

# Life @theLakes



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*Welcome!* to our second 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 that 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 fullest potential, learning to love God and others the same extravagant way He loves you.

**behold believe become**



# A personal note...

## Consecrate

Last month the key leaders (Pastoral Leaders and Ministry Team Leaders) met to listen and pray to God, and to seek him for direction. We had a great time together starting with Jules and myself singing a duet, which really set the tone for the day! Apparently I was harmonizing without even knowing, which I think is an amazing gift.

Apart from the dodgy start it was a day full of laughter, tears, excitement, and challenge as God opened our minds and hearts to Him. (See the photos)

Leading up to the day and on the day we as leaders sensed God asking us to fast and pray as a way of consecrating ourselves to God.

Consecrate is not a word we use much anymore. It has kind of gone out of vogue I wonder if it has anything to do with what it means. Consecrate – to set apart for holy purpose – to be devoted.

When Moses met with God he was told to tell the people to consecrate themselves in preparation of their meeting with God in a few days time. The people outwardly consecrated themselves, but inwardly they still had hidden compartments kept for their own exclusive use. They worshiped God, but only to a point.

When the big day came to meet with God they retreated in fear, not wanting to come into his full presence. They said to Moses you

be our spokesperson we don't want to get any closer. They missed their invitation because they had not completely consecrated themselves. They lived "in fear of God" instead of "fearing God." They were fearful to come into His light that they would have to change and give up what they secretly loved. While to fear God is to love him more than anything else.

When God invites us to be His royal priesthood, His holy nation, and a people belonging to Him, He is inviting us into the most intimate and special relationship. It is a relationship we will only embrace fully as we make it our responsibility to prepare ourselves, to consecrate ourselves to Him.

While prayer and fasting can just be an outer consecration if our inner intentions are not pure it can also be the most special and amazing way of consecrating ourselves to Him.

As we move toward celebrating Easter, I would encourage you to contemplate the way Jesus consecrated Himself to His Father and His call.

Maybe its time for us to pray and fast and ask God to reveal our hidden heart to us, that we might fully consecrate ourselves to God and His call.

Love

*Phil Bignill*

Senior Pastor

# Community Life

*The spirit of the age expresses itself in individualism – a go-it-alone way of life. It fosters the attitude, “I don’t need you, and you don’t need me,” which stands in stark contrast to God’s purpose in creating us for relationship. Satan knows God’s purpose, so he fights against true Christianity by promoting loneliness and isolation every way he can. We defeat the spirit of the age by cooperating with God’s plan of being involved in relationship with each other, especially as believers.*

*- Floyd McClung, Holiness and the Spirit of the Age*

As I mentioned last month “Community Life” is about us as a community of believers being in relationship with each other. Serving is a great way of expressing and committing to our relationships with each other. Here is one family’s story of serving.

## **The Blessings of Coffee!**

Just over a year ago our family relocated to Cairns and was incredibly thankful to find ourselves worshipping within this Church Family. Coming from a busy lifestyle, we were happy to have some time out to just sit and be served. This didn’t last for long, so we were stoked when asked to join the team to operate the Coffee Machine. Not only is coffee a very ‘happy’ part of our lives, but meeting and serving people is an even more important part of who we are. This ministry has become a family affair for us. While Sarah (14 years) serves within the Children’s Church, Samuel (12 years), feels important as he pushes buttons on the machine, while Glen froths the milk and I fill the coffee cups and chat with people! We all love it and are amazed at how many more people we have met in the short time we have been fulfilling our ‘coffee role.’ For us, it is a

necessary step to serve within our Church Family. It’s also incredibly important for us to reach out to people, get to know others and care for those around us. Operating the coffee machine allows us to do all of these things and more! Please come and enjoy a cuppa, let us know if it’s any good and get to know us. We’re keen to ‘enter your world’ as we all strive to make this world a place that honours and glorifies our Lord. With love,

**Beth Mollenhauer**  
(for the Mollenhauer Family)

Over the next few months I hope to share more personal stories with you and hopefully they will inspire each of you to become more involved within the life of this community.

*Julie Bignill*



## *Special Notice*

There is a great need within our immediate community to provide some basic necessities such as food to people. We are right now in need of your help to be able to provide this service. If you are able to donate some food please place your donations in the food basket in the foyer. Thank you.

# Community Life children



Playgroup  
Tuesdays and  
Thursdays  
9.30am - 11.30am



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



Junior Club

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

Welcome to Lakes Kids!!

I would really like to feature a different Children's ministry currently running each month, to let you know more about what we are doing in Lakes Kids and to invite you to pray for these ministries specifically.

This month I would like to introduce an amazing ministry which has been running for many years now and has a significant effect on our local community, and that is our Koala Kids Play Group. Over two thirds of the Mums and children that attend Koala Kids are not involved in our Church community and many have commented that this Play Group stands out to them as a wonderful, caring and supportive group that they love being part of. It is bursting at the seams as there is a huge growth in this ministry and we would love to start up another day to meet this need.

Rosemary Woodward is leading this amazing ministry along with a great team of faithful leaders, so please pray for them and others to join them in this great work for God!

God bless,

*Sharon Price*

Children's Ministry Co-Ordinator

## Koala Kids

Koala Kids is our church's ministry to Mums and pre-schoolers who join us from within our own church community and from the wider Cairns community. Mums choose to attend either the Tuesday or the Thursday group, both meeting for 2 hours every week of the school term. We have a mix of structured activities and free-play, morning tea, music, craft and mat-time. There seems to be a growing need for these groups, which are about friendships, caring for each other and showing families that they matter to God.

*Rosemary Woodward*



# Community Life Youth



## Program

### MARCH

**7th GRACE Matters**  
– Suburban

**14th SERVING Matters**  
- @The Lakes

**21st EASTER**  
– NO YOUTH

**28th GIVING Matters**  
– Suburban

WOW, the year is well on the way... and Yzone is proving to be a fun place to be at. If you are ages 12 – 18 you are more than welcome to attend. We ask for a kind donation of \$3 and the program starts at 7:30 pm and finishes at 9:30 pm. Yzone our Friday night program started off with a great 70's party that let me know how old I am (I was the only person in the room that was alive during the 70's). we are commencing our small groups this term, so on the term program where we have THE LAKES as a venue it is here at our facility, and where it says SUBURBAN we have two homes where the two different groups will meet. You will be informed as to the address and group leaders as we are doing this by location.

School has started well with a card game that confused all who played (except me) but taught a valuable lesson in non verbal influence. The

game is King Mau and if you are keen to learn it just let me know. We don't realise at school how we influence others by our actions even if you have no relationship with a person.

Our ONE YOUTH events have started without a hitch and we are now planning the next which we will be hosting here. Our worship team is rehearsing and we are ready to have the other youth come to our house.

Look out for our new Sunday Evening service that will be starting in term 2.

Cheers  
*Walter Harnisch*  
Associate Pastor



# March

## Monthly Calendar

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

30

Registrations due  
Valiant Man and  
Search for Life

31

6:15am Kids Prayer

1

7:30pm Worship  
Team prayer and  
worship meeting

2

**Grace  
Matters**

3

6:15am Kids Prayer

7:45 MIG Meeting  
at Beths

4

9.30 Koala Kids  
12:00 Ministers  
Fraternal

5

3:30 Guppies

6

9.30 Koala Kids  
5:30pm Gecko's  
Pastoral  
Leaders Meeting

7

12pm Sparetimers

7:30 pm Y-Zone

8

9

**Serving  
Matters**

10

11

9.30 Koala Kids

12

3:30 Guppies

13

9.30 Koala Kids  
5:30pm Gecko's  
Worship L. Meeting

14

7:30 pm Y-Zone

15

16

**Giving  
Matters**

17

6:15am Kids Prayer

18

9.30 Koala Kids

19

3:30 Guppies

20

9.30 Koala Kids  
5:30pm Gecko's  
Cancelled  
Easter Dinner

21

9:30-10:30am  
Good Friday  
Service

22

23

6.30am Dawn Service  
at Esplanade  
8:00am Pancake  
Breakfast at Church  
9:30am Easter Service  
at Church

24

Easter Monday

25

9.30 Koala Kids

26

3:30 Guppies

27

9.30 Koala Kids  
5:30pm Gecko's  
7.30 Ministry Team  
Leaders meeting

28

7:30 pm Y-Zone

29

### 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 Life Growth

## 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 take a look at Julie's article on Page 3 of this newsletter.

**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 & Jeanette Nissen	Noelene	Wednesday 9.30 am	4039 2030
Ladies Whitfield	Julie Bignill	Julie	Wednesday 9.30 am	4032 0804

# Community **Life** Growth



## Careforce



### 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 21 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

## 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.



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< Denise Jorgensen

# Community Life Prayer

A note on our

## Prayer Place

**Hi everyone, I'm responsible for co-ordinating the prayer ministry in our church this year.**

So you are a parent of a child or children between 1 and 18 and you want to be a family who prays together. Using Evelyn Christensen's book "What Happens When Women Pray" I have come up with some suggestions to help you make it happen.

1) Same time, same place – As much as possible try to make praying together a daily routine. Find a time and a place that suits you best and try to stick to it. My family prays together at breakfast (Monday to Friday) as we are early birds and fairly organised in the morning. However we temporarily changed this to evenings during the holidays when we were out of school routine.

2) Subject by subject – One person prays out loud and everybody else in the group prays silently on the same subject. Don't plan what you are going to pray next while someone is praying – but pray in one accord.

3) Short prayers – Parents lead by example and pray just one or two sentences out loud. Keep expectations very low. The aim is to make each person comfortable and confident to speak out.

4) Simple prayers – Keep prayers simple. Again the aim is to make each person feel comfortable and confident to pray so don't use 'Christian jargon'.

5) Specific prayer requests – Be specific and record your prayer requests. Later when a prayer is answered, record that too. Show your children that God is a God who answers prayer. Likewise when a prayer is not answered in the way that we hope (eg. for a family member to become a Christian) be willing to explain that our ways are not always God's way and God's timing is not always the same as ours. However believe that 'the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.' James 5:16

6) Silent periods – Don't panic when there are silent periods. Don't feel the need to fill them up. Just listen. Prayer is a two-way conversation with God. Allow Him to speak to you and your children. (You can ask

later if and how God spoke to your children as you prayed. You may be surprised at the answers).

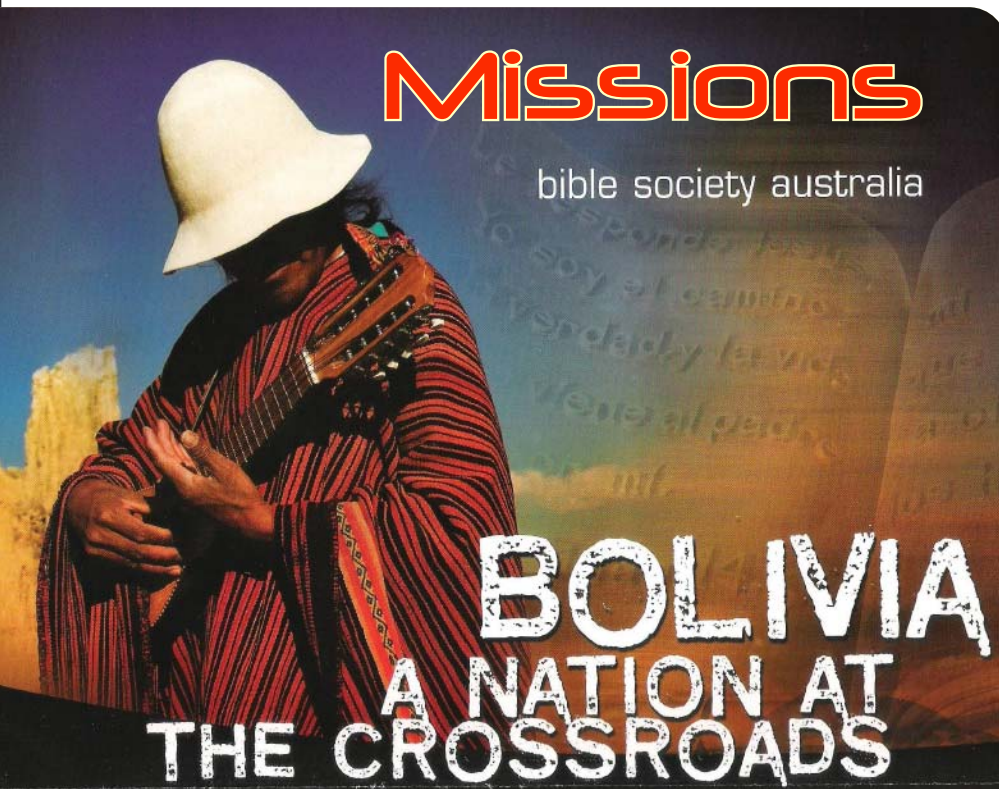
In our family before we pray together, we read out loud from the Bible and then follow it with a story that illustrates how to apply that Bible reading in our daily life. In Christian jargon this is known as a 'devotion'. There are lots of books with daily devotions available, geared towards specific age groups. Ask around to find out what other families use, experiment to see what suits your children best or go onto the Koroong Christian bookstore website at [www.koorong.com.au](http://www.koorong.com.au) and see what is available.

In Prayer Place next month read about the lost art of meditation.

Until then,

*Angela Harding*





Every year the Bible Society of Australia focuses on a particular nation in the world. For 2008 the focus is on Bolivia --- "most of the population considers itself to be Roman Catholic...few people actually attend church. There is wide-spread belief in God, but very little knowledge of him."

Bolivia is at a time of transition, they need our support and help, so that Bolivia can be changed.

An info pack, including DVD, is available for anyone interested in finding out more. Just ask myself or any of the MIG committee who will organise for you to borrow the info pack. Or go online [www.bible.com.au](http://www.bible.com.au).



The next MIG (Missions Interest Group) meeting is at my place 7:45pm Monday 3rd March. If you are interested in praying for missions, why not come along.

Remember the Sinclair family as they work with MAF in East Timor, a nation very much in need of our prayers in this difficult time. Please pray for their family relationships, ongoing good health, continued security and protection for their family.

Don't forget that Bek will be visiting North Queensland, primarily Cairns, from 29th April to 8th June. Please speak with Robyn Francis who is co-ordinating opportunities for people and groups to spend time with Bek. During March, Bek has meetings and visits

in the Gold Coast and then Launceston; she would appreciate your prayers. Also remember to pray for her as she re-adjusts to life back in Australia, and considers what God's call on her life for the next term overseas will be.

*Beth Thomas*

# Community *Life* Notices

## Notices

### Cappuccino Roster

2 March	Mollenhauers
9 March	Doug Miles
16 March	Kent & Judi
23 March	Chucky & Clare
30 March	Mollenhauers

### *Special Notice*

**There will be no Geckos  
on Thurs 20th March  
as it is coming into Good Friday.**

### Morning Tea Roster

DATE	LEADERS	HELPERS
2 March	Peter & Judy	Yvonne & Deborah, Grant & Sharon
9 March	Noelene & Bill	Rosie & Rod, Carole A, Sheila N
16 March	Liz/Robyn	Fay, Lola, Kathy L, Margaret L
23 March	EASTER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED	
30 March	Dianne	Michelle, Kerry & Neville, Colleen & David

### 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 7pm Fridays in Church

### Chaplaincy @ Woree SHS

A simple way people can support the Chaplain, Andrew Boardman at Woree State High School is by nominating Woree High as their charity at Piconnes IGA Pease St or Edmonton at the checkout. A percentage of what you spend is then donated back to Chaplaincy at Woree High.

### Finance report

Average of last 3 weeks: \$4114  
Weekly budget: \$5250

### Cleaning Team Roster

1 March	Nissen family, Liz Curtis
8 March	Michelle Myers *2 volunteers needed
15 March	Harding Family
22 March	Robyn Stout, Luetitia M'Kumbuzi *1 volunteer needed
29 March	Smythe Family

Please note Robyn Stout's new phone number: 40534745

*Community Life*

# Easter

## **Good Friday Service**

**Friday 21st March**

**9.30am - 10.30am**

Centenary Lakes Christian Community

## **Dawn Easter Service**

**Sunday 23rd March**

**6.30am – 7.30am**

The Esplanade

Followed by

## **8.00am Pancake Breakfast**

at the Church

Followed by

## **Sunday Easter Service**

**Sunday 23rd March**

**9.30am**

Centenary Lakes Christian Community

## **Easter Dinner Thursday 20th March**

We are holding an Easter dinner on Thursday night 20 March at various homes.

If you are interested in hosting a dinner at your place please let the office know asap.

There will be an information pack available for interested hosts.

Please call the office on 4032 4411 for more information.

# Community Life Contacts



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#### **Childrens Ministries**

Sharon Price

#### **Finance**

Kent Harland

#### **Life Groups**

Dave Wilson

#### **Life Keys**

Denise Jorgensen

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