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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.

What to do in uncertain times

We are living in increasingly uncertain times – globally, nationally, and locally. As each day unfolds there is an increasing fear and uncertainty settling in the spirit of people. Some of us may be protected from this for now, but for many this is more than a feeling but a reality as their job and other securities are quickly disappearing.

These are times to be clear and focused. These are times to know what matters and be faithful in standing in those convictions.

The early followers of Jesus faced uncertain times too. Their faith was being stressed and stretched to new levels as they struggled with the uncertainty of their times and their experiences. They'd staked their whole life on Jesus and then he was gone. Then he was back again different, but the same. They were told to go but also to wait. They were told I will be with you, but not in the same way you know now. They were told to wait for the promised Holy Spirit. What does that look like? What should they be looking out for? What if they missed Him? How long should they wait for?

What were they doing during this time of uncertainty and immense change? The Gospel of Luke and the early part of

They did what they saw and experienced Jesus doing when he was with them

Acts give us some insight into what the disciples did during this time. (50 days between Christ's resurrection and the birth of the church on Pentecost Sunday)

They did what they saw and experienced Jesus doing when he was with them

- They fellowshiped – not cups of tea, but journeyed deeply with one another
- They believed upon the word of God – in their confusion they came back to the words of truth Jesus spoke to them.
- They sought God for wisdom – in their uncertainty of what was ahead they sought revelation from God not their fellowman
- They waited for and trusted in God's provision – for how long? As long as it took!

- They praised - and as they did they grew pregnant with faith and expectancy of what was to come.
- And they prayed! – and prayed and then prayed some more.

All of these were the foundational practices the Holy Spirit used to ignite the church for mission we read about in Acts.

Over the coming Sundays as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost Sunday (May 31st) we will be looking at these foundational practices in greater detail.

Come on a journey of discovery and may we find that even in uncertain times God is still in control and closer than we realise.

Phil Bignill





What a privilege



50 years ago Jerry & Audrey Callope were married in a registry office, 50 years later on Saturday April 18 they renewed their wedding vows in our church. I had tears in my eyes (as I'm sure most others did) as I watched Audrey walk down the aisle on her grandson's arm preceded by her grand-daughter as flower girl, in a beautiful white wedding gown.

It was such a beautiful time for Jerry & Audrey as they were able to look each other in the eyes and after 50 years renew the commitment that they had made to each other those many years ago in front of their family, friends and God. It was also a time to show everyone present that their love for each

other has not just stayed the same but it has grown so much deeper over these years. It was a time for them to share some of their memories with us, and to share the impact that God has had on their life together.

Phil and I felt so privileged to have been able to witness this occasion and we would certainly hope that we will be able to do the same in 31 more years (if we remember.....)

Jerry & Audrey's love for each other and for God had grown over this time as they journeyed through life together. I'm quite sure it wasn't always easy, but they were committed to each

other and to God and so 50 years later we were able to celebrate their life together.

Community is about journeying through life together. It is about going through the good times and the bad – always recognising God in every part of our life and growing in our love and commitment to each other. If we give up when things get tough, or only do what feels good we miss out on so much that God has to offer us and we have to offer each other. Let us learn from Jerry and Audrey and continue to grow in our commitment to each other and to God.

Love

Julie Bignill



Children



Hi everyone,

Well, April was an exciting month!! The Kids in **Alien Kidz**, on Sunday morning, have been praying for one another, for their schools (some groups even spent an extra 10min after break up time to continue to pray for their school), and for our Nation and the Nations of the World. This was very exciting to see these little ones (and big ones) seek their Father in Heaven in prayer!!

We have also seen a 4 year old lead collection for our Compassion child, older children giving testimonies to the little ones about God's great work through answered prayer and what God is doing in their lives, and we have seen children leading other children in worship, prayer groups, serving morning tea and small groups!

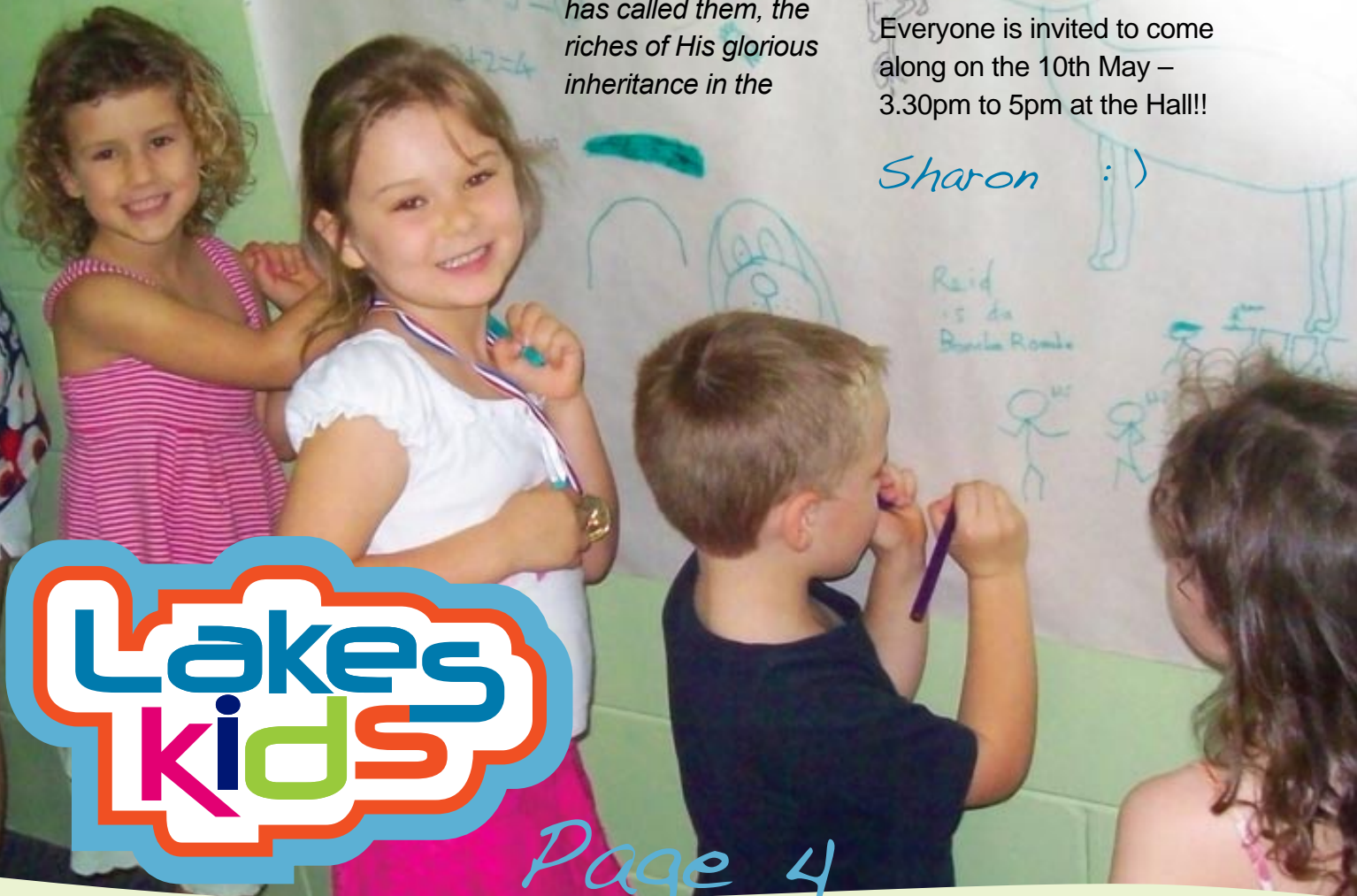
This Term we are looking at Jesus and the Kingdom of God. Please pray for the children "... *that the eyes of their heart may be enlightened in order that they may know the hope to which He has called them, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the*

saints, and His incomparably great power for those who believe." **Ephesians 1:17-23**

Our **Kids Hope** mentors (10 in total) were all interviewed and trained last month to get started at Edge Hill School in Term 2 - which is very exciting; and I have not long returned from the Children's Prayer Consultation in Sydney - where about 40 people from around the world and throughout Australia - prayed for the children of this Nation. This has prompted me to start a Children's Prayer afternoon once a month, and we will start this month!

Everyone is invited to come along on the 10th May - 3.30pm to 5pm at the Hall!!

Sharon :)



Community Life

PLANETSHAKERS CONFERENCE 'ONE'



Hi all,

I have just spent a week in Melbourne at the Planetshakers '09 conference. It was wild, a lot of speakers, a lot of electric guitars, a lot of people, a lot of passion and a lot of time to hear God. I've thought about how I can share with you my experience at Planetshakers '09 so I have some of my favorite quotes of the week. Be blessed and I hope these encourage you in your walk.

From Mike Pilavachi:

- Act justly-walk humbly-love mercy
- Worship, Evangelism and Justice all go together

From John Bevere:

- Happy is the man or woman who knows their gifts and works in them... unhappy is the man or woman who does not know their gifts and works in other peoples gifts.
- A person that cannot forgive is someone that cannot remember what they have been forgiven of.
- God will often give us what we need in a package we don't want.

From Glen Berteau:

- you'll never be successful by just hearing the word, you'll be successful by doing the word.
- We often have a reunion with God on a Sunday instead of daily communion.
- The word of the devil is TOMORROW and the word of God is TODAY.
- There is nothing in the scriptures telling the lost person to go to church, but there are a lot of places where it tells the church to go to the lost person.

These are just some of the quotes...

Bless Ya

Walter Harnisch



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 Louden	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+ Brinsmead	Campbell & Janine Smythe	C & J Smythe	Tuesday 7:30pm	4058 2849
Kanimbla Heights	Nadine O'Farrell	Nadine O'Farrell	Wednesday 7:30pm	0409 721 576
Kanimbla	Luke & Sarah Palmer	Luke & Sarah	Wednesday 7:30pm	4034 1282 0403 393 397
Kanimbla	Nadine O'Farrell	Chris Louden	Thursday 7:3pm	0409 721 576
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

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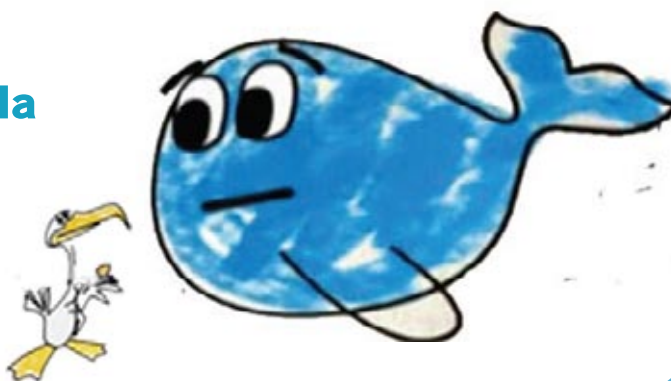
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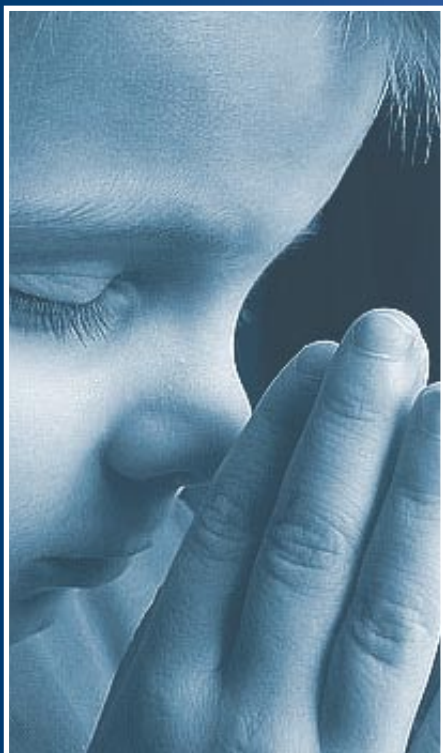
See Walter for Rego forms
Closing date for rego forms to
Walter is Friday 22nd May



May 29-31 2009
Quinola Lakes
83 Andrickson Rd, Malanda
leaving church
Friday 29th May at 5pm
Arriving back at 12 midday
Sunday 31st
\$55 including bus trip or
\$50 if you make your own way there.



Children in Prayer



Once a month – we will be holding an afternoon opportunity for kids to pray. We want to invite children of all ages to learn to pray and spend this time seeking God together in prayer.

We would love to see older children and youth leading this time as they put into practice what they are learning at Kick Start, and would also encourage parents and adults to walk alongside our children as we pray together!! Adults need children just as much as they need us - as Jesus tells

us to change and become like little children!!

This isn't a time of adults taking over with long and mature sounding prayers but about all ages watching, learning and encouraging one another – allowing everyone to be free to lift their prayers to their Heavenly Father!!!

**First date this year
will be on the 10th
May**

**Sunday afternoon
3.30pm – 5pm in the
Hall.**



Mission

Short Term MISSIONS

CLCC has a history of supporting people going on short term mission trips and the **Mission Interest Group (MIG)** was established in our church many years ago for this purpose. MIG is a team of up to 8 people enthusiastic about the Community's role in reaching the world with the Gospel and they meet regularly to ensure the support in many ways of the missionaries associated with our church.

Short term missions were used by Jesus to train his disciples when he sent them out 2 by 2 (See Luke 10). We believe short term missions play a vital role in fulfilling the Great Commission,

by being the hands and feet of Jesus, but it is also a powerful tool for personal discipleship. These goals for short term missions not only outreach practically in a positive way, but also provide the much needed support to existing long term missionaries called by God throughout the world.

Last year a small team of people from our church, teamed up with another church, and went to Uganda (and Kenya) – with each of them having significant life changing experiences. (see pic above)

CLCC encourages individuals who feel called to short term

missions to seek out the support of the church through MIG – for advice, prayer, training and where available, financial support.

If you would like any further information on short term mission opportunities, the MIG team would love to hear from you!

“Shout joyfully to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name: make His praise glorious. Bless our God, O peoples, and sound His praise abroad”

(Ps. 66:1 - 2, 8 NAS)

Karen Boyd

Pentecost

Prayer Place

The dictionary defines Pentecost as “a Christian festival occurring on Whit Sunday commemorating the descent of the Holy Ghost on the apostles.”

This year Pentecost Sunday is 31 May. And like last year we will be opening the church so that people can come together to pray and prepare for Pentecost. Why, you may ask? Well it's certainly not just about celebrating a Christian festival - Pentecost is more than just a festival or commemoration. It's about seeing the Holy Spirit's empowering in our own lives and in the life of our church today, just as the apostles did that first Pentecost.

If you want this too, I encourage you to come and pray. Come expecting God to move in your life. Come expecting God to

move in our church. Come with excitement. Come with a little apprehension perhaps. Come...

The church will be open every evening from Thursday, 21 May until Saturday, 30 May from 8-9pm.

Each evening will have a different focus -

Thursday 21 May 2009

- **Praise Focus**

Friday 22 May 2009

- **Humility Focus**

Saturday 23 May 2009

- **Holiness Focus**

Sunday 24 May 2009

- **Church Focus**

Monday 25 May 2009

- **Revelation Focus**



Tuesday 26 May 2009

- **Harvest Focus**

Wednesday 27 May 2009

- **Cairns Focus/Combined Prayer Night at our church**

Thursday 28 May 2009

- **Warfare Focus**

Friday 29 May 2009

- **Healing Restoring Focus**

Saturday 30 May 2009

- **Passion Focus**

Mark it in your diaries and come and join us and prepare for the Holy Spirit to come in power.

Angela Harding



Pray for

Australia

Scripture references

For Mordecai the Jew was next to King Ahasuerus and great among the Jews, and was a favorite with the multitude of his brethren, for he sought the welfare of his people and spoke peace to his whole race. **Esther 10:2-3**

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." **Acts 6:1-4**

Praying at the Gates of our Nations – WELFARE

Adapted from: Australian Prayer Network - Newsletter [apn@ausprayernet.org.au]

Questions on which to prayerfully reflect

- Who is responsible for the welfare of the people of our nation: government, church or individuals?
- Is the idea of providing welfare biblical?
- How do I respond to people in need in my neighbourhood, workplace, city streets, remote locations across Australia, or those struggling in distant lands?
- When shouldn't we provide welfare assistance?
- Are my welfare and ministry

activities needs-based or Holy Spirit-based?

- Am I feeling burnt out in my attempt to meet the needs around me, and have I lost my peace and rest?

Prayer Points

- For wisdom and obedience to the Holy Spirit's leading for leaders in welfare provision: including church, government, business and community leaders.
- For renewed vision and creativity to develop and implement strategies both to provide welfare services and to address root causes of welfare needs and cycles of poverty.

- That the voice and role of the church will remain in the public arena.
- For leadership and wisdom in welfare provisions from within our indigenous peoples.
- For a spirit of unity in addressing these issues,
- Praise God for the generosity of Australians and our neighbours around the world in responding to the needs of Australians recently impacted by fire and flood. Pray that we as Australians would continue to be generous in providing for the well-being of our communities and for all those in need.

Notices



Prayer for the Nations

Monday prayer for India with Steve & Sue Charlesworth at 29 Dungarvan Drive Brinsmead 8-9pm

Monday prayer for Australia with Peter and Karen Boyd 25 Trundle Terrace Whitfield 6-7pm

Tuesday prayer for Philippines & China with Tom & Mel Pashley at 24 Jasmine Street Redlynch Grove 8-9pm

Tuesday prayer for Russia with Beth Thomas at 15a Boden Street Edge Hill 8-9pm

Thursday prayer for Africa with Tim & Shell Hickin at 10 James Street North Cairns 8-9pm

Friday prayer for Asia Pacific Region with Phil & Julie Bignill at 13 Hillview Cres Whitfield 8-9pm

If you have a passion to pray for a country and can open your home for others to join you please contact the office.



Those to be honoured and thanked as part of the National Day of Thanksgiving celebrations to be held on 30th May 2009 are as follows:-

Elected leaders within Federal, State and Local Government, leaders within all spheres of community life, including but not limited to business, commerce, health, education and community organisations, and all public servants.

<http://www.thanksgiving.org.au/index.asp>

Attention Men



Cairns Mens Conference

- 27th – 28th of August 09
“Strength 09”

Speakers – Ps Fergus McIntyre, John Wedrat and Steve Davies
Cost – TBA (in 2008 it was about \$40)

Where – Generations Church, Kewarra Beach

Global Day of Prayer

31 May 2009



10 Days of Day and Night Prayer: 21 - 30 May 2009

90 Days of Blessing: 1 June - 29 August

<http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/index.php>



KICK START

Date Claimer

4 young people 10-16 yrs

Sunday 24th May

Time: 3:00 – 5:00pm

Place: Church

Notices

COMBINED PRAYER NIGHTS FOR 2009

WEDNESDAYS 7PM – 8.30PM

Passion for Souls

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
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Cappuccino Roster

3 May	Jon & Marion
10 May	Andrew & Jamie
17 May	Hamish & Sheena
24 May	Glen & Beth
31 May	Tammy & Lisa

Finance Report

Average Weekly offering received for last 4 weeks is \$5,985

(2009 weekly budget figure is \$6,250)

Also \$5,000 in Vision 2009 faith offering pledges was received in March.

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).

Morning Tea Roster

3 May	Dianne, Michelle, Colleen & David, Jill & Kylie
10 May	Mothers Day - Men Volunteers Needed
17 May	Dixons, Yvonne & Deborah, Alrena, Linda & Allen
24 May	Sally-Ann, Viv, Pat G, Bev J
31 May	Dagma, Sally, Liz C Fay B
7 June	Lyn, Alrena, Margaret & John, Melsy

Cleaning Team Roster

2 May	Harding Family
9 May	Sharon & Grant, Donna & Brett
16 May	Jim & Jeanette, Michelle & Greg
23 May	Sue H, Rosemary M, Laetitia
30 May	Linda & Alan, Robyn S
6 June	Smythe Family



The Watoto Childrens Choir will be visiting us again on 28 June. We need to organize places for the children to stay – 2 children and 1 leader per home – on Saturday 27th to Monday 29th June. If you are interested in billeting members of the Watoto choir please contact the office as soon as you can. Thank you.





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