

Life @theLakes



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Living a life that counts

Welcome!

to 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...

Living a life that counts



Happy new year everyone!

How was your Christmas break? Did you make any new year's resolutions? By now you would have had time to break some of them and time to know those you are serious about.

At the beginning of each year I take a day and get away on my own with God and prayerfully work through goals for my life for the coming year. I am not normally one for setting goals, nor am I trying to impress God, but this is a time for God to speak to me about the areas in my life that he wants to work on so I become more the man he made me to be.

All of us want to live a life that counts, but many of us settle for something far less. Past failures, the busyness of life, the cost involved and our own sense of lack all contribute to us settling at a place far different than the place and path God has marked out for us.

Over the coming term we are going to look at the book of

James and what he has to say about living a life that counts.

James raises some challenging questions and sets some specific directions about how we are to live our life. Here are a few we are going to be looking at

- What's my vision for life?
- What am I feeding on?
- Money or people?
- Talk or action?
- The power of words.
- Who's my boss?
- Hoard or invest?
- Faith or fear?

Why not find some time in the next few days and read through the book of James asking God to reveal the areas of your life He wants to work on with you. Prayerfully set some goals and share them with a friend who can encourage you throughout the year. God is a personal and intentional God and he has plans for your life this year. The greatest plan he has is to know you and for you to know him.

Phil

Community Life



Several years ago (before we had children and moved to Cairns), Phil and I took part in an experiment in Community Living. We moved into a house in Sydney with about 20 other people. There was 1 other young married couple, the family who owned the house and various people of differing ages and therefore stages of life. We lived together for 3 weeks – which doesn't seem like very long but in a 4 bedroom house it felt like a lifetime...

The idea was for us to continue living our normal lives – as much as possible – as well as make a difference within the surrounding community. I was working full-time so went to work each day with several others who were in the house, Phil was at bible college so continued his studies and was involved within the community and others helped around the house etc.

WOW – 2009 already. The year has already started off with a real bang...well not so much a bang as a deluge of water throughout Cairns.

The first week went quite well with the excitement of living together – but very soon the honeymoon period was over. People became frustrated with one another – and it wasn't long before little frustrations became BIG frustrations and were not hidden any longer. Because it was a controlled environment these things were dealt with – not always easily – but definitely effectively, and I think we all became better people because of this time spent together.

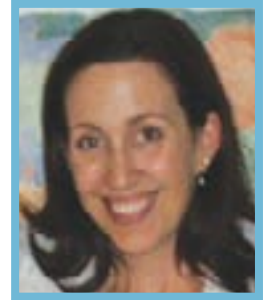
Here at Centenary Lakes Christian Community we don't want "community" to just be a word used in a title – we want it to make a difference as to how we live our lives together. To live in community takes real honesty, openness & truthfulness – but on the other hand it takes graciousness, forgiveness, acceptance and love. Whether or not we experience this kind of community this year is up to us as individuals. Are you prepared to commit to what it takes to experience community the way God intended?

Julie Bignill





Children



Well, we have just had the best start to 2009 with the launching of our workshop/retreat style programme for kids & youth called "Kick Start". When asking some of those who attended what they liked most about "Kick Start" this was some of their responses:

"I loved the worship time", "I loved the opportunity to just sit on our own with our journals talking and hearing from God," "I liked how we were given different creative ways to express our faith journey

and who we are in God" and "I loved the small group time and getting to know others in my group".

I know I would speak for all of the leaders involved that it was such a privilege and blessing to be part of this workshop retreat and we cannot wait to see what God has in store for the future "Kick Start" programmes. So don't worry if you missed out on our first "Kick Start" as we are doing an intensive 2 hour (3pm – 5pm) workshop once a month!!

2009 Kick Start Date Claimers

15th Feb

22nd March

26th April

24th May

21st June

19th July

16th Aug

13th Sept

18th Oct

22nd Nov

Sharon Price ©

KICK START TRAINING DAY CAMP





FILL 'ER UP



It's a new year and Yzone is about to kick off with a new theme for the year.

Fill 'Er Up is about refueling for the journey we are on. Jesus and the woman at the well had a conversation that we need to take as personal and not just a nice story. John 4 reads ¹³ **"All who drink of this water,"** replied Jesus, **"will be thirsty again;**

¹⁴ **But whoever once drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst any more; but the water that I will give him shall become a spring welling up within him--a source of Immortal Life."**

All too often we are looking for that fountain of eternal life and we forget that it has already been offered to us.

We speak of being "full of the Holy Spirit" and "I can do all things through Christ..." but we never actually take the time to stop and drink from His cup. Our goal for this year is to equip our selves at Yzone with tools and ways to service our spiritual life and 'Fill 'Er Up'. Ever thought about why we call our Sunday gatherings services? That must make our building a service station. So when you next go into a service station don't miss the opportunity to **Fill 'Er Up** and not just stop for a chat.

Walter Harnisch





February

Monthly Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9:30am Each one Reach one Speaker: Phil Bignill</p> <p>5:30pm Faith Hope Love Organic</p>	<p>6:15am Prayer for children 8:30am Prayer</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>12:00 Ministers Network</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>7pm LIFT Night</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids 6:00pm Worship Practice 7:30pm Pastoral Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>12:30 Sparetimers</p> <p>5:30pm Geckos 7.30pm Y-Zone</p>	
<p>9:30am James Series Wk1: Faith the Counts Speaker: Phil Bignill</p> <p>5:30pm Faith Hope Love Organic</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm MIG Meeting</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids 7:30 The Marriage Course 8.00pm The Meeting Place</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>6:00pm Worship Practice 7:00pm Freedom Worship</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>5:30pm Geckos 7.30pm Y-Zone</p>	<p>9:00am Worship Leaders workshop 11:00am Worship Team Meeting</p>
<p>9:30am James Series Wk2 Speaker: Phil Bignill</p> <p>3:00pm Kick Start</p> <p>5:30pm Faith Hope Love Organic</p>	<p>6:15am Prayer for children 8.30am Prayer</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids 7:30 The Marriage Course 8.00pm The Meeting Place</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>6:00pm Worship Practice</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>5:30pm Geckos 7.30pm Y-Zone</p>	<p>Day of Prayer</p>
<p>9:30am James Series Wk3 Speaker: Phil Bignill</p> <p>5:30pm Faith Hope Love Organic</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids 7:00 Cairns Churches Prayer Night 7:30 Marriage Course 8.00pm The Meeting Place</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>6:00pm Worship Practice 7:30 MTL's Meet</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>5:30pm Geckos 7.30pm Y-Zone</p>	

Regular Weekly Activities

- Sunday Service & Kids Church 9:30am
- Sunday 5.30pm Faith, Hope, Love - Organic
- Prayer & Worship at Church 8:30-9:30am each week day
- Koala Kids Play Group in Hall 9.30-11.30am Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
- The Meeting Place (Prayer) Wednesdays 8-9pm
- Adult Life Groups Tuesdays and Wednesdays - see following page.
- Geckos 5.30pm Fridays in Hall
- Worship Practice 6pm Thursdays
- Youth - Yzone 7pm Fridays in Church

Sometimes it can be a struggle to connect meaningfully with one another in a large gathering and often we can feel isolated. Finding a place to belong in a Lifegroup will draw you into a close knit, caring community where people know, love and support one another. Being in a Lifegroup involves meeting together weekly in homes where people can make natural connections in a small group best suited for them. It's an ideal way to become part of an environment that nurtures authentic Christian community, biblical teaching, and on-going discipleship.

Join a LIFE GROUP

A place to find:
Friendship
Acceptance
Prayer support
Christian values

Lifegroups 2009

Location	Leader	Host	Night	Contact details
Kanimbla	Nadine O'Farrell	Chris Loudon	Thursday 7:30 pm	0409 721 576
Whitfield	Colleen Birrell	Colleen	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4032 4806
Kanimbla	Luke & Sarah Palmer	Luke & Sarah	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4034 1282 0403 393 397
The Edge 18+ Kanimbla Heights	Janine & Campbell Smythe	Nadine O'Farrell	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4058 2849
Woree	David and Marianne Shliahov	David & Marianne	Monday 7:30 pm	0415 872 797
Redlynch	Thomas & Mel Pashley	Thomas & Mel	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4039 0699
Redlynch	Rohan Morrell	Des & Penny Grummitt	Wednesday 7:30 pm	0417 372 146 (Rohan) 4039 3108 (Penny)
Stratford	Grant Dixon	Rick & Pat Green	Tuesday 7.30 pm	40551886 (Pat) 0411 799 717 (Grant)
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



Koala Kids is about to get started for 2009..... we will be running three sessions a week: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The first first term will get underway on Tuesday 3rd February. If you are new to our church or have recently had a baby we'd love you to join us in one of these play group sessions. 9.30-11.30am in the back hall. Mums and Dads are both welcome to attend! Just bring morning tea and a drink for your child, and come and enjoy a mixture of free play, mat-time, craft and movement. See or call Rosemary (4053 2434) for more information.

The Need:

Many families are looking for a programme that will teach their children values, a place where they can learn about God, and all are looking for friendship and a place where they are loved and looked after. Others are new to Cairns or new to the house-bound life of a mother

and are looking for a place to make friends and connect in a meaningful way.

Our Response:

Koala Kids is an outreach ministry to families in our community who don't yet know Jesus. We are intentional about sharing the heart of God and believe by faith that the Lord will extend His kingdom right here in our "own backyard" amongst the families of Cairns.

Half of our regular Koala Kids families do not have a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus. They come from all over Cairns and all walks of life. This is a front-line outreach ministry of our church and we need your help!

WHAT CAN I DO? I don't have pre-schoolers! This isn't for me! –

"Adopt a family in prayer" started in Term 4 of '08. It is our desire that each non-christian Koala Kids family be paired up with someone from our own church family, who would commit to pray for them and their salvation. Please talk to Rosemary if you'd like to be part of this exciting prayer ministry.

Pray for our church families and Koala Kids leaders who minister each week in the sessions.

The Bible has these promises:

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you"
(Matt 7:7)

"You do not have, because you do not ask God"
(James 4:2)

Let's pray together because God promises that when we pray, He will intervene. What an opportunity and what an exciting year we have ahead of us as a church family to reach the lost as we step out in faith to share God's love!



Will you be part of it?

Rosemary Woodward



February

Church fast

Last February many of the leaders went on a **Daniel Fast** (eating only fresh fruit and vegetables) to seek God and His will for us. I personally found it a very powerful time of consecration and hearing from God.

This year we have decided to do the fast again and we are inviting the church to join us on a 21day fast beginning the 1st of February.

Jesus said "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."

(Jn 5:19)

Jesus regularly fasted and prayed so he could hear from God. When we fast we are saying to God what you have to say to us is more important to me than satisfying my stomach. We are saying we trust you completely and you and your will matters more to me than anything else.

Fasting is not:

- To twist God's arm
- A Christian diet – to lose weight
- Starving yourself
- For others to notice you
- For the monks or the super spiritual
- For us to obtain merit from God
- To prove to God how disciplined you are!!

"We acknowledge that we fast and pray for results but the results are in God's hands. One of the greatest spiritual benefits of fasting is becoming more attentive to God - becoming more

aware of our own inadequacies and His adequacy, our own contingencies and His self-sufficiency - and listening to what He wants us to be and do. To focus on God. The results are spiritual results that glorify God - both in the person who fasts and others for whom we fast and pray."

by Elmer L. Towns

(Fasting for Spiritual Break Through)

If you decide to join us – we have in the office suggested foods and recipes for the Daniel fast. However, you may decide to fast from something else or for a shorter period. That is between you and God.

Here are a few prayer points to assist in the areas that we are focusing on but please pray as you feel lead by the Holy Spirit!

Prayer points

- Increased hunger and passion for God (Father-Son-Spirit) and His Kingdom.
- For the ability for each person to hear, discern, and do the will of God.
- Restored relationships – with God, life and each other.
- An increased awareness and commitment to justice and righteousness.
- New Life – let this be a year of salvation.
- An increase in the equipping and release of workers for the kingdom.
- Unity in direction and purpose within our church and churches as a whole.
- Wisdom & discernment for leaders - to listen & obey the leading of the Lord.
- For our families and the families in this city.
- That we will all be men, women and children of faith – who believe in the promises of God and walk confidently in the provision of God.

Phil Bignill



The Marriage Course 2009

The Marriage Course is for any married couple who wants to build strong foundations for a healthy marriage that will last a lifetime.

The course is for any married couple who want to work together at and invest in their relationship. It doesn't matter if you've been married for less than two years or more than thirty.

If you have a strong marriage this course will help you make it even better and will reinforce your good habits. If on the other hand your marriage is in difficulty, the course will help provide you with very practical tools to help you work through the issues.

It is a series of eight sessions designed to help any married couple

REGISTER NOW
or for further
information –

Please contact the office on
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or contact Campbell & Janine
Smythe 4058 2849,
email:
adultministries@thelakes.org.au

strengthen their relationship.

It's a great opportunity to spend time together as a couple looking at the important issues in your marriage.

The Marriage Course is very practical and will help equip you with the tools needed to build a healthy marriage that lasts a lifetime.

Each week you are given the opportunity to enjoy a special coffee & dessert together and listen to a talk. Then there is plenty of time to discuss the topic as a couple. There is no group work involved at any stage of the course.

2009 Marriage Course
11th Feb – 25th Mar 2009
(7 weeks)

That's week 3 of term 1.



Community Life

Baptisms



Noah

What a wonderful time of dedication and celebration on Vision Sunday (21 Nov), as 2 adults and four children made a commitment to follow our precious Lord Jesus all the days of their life and were baptized



Jesse



Reid



Kris



Matthew



Jamie

Engagement Congratulations

What a great year already ahead of us as we congratulate two couples on their recent engagements. Luke Harris & Lauren Dickman. Cameron Alexander & Natalie Scoates. Congratulations!

Baby Dedication

On 7th December our community had the wonderful privilege of joining the Boyd family for the dedication of their baby girl Esther-Grace to our Lord Jesus. Friends and family travelled far and wide to celebrate this joyous occasion.



COMBINED PRAYER NIGHTS FOR 2009

WEDNESDAYS 7PM – 8.30PM

“PASSION FOR SOULS”

25TH FEB GOOD SHEPHERD ANGLICAN CHURCH
25TH MAR GENERATION CHURCH “THE BEACHES”
29TH APR MULGRAVE COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
27TH MAY CENTENARY LAKES CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
29TH JUL SMITHFIELD UNITING CHURCH
28TH OCT CITYWIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

FRI 4TH SEPT FESTIVAL OF CAIRNS
BEGINNING 7TH DEC COMBINED
CHRISTMAS EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS CONTACT
cairnsministersnetwork@gmail.com

Rosemary



On 7th January 2009 our dear sister Rosemary Barker went to be with our Lord.

On Tuesday 13th January we celebrated Rosemary's incredible life and said our goodbyes here at the church.

Rosemary will be sadly missed, especially by her family and close friends, and yet 'absent in the body is present with the Lord', and what a glorious place she is in!

Rosemary inspired us with her tenacity for the precious gift of life, both current and eternal, and in her tremendous courage in facing her death.

Thank you Rosemary!

Report on Vision 2009 Faith Offering

Total Cash received to date \$18,288

Total Pledges received to come \$40,000

The 2009 Faith offering
supersedes last years by more
than double and God has
blown us away with His super

abundant (and much needed)
blessing – even in these
difficult economic times!
Thank you Lord for all your

promises for seeking hearts
and sowing into Your kingdom
first.
Praise His Name!

L Leadership
I Inspiration
F Focus
T Training

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Church

Date: Wednesday 4 February

Lakes Kids say Thank You!

A big thank you to all who
baked little cakes and helped
with decorating and setting up
the Church for our Lakes Kids
Christmas Party.

A lovely afternoon where Jesus
name was honoured and where
we were able to present the true
meaning of Christmas.



KICK START

Date Claimer

For young people 10-16 yrs

Sunday 15 February

Time: 3:00 – 5:00pm

Place: Church



Thank you all who faithfully serve!

This time of year we request helpers to sign up and serve in the life of our church, and so we put that request out to our church family for 2009. Serving, particularly in teams, is such a great way to make wonderful friends, exercise our many talents, and really have that sense of belonging.

We would also like to take this opportunity, on behalf of our church community, to

reiterate our deep appreciation to all those who faithfully serve us all on a regular basis. The Lord knows what we do in secret.

If you would like to volunteer to be rostered on in the life of our church, either on the Welcoming Team, Hospitality, IT Support or Cleaning - then please contact Mel or Julie at the office on 4032 4411, or office@thelakes.org.au

Morning Tea Roster

Would you like to bless the Church community by providing & serving morning tea on a roster basis? We would love to have more volunteer helpers. Join a team, it's a wonderful opportunity to get to know others as you serve together. Please contact Carol by emailing teapot@cairns.net.au or phone 4055 1926. Thankyou!

Cappuccino Roster

1st Feb Djerami & Cameron
8 Feb Glen & Beth
15 Feb Chucky & Clare
22 Feb Donna & Brett
1 March Djerami & Cameron

Cleaning Team Roster

7 Feb Gray Family
14 Feb Smythe Family
21 Feb Yetwan & Dean, Charlotte & Michael
28 Feb Pat & Rick, Noelene & Bill, Liz & Laurie
7 March Sharon & Grant, Laetitia M

Finance Report

Average Weekly offering received for last 4 wks is \$4,658
(2008 weekly budget figure is \$5,990)

Our account details are:
Centenary Lakes Christian Community
BSB: 084 472 Account# 540723349

Giving thought...

In giving to the Kingdom of God it allows us to take the earthly and convert it to the eternal (Philippians 4:17).





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