone about receiving a welcome pack. They are available at the photo board or through the office.

Join a LIFE GROUP

A place to find:
friendship
acceptance
peer support
Christian values

Lifegroups 2008

Location	Leader	Host	Night	Contact details
Edge Hill	Nadine O'Farrell	Chris Loudon	Thursday 7:30 pm	0403 721 576
Whitfield	Colleen Birrell	Colleen	Monday 7:30 pm	4032 4806
Kanimbla	Luke & Sarah Palmer	Luke & Sarah	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4034 1282 0403 393 397
Kanimbla	Diane Latour	Diane	Tuesday 7:30 pm	4034 1383
Young Adults - rotating venue	Brett & Renee Wilson	Brett & Renee	Wednesday 7:30 pm	0413 194282
Young Adults Brinsmead	Diana Bush	Monica Ward	Monday 7:30 pm	0439 957 093 (Monica)
Woree	David and MaryAnn Shliahov	David & Marianne	Monday 7:30 pm	0415 872 797
Redlynch	Doug & Yvonne Miles	Yvonne	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4039 2728
Redlynch	Penny Grummit	Penny	Tuesday 7:30 pm	0429 348 938
Stratford	Rohan Morrell	Rick & Pat Green	Wednesday 7.30 pm	40551886 (Pat) 4058 1886 (Rohan)
Lake Placid	Michael & Charlotte Corden	Michael & Charlotte	Sunday 5.30 pm	4039 1215
Kuranda	Martin & Sally Panter	Martin & Sally	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4093 8100
Ladies KYB Mooroolbool	Faye Barrett	Faye Barrett	Tuesday 9.30 am	4053 2002
Ladies KYB Redlynch	Noelene Morris	Noelene	Wednesday 9.30 am	4039 2030
Ladies Whitfield	Julie Bignill	Julie	Wednesday 9.30 am	4032 0804

Community Lifegrowth



Valiant Man

Valiant Man is about sexual discipleship. This program is designed to fortify and restore the moral and spiritual integrity of men. Valiant Man challenges all men to fight for their own personal, moral and spiritual vitality and help other men fight for theirs.

Sessions Include:

- A Vision for Manhood
- The Arena of Healing
- The Sexual Man
- The Origin, Power and Purpose of Sex
- The Cycle of Addiction
- The Understanding man
- Retraining Your Brain
- Taking a Stand
- Guarding Your Heart
- Realistic Expectations

Term 2 Dates

Mon 14 April – Mon 23 June
(10 week commitment)

7.30pm at Church

See Peter Boyd or Denise Jorgensen for Registrations. Register by 30 March

Search for Life

This program identifies the cause of many human tensions and introduces participants to the healing power of love, acceptance and unshakeable significance.

Sessions Include:

- The Arena of Healing
- Knowing Yourself by Creation
- Knowing Yourself by the Fall
- The Cycle of Addiction
- The Performance Trap
- The Approval Addict
- The Blame Game
- The Shame Game
- Spiritual and Emotional Healing
- Rebuilding Our Thinking & Behaviour

Search for Life (Women only)

Term 2 Dates

Mon 14 April – Mon 23 June
(10 week commitment)
7.30pm in Hall

Also being held:

Mon 14 April – Mon 23 June
(10 week commitment)
9.30am in Hall

Day may change but course will begin that week.
See Denise Jorgensen for Registrations
Register by 30 March



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< Denise Jorgensen

Careforce Conference

Venue: Mt. Evelyn Church Lilydale
(Melbourne)

When: 30th - 31st May 2008.

Early bird registration \$105 to be registered by
1st April - see Denise for more info.

Community Life Prayer

A note on our

Prayer Place

Are you bored with prayer?

Do you know that prayer matters, but secretly wish that there was more life to it? Do you want to deepen the roots of your prayer life? Then discover 'the lost art of meditation'. For more ideas and information read the book *'The Lost Art of Meditation'* by Sheila Pritchard. Meditation may have very 'new age' connotations for you - yoga, chanting, emptying our minds and opening ourselves up to 'voices out there'. But what I am talking about is profoundly Christian, because the focus of the meditation is God.

In the Old Testament, meditation is regarded as an essential part of Godly living. Deuteronomy 11:18-21 tells us to fill our hearts and minds with God's Word, to use symbols to help us remember, to use every day conversations and experiences to teach our children, to think about them as

we walk and to write them down so we don't forget. Meditative prayer is more about listening than talking. It's more about taking in what God is saying, than about making sure he hears what you are saying.

God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.' Mother Teresa

So how do you get started?

- 1) Decide to do it** - That might sound simple, but actually it can be the stumbling block. We want to get deeper into God but at the same time we don't want to - we're too busy, we're afraid, we put it off. Make a conscious choice to go deeper.
- 2) Find a space** - A quiet room, a comfy chair, a place where you won't be interrupted.
- 3) Invite God to be present with you and to speak to you.**
- 4) Begin** - Choose a short passage of scripture (perhaps a Psalm). Read through the

passage slowly a number of times. Explore each phrase. Be reflective. Ask yourself questions like 'Why has this phrase jumped out at me?' 'What pictures or images come into my head as I read this phrase?' 'How does this phrase relate to my life right now?' 'What might God want to show me through this

phrase?' 'What is my response?' Be aware of God's presence. (This is known as Lectio Divina or 'divine reading').

- 5) Write down what you learn** - Record new insights and how God has spoken to you through the passage.
- 6) Finish by thanking God** for his word to you.

Until next month,


Angela Harding



Community Life Missions

Missions

Exciting news!



Michelle Arthur has booked her ticket to begin her mission work in Africa. First in South Africa, then in Zambia. She

leaves Sydney on April 18th for Durban where she hopes to work with a South African family and their ministry there. She will go on to Zambia at the start of June to work with 'Zambian Outreach', a Christian organisation which administers medications necessary for the HIV Aids children, provides one good meal per day, and assists the children with their education.

Michelle will help out with teaching and organizing activities for the orphans and supplying much needed fun and laughter in between times! Actually her role will be altered and improved as time goes by. Michelle has no real time schedule but hopes to be there at least 5 months.

What an amazing commitment. I am sure she will value our prayers, and we will update you, as we are able.

Remember that Bek will be visiting North Queensland, primarily Cairns, from 29th April to 8th June. Please speak with Robyn Francis as Bek's calendar with opportunities for

people and groups to spend time with Bek is quickly being filled. We will all have the opportunity to hear her speak at the Missions Sunday service on May 4th.

The Sinclair family is due for annual leave so would value your prayers for a restful and encouraging break from East Timor.

The next MIG (Missions Interest Group) meeting is at Laurence Whitehead's place 7:45pm Thursday 10th April. If you are interested in praying for missions, why not come along.

Penny Grummitt



Action for Empowerment, Zambia

Community Notices

Notices

Cappuccino Roster

6 April Doug Miles
 13 April Kent & Judi
 20 April Chucky & Clare
 27 April Mollenhauers



Finance report

The average for the last 4 weeks is \$4319.
 Weekly budget: \$5900

Cleaning Team Roster

5th April Sue Hole, Rosemary Mayle
 12th April Harris', Cordens
 19th April Greens, Morris' Laurence W
 26th April Grummitts, Chandlers

Regular Weekly Activities

Sunday Service & Kids Church 9:30am
 Prayer & Worship at Church 8:30-9:30am each week day
 6:15 Prayer for Kids (fortnightly)
 Playgroup in Hall 9:30-11:30am Tuesdays & Thursdays
 Guppies (in Hall) 3:30 - 5:00pm
 Midweek Service 7:30 Wednesdays
 Gecko's 5:30pm Thursdays in Hall
 Band Practice 6pm Thursdays
 Youth -Yzone 7.30pm Fridays in Church

Chaplaincy @ Woree High

Don't forget to nominate Woree High as your charity at Piconnes IGA Pease St or Edmonton. A percentage of what you spend is then donated to the Chaplain, Andrew Boardman at Woree State High School.

Morning Tea Roster

DATE	LEADERS and HELPERS
6th April	Sally-Anne, Viv, Helen R, Beth E, Pat G
13th April	Lyn, Alrena, Jackie D, Jim & Margaret P
20th April	Dagma, Sally, Patsy, Denise
27th April	Margaret & John, Beth T, Linda & Allan

Ladies coffee & dessert night

showing "Indescribable"
 18th April 7.30pm
 in the back hall.

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Life Keys

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Teaching Ministries

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