

Life @theLakes

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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.



Soaring



Before you walk you first must learn to crawl or so the saying goes. The same goes for soaring. Before you soar you first must leave your nest

reach of the eaglet daring the eaglet to leave the nest of comfort. On other occasions the mother “flutters her wings” at the youngsters, beating on them, harassing them,

soar. Both motivations are necessary for us to get out of the comfort of the nest.

Do you sense God “stirring” up your nest making life uncomfortable for you? Are you going through a dry spell where the food and provision seems scarce? Do you feel a nudging, pushing you to the edge of where you feel comfortable? Maybe God is getting you ready to soar!

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of comfort. No eaglet wants to leave their nest of comfort. They must be coerced or forced from the nest. A parent does this a few different ways. First they “stir up the nest” making it uncomfortable for them to remain. Then they withhold their food source (not a bad idea for those wanting to get rid of adult children!). A parent will fly by with the freshly caught catch just out of

and driving them to the edge of the nest while the father soars around the

We were made to soar.

nest waiting to catch the youngest if he fails to fly. It all sounds rather cruel, but it is this or death. To remain in the comfort of the nest is certain death. We need to hear that truth just as much as we need to hear the inspiring vision we were made to

I sense God doing this work in my life and our life as a church. We are at a comfortable stage as a church. Are we willing to give up what we know and are comfortable with in order that we continue to grow and soar. To not do so will be certain death for us, but to let go and jump out into the unknown is an invitation to soar to heights unknown, heights we were made for.

Let's be the kind of church that is ready to jump not one that needs to be pushed.

Phil



Focus on the One



This last month has been one full month for us personally and as a church.

For the last 10 nights of May we met together to pray and prepare ourselves personally and our church for Pentecost.

When we started this I was feeling tired & worn out, pushed in many different directions. The 1st night we spent the night praising God for who He is – just returning our focus onto Him. The 2nd night we humbled ourselves before God and asked Him to show us what was standing in our way before Him.

There were all sorts of things that came into my mind of what I put before God – my children, my husband, things... But

as I sat and really tried to listen to God and what He was saying, I was overwhelmed by His answer. What was standing in my way was ME...

It became a real choice for me to remove myself from what was stopping God from working in my life. I've been praying for a real joy in my life for a long time and God started to show me that he was continually providing joy for me I was just too busy putting myself in the way – rationalising situations.

I had somewhere along the line made an agreement that certain things (including my family and the busy-ness of rushing around after them) could not bring me

joy – they weren't supposed to bring me joy, they're supposed to make me tired... How ridiculous does that sound???

I was able to go home after this night energised and ready to enjoy the life that God has been wanting me to enjoy for a long time. This is, of course, just the beginning of the journey but what an exciting journey to be on...

I feel so blessed to be a part of an amazing community which is really trying to look out for one another – provide for one another when in need – and love one another no matter what the cost. The only way for us to do this at an even deeper level is to come together and focus our attention on the One who gives us life, joy, freedom. To allow God to show us what is standing in our way before Him, and stopping us enjoying the journey.

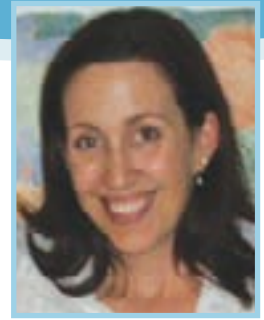
Let us seek God, dig deeper, journey, pray, praise, be filled with joy, and enjoy our family...

Julie



Aliki Flodine
is booked to entertain and inspire us - so please mark your calendars!
MORE INFO SOON

Women: Date Claimer
A lovely evening out @ CLCC on
Friday 10th July, 7.30pm



Precious Children

We had our first "Children's Prayer afternoon" on Mother's day. It was a small start with about 4 families involved but it was exciting to see young people praying, singing, reading out verses in the Bible and being creative! We will be holding the Children's Prayer afternoon the first Sunday of each month at 3.30pm to 5pm. Please join us at the next one.

We have been excited by the large number of kids at Church on Sundays – and every week seems to get bigger! One week in May - we had 50 primary aged kids in Alien Kidz alone! Please pray as our children increase, that

our Father in Heaven will provide for those of us leading these amazing kids – so they will receive the BEST!

Please also pray for the leaders of all our children's ministries and their amazing teams!

A few weeks ago – we all enjoyed a lovely meeting over lunch together praying and

seeking God's direction as we look ahead. We are looking together to see what the Father is doing – so we can join Him in His work! Please pray with us – as we seek the Lord's leading and direction for His PRECIOUS CHILDREN and their families!

Sharon :)

Our Kids Ministry Leaders

Robyn Francis leads GECKOS Kids club!

Rosemary Woodward leads KOALA KIDS PLAY GROUP!

Tabitha Carlson leads KIDS CHURCH - COVENANT KIDS (3yrs to Prep)!

Sharon Price leads KIDS CHURCH – ALIEN KIDZ! (Primary age)

Lisa Cossa leads KIDS HOPE (World Vision) at Edge Hill School!



Koala Kids!



Koala Kids is going well into Term 2. We have around 14 families regularly attending each of the groups, and a few others that aren't so regular. Thank you to our 21 prayer partners who are standing alongside our community families in prayer, asking the Lord

praying partner. Would you consider making a commitment to pray for one of our families who needs Jesus? Please see Rosemary.

This month, we are having a **Koala Kids for Dads on Saturday June 20th**, 9.30-11.30am.

We'd love for our church Dads to come along and

community when they know there's another man they can chat to. It also means that it's not just "the wife's thing", but it's a way for the whole family to be involved and get to know people who love the Lord Jesus.

Thank you for supporting us with meals... the number of Mums having

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up".

Galatians 6:9

to open their hearts to Him. He is giving us many opportunities to minister in practical ways and speak of His love for them. We still have a few families who are not yet paired with a

mix with our community Dads, to facilitate conversation and just get to know them a bit. You'll be surprised how much easier it makes it for these families to come to other gatherings in our

babies in the next few months is about to grow! If you could consider cooking extra when making a dish for your own family, then freezing a container full, it would be such a blessing to be able to **show families God's love with meals** as they go through stressful and tiring times.

What a privilege it is to serve the Lord in these ways - even if you're not physically present at Koala Kids on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday you can be a vital part of this ministry!

Rosemary Woodward



Welcome to YZone



As I reflect on our youth ministry I get excited as I have the opportunity to meet so many young people. To be able to engage them and welcome them into our youth community is a real gift that we get to experience in our

enough? Maybe if I wore the right clothes and watched Home and Away I could connect more or be more relevant. But for a youth group to be welcoming (just as a church) it needs all who attend to play a role.

3. Apathy in making a greeting. Whatever.

4. Strange staring at hairstyle, body piercing, or choice of clothes.

5. No chairs in safe place, only front row available.

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youth ministry. And when I get to engage them in spiritual conversations it is extremely fulfilling.

But when we meet a new person and then they don't come back... I begin to question if it was because of me? Maybe I did not pray hard enough or my communication front was not funky and modern

I was sent an article with **20 blunders in welcoming new people** so I picked my top 5. Oh, and just to inform you, the number one blunder was bad coffee - I think we beat that one now.

1. Stale snacks / donuts / cookies.

2. Hugs to strangers.

I am sure we can sit and come up with a much longer list of blunders, but let's focus on what we can do and not where we fail. So my encouragement to Youth Group leaders as well as our young people is to look at what we can do to make others feel welcome.

Walter



Monthly Calendar June



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:15am Prayer for children 8.30am Prayer 7.30pm Careforce 8.00pm MIG Meeting	2 8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids 12:00 Ministers Network	3 8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids 7.30pm S G Training	4 8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids 6:00pm Worship Practice 7.30pm Pastoral Leaders Meeting	5 8.30am Prayer 12.30pm Sparetimers 5.30pm Gecko's 7:30pm Y-Zone	6 9am Men's Prayer
7 9.30am Jonah Series - Walter 5.30pm FHL Organic	8 8.30am Prayer 7.30pm Careforce	9 8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids	10 8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids 7.30pm S G Training	11 8.30am Prayer 9.30 Koala Kids 6:00pm Worship Practice	12 8.30am Prayer 5.30pm Gecko's 7:30pm Y-Zone	13 9am Men's Prayer
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28 9.30am Mission Sunday Guest Speaker – Brad Sinclair 5.30pm WATOTO CHOIR	29 8.30am Prayer	30 8.30am Prayer				

Want to Connect?

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

PrayerPlace



I work for Mission Aviation Fellowship, a Christian charity that uses aircraft and technology to share God's love in developing countries around the world. Recently all the individual national MAF groups have joined together and become one large international organisation. As you can imagine it's wonderful for us to be united, but it means that we have to learn how to really become one – to work together as one team, when before we were many. In all this, it's so important that we learn to communicate well.

Last month I travelled to the States to meet with a group of staff from the UK, US and Australia to discuss ways in which we could communicate better. As

we discussed how to improve communication within MAF, I was reminded that the most important communication is communication with God, through prayer. It made me think of Mother Teresa's wise observation that 'God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer.'

This challenged me because, while I'm a good speaker, I am not such a good listener. And I started to imagine the frustration - no, God probably doesn't get frustrated - the disappointment that God must feel when I continually talk at him.

So I've been trying to really make time to listen to God. And I want to encourage you this month to do the same.

Here's some ideas –

- 1) Read the Bible every day,
- 2) Spend time praising God for who he is (reading the Psalms is really helpful),
- 3) See Creation through new eyes – appreciate the beauty of what God has made in our world,
- 4) Spend time sitting and listening, asking God to speak into your heart
- 5) Ask him to give you dreams and visions, and
- 6) Seek out good Christian influences - friends, devotional books, uplifting music – people and things that help you draw near to God.

Have an in-touch month,

Angela Harding

Mission:Men

Don't forget to fill in your Men's Surveys and hand them back to Rowan Tattersall or Campbell Smythe.

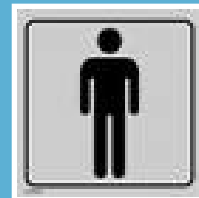
Small groups are happening - Praise God. If you want to be a part of a group (and you need to be) please contact us Rowan & Campbell.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

Mens prayer at the church on Saturday mornings 9am-10am. See Ken Mackereth for more information..

Attention Men



Cairns Mens Conference

- 28th – 29th 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

Due to the devastation of the fires earlier in the year we donated \$500 to Mobile Mission Maintenance, Australia. We received this letter at the end of April...

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of your \$500.00 donation to MMM Australia.

MMM has suffered a huge loss in office building, office equipment, sheds and accommodation units, furniture & fixtures. We praise God that all of our staff are safe, although some have lost all of

their belongings.

MMM management have been meeting regularly to start the clean up procedures. Unfortunately due to the extent of the damage, this will take some time.

All national office staff are working virtually at this current time and

the office is continuing to operate.

We thank you sincerely for your thoughts, prayers and donation towards the rebuilding of MMM National Office.

Yours sincerely

Kaye Manning

PA to the National Director.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

LIVE

CONCERT OF HOPE

CHOIR OF PARENTLESS CHILDREN FROM UGANDA



Invite your friends

WHERE:

Centenary Lakes Christian Community

Cnr Greenslopes & MacNamara Streets, Edge Hill

WHEN:

5:30pm, Sunday 28 June, 2009

FREE ADMISSION



Hosts still required to billet children - see advert page 15

Dianna Sets Sail



Hi,
my name is Diana Bush. To most of you I am a Kids Church leader, but I am also a Nurse. I will be travelling to Cotonou, Benin, in West Africa, working on **The African Mercy**.

This is one of several hospital ships run by Mercy Ships (www.mercyships.org). They are an organisation run completely by self-funding and donations and all people aboard are volunteers that provide vital health clinics and surgical intervention for people in undeveloped nations.

I will be going on the ship for 2 ½ months to work as a Paediatric Nurse.

Why go across the other side the world to do what I can do here? During the Daniel Fast in

February, I felt a massive sense of discontent in 'worldly' things. It was on a Wednesday night 'Meeting Place' where I just became completely broken hearted for God. The people present that Wednesday night prayed



over me, and I fasted and prayed on the Thursday (I did a variation of the Daniel fast due to other commitments), and on the following Saturday, felt God leading me to enquire about Mercy Ships (which I was told about by an old housemate when first doing my Nursing

Degree) - and their upcoming vacancies. They replied within 2 weeks, and from there on it all just fitted into place (apart from a minor hiccup – quickly rectified!) From access to finances, to holidays from work, to someone able to take my sport classes, it all fell into place.

I have had massive encouragement and prayer from my friends I do Bible Study with, as well as from the Leadership and friends of mine from the church. It was obvious to me this was definitely God working, and am very excited to be doing this! I pray that this be a faith growing and life changing experience – and hope to see you all when I return. Blessings,

Diana Bush



Our People...



Congratulations to Shelley & Brendan Marolla who were married 25th April.

KICK START



Date Claimer

4 young people

10-16 yrs

Sunday 21st June

Time: 3:00 – 5:00pm

Place: Church

Don Wilson – a loving husband, devoted father and very special person passed away on Wednesday 6th May. Our thoughts and prayers are with Grace, Karen and Peter Boyd and other family members at this difficult time.

A beautiful memorial service was held here on Saturday 9th May. Thank you to everyone who was involved.



CO-ORDINATING



HOSTS NEEDED...

Hosts are still required to billet children from the WATOTO Children's Choir. Hosts would be required to accommodate two children (either two boys or two girls) and one adult leader for the nights of the 28th and 29th of June. Hosts will be required to provide all meals on the 29th June 2009 and breakfast on the 30th June 2009. **If you are interested in supporting these children please contact David and Marianne Shliahov or contact the Church Office.**

MERCHANDISING...

We also need people to sell Watoto merchandise on the day of the concert.

In 2009, we are hoping to sell more merchandise than ever before and are planning on having an extra merchandise table at each venue so that we can serve more people in a shorter time period, as at times the stands are too busy for our limited choir members who man them to cope with the demand.

To do this, we are asking if it's possible for you to find several volunteers who would be able to sell Watoto products on behalf of the choir after your concert?? **If you can help in this area please contact the church office as soon as possible.**

Notices

Cappuccino Roster

7 June	Glen & Beth
14 June	Brett & Donna
21 June	Jon & Marion
28 June	Eunice, Hamish & Sheena
5 July	Tammy & Lisa

Finance Report

Average Weekly offering received for last 4 weeks is \$6,480

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

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

7 June	Lyn, Alrena, Margaret & John, Melsy
14 June	Beth T, Luke & Sarah, John C, Lisa C
21 June	Noelene & Bill, Rosie & Rod, Carole A, Sheila
28 June	Robyn, Liz Curtis, Fay B, Kathy L & Margaret L
5 July	Dianne, Michelle, Colleen & David, Jill & Kylie S

Cleaning Team Roster

6 June	Smythe Family
13 June	Rick & Pat, Noelene & Bill, Liz & Laurie
20 June	Jeanette & Jim, Michelle & Greg
27 June	Harding Family
4 July	Callope Family



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Phil Bignill

Life Keys

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Karen Boyd

Prayer

Angela Harding

Teaching Ministries

Phil Bignill

Youth Ministries

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