

Life @theLakes



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Welcome!

to our fourth 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.

behold believe become



A personal note...

Humility

At the beginning of this year I wrote down eight words God spoke into my life. These words I believe represent the areas Gods wants us to come to a new and fresh level of understanding and experience in.

Some of these words I have already shared with you in the previous articles but here are the eight words I wrote down. Over the coming months we will look at each of them in more detail.

Humility – Freedom – Salvation – Power – Holiness - Fruitfulness – Arise – Courage.

This month I want us to focus on Humility. Humility is an often misunderstood word. I once heard a speaker boast of how humble he had become!

In the worlds eyes humility is often seen as a form of weakness. And in the religious world humility is often seen as some sort of self-denigration. God's word, and in particular God's living Word, though paints an entirely different picture of humility.

"Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling

process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death - and the worst kind of death at that - a crucifixion."

Phil 2:5-8

Jesus paints for us this definition of humility - "Humility doesn't mean thinking less of yourself, it just means thinking of yourself less." (Word for today, Bob Gass)

Humility is therefore a natural, even at times unconscious fruit (Mt 25:37-39) of esteeming God's will and way above all else, especially ourselves.

God's word forever puts this challenge before us, *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

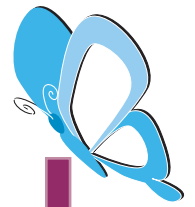
2 Chron. 7:14-14

What greater challenge could we have as we come into the time of Pentecost than to Humble – Pray – Seek – Turn. And God's promise to us as we do is; I will Hear – Forgive – Heal.

It all starts with a big "IF". Are we willing to humble ourselves? YES!!

Phil Bignill

Community Life



Intentionally...

During the last school holidays we, as a family, went away camping for the week. It was a really important time for us as we had a real chance to just relax together, have some fun together and enjoy being a family again. Life seems to get so busy that we really needed to intentionally take some time to focus on one another and have fun.

I think that in a way we need to do this intentionally within our own church family as well. We need to stop and look around us and see what can I do to make a difference. Who can I see sitting on their own who

may need some company? Is there someone I haven't seen at church for a while – I wonder why? Could I do something, go visit someone, make a meal for someone?? Sometimes life gets so busy, the weeks get filled up with our own commitments, and Sunday morning gets filled with seeing and chatting with the people in my row or around me. We need to intentionally look around, look out for a way I can make a difference.

Over the next few months our play groups (Koala Kids) will be expanding. There are a few mothers that will be adding to their numbers with new babies.

A few years ago Koala Kids began a program to provide meals for these new mothers in the week they return home from hospital. We as a church family have the privilege of being able to help contribute to this very worthwhile ministry. If you would be able to make a meal and bring it to the church to be delivered by playgroup to one of these new mothers please let me know either via email on communitylife@thelakes.org.au or by phoning the office 4032 4411. This is a real way of intentionally doing something for our extended church family. Hope you all have a great month.

Love

Julie Bignill



Community Life children



Welcome to Lakes Kids!!

As Sharon is taking a break over Term two I would like to give an update on Lakes Kids for the month. Kids @ church under the leadership of Lisa Cossa and her fantastic team of leaders is running a program called "Over the Edge." Our kids will be challenged about living life the way Jesus did – Extreme living. Be warned your kids may suddenly become dangerous!!

Koala Kids play group continues to operate on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Look out for Koala Kids for Dads. (See Ad)

Geckos who we featured last month is going from strength to strength. They are beginning to show signs of the need for a bigger venue.

In a coming edition we will feature Guppies a new Junior Kids program that started up at the beginning of the year. Please continue to pray for our leaders and kids.

Blessings,
Phil Bignill



Koala Kids for Dads

Saturday 10th May
9.30-11.30am
in the back hall
of the church.

It would be great to have our church Koala Kids' Dads come along - it's a great way to meet and

make contacts with Dads from our wider Cairns community. We'd love to see you there - and your kids will love you for it too!!

Please contact Rosemary for more info 4053 2434



Play group
Tuesdays and
Thursdays
9.30am - 11.30am



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



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

"Kids@church"



Community Life Youth



Program

May 2 ONE YOUTH
here at the Lakes - speaker
Craig Kingsley be ready in
season & out

May 9 Jesus
(what Peter Says) -
The shepherd and
overseer of souls

May 16 Jesus
(what Peter Says) -
The only source of Truth

May 23 combined
youth bowling

May 30 Jesus
- The goal of character



The first term has come and gone and what a term it was. We looked at what matters in the life of our church, we also started our LAKES and SUBURBAN nights. One week we all come together and meet at the church and the following week we split up and go into two homes. This has been great for growing relationships and getting deeper in our learning. We are hoping to split again and see four groups on a Suburban night.

This second term of the year we are going to look at Jesus - who people say he was/is and who we think he is. We will look at his characteristics as well as his achievements and claims.



All too often we teach and grow young people to be great church lovers and active church members. As important as this is, we are committed to growing disciples of Christ. Some of you parents may want to be a part of this as we journey and look at the life of Jesus. So keep it in mind, you may want to offer your home for the term.

I'm excited about this term, we will get an opportunity to practice our Jesus like character as we head off to a combined Youth Bowling night, and as we host One Youth at our church. Keep us in prayer!!!





Monthly Calendar

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				<p>1</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids 5:30pm Gecko's Pastoral Leaders Meeting 7:30-9:00pm Prayer@Church</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:30pm Sparetimers 7:30 pm Y-Zone@Church 7:30-9:00pm Prayer@Church</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30-9:00pm Prayer@Church</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Mission Sunday Speaker: Rebekah Honkhe 7:30-9:00pm Prayer@Church</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Public Holiday 7:30-9:00pm Prayer@Church</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids 12:00 Ministers Fraternal 7:30-9:00pm Prayer@Church</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:30 Combined Churches Prayer</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids 5:30pm Gecko's 7:30-9:00pm Prayer@Church</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 pm Y-Zone Suburban 7:30-9:00pm Prayer@Church</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30-11:30am Dad's Koala Kids 7:30-9:00pm Prayer@Church</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Happy Mother's Day! Pentecost Sunday Speaker: Dave Wilson & Angela Harding</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Term 2 commences 7:30pm Valiant Man and Search for Life</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids 5:30pm Gecko's 8:00 MIG Meeting 7:30 Life Groups Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 pm Y-Zone@Church</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8am Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Visiting Speaker: John Smith Founder of God Squad</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30pm Valiant Man and Search for Life</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids 5:30pm Gecko's</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30 pm Y-Zone Bowling</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Galations Series Week1: "In Your Freedom I Will Live" Phil Bignill Connect Sunday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30pm Valiant Man and Search for Life</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids 5:30pm Gecko's 7:30 Ministry Team Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30 pm Y-Zone@Church</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00pm Seasonal Worship Night</p>

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
 prayer 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	Thomas & Mel Pashley	Thomas & Mel	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4039 0699
Redlynch	Rohan Morrell	Penny Grummit	Tuesday 7:30 pm	0429 348 938
Stratford	Grant Dixon	Rick & Pat Green	Tuesday 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

Introducing the Lakes

Mens' Ministry

The Lakes Mens ministry exists to encourage, challenge and equip men in their relationship with Jesus Christ. We want to train men to be disciples of Christ and Godly servant leaders in His image. If we want to be Godly men we need to know the true character of God and this requires us to be men of God's Word and allow transformation of our lives by the Holy Spirit.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3.16-17

One of the great things celebrated in our Australian culture is the mateship between blokes. As a group of men in the church we enjoy meeting together and as Christians encouraging and inspiring one another in our walk with Christ.

Mens ministry events serve to draw men into the Bible, challenge men to live Godly lives, be encouraged as they connect with each other and impact the lives of those around them for Jesus Christ as they live and lead with genuine servant hearts.

Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands. His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Psalm 112. 1-2

How can I get connected?

The Mens ministry aims to have a variety of groups, events and activities in different spaces and sizes, which men in the church community can involve themselves and their friends in. Events and activities can include:

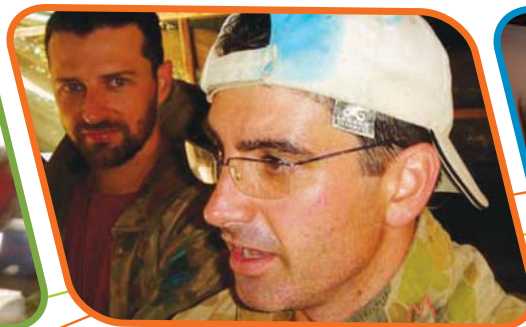
- Mens retreats
- Mens lifegroups

- Teaching events – Bible, topical (eg. health, finance, work, fatherhood)
- Worship nights for men
- Sports events
- Small groups
- Leisure activities
- Social groups
- Movie nights
- Fishing trips

It is our intention to do all we can to provide a variety of entry points for the men of CLCC to connect with other men, to help them grow in their faith, and to provide opportunities to enable them to put their faith into action.

We want to equip men with the knowledge and tools they need to find peace and purpose in their roles as leaders, husbands, fathers and friends. Whether it's at a Bible Study or a footy game, men can enjoy friendship, challenge and encouragement through The Lake's Mens' Ministry.

Campbell Smythe



Men's Breakfast
Saturday 17 May
8:00am
for details email Campbell on
men@thelakes.org.au



Careforce Valiant Man and Search for Life programs are currently being run each with 23 participants. We hope to run the Healthy Lifestyle Program (featured below) at some time this year, so 'stay tuned'.



Healthy Lifestyle

Healthy Lifestyle is a ten-session program for women of any age who are seeking to unlock their physical and spiritual potential. The program empowers and motivates women to be proactive, have fun, learn about their health and explore the possibilities of a more active lifestyle. Participants are helped in establishing a healthier lifestyle through a physical activity component in addition to the normal teaching and small group time.

Developed by health professionals, and peer reviewed by experts in the field.

Session Information

Sessions include:

- Session 1 More than a Lifestyle – Embracing Health
- Session 2 Getting into Physical Activity
- Session 3 Nutrition – Fuel for the Body
- Session 4 Introduction to Strength Training
- Session 5 Eating for Reasons other than Hunger
- Session 6 Weight Management
- Session 7 Because you're Worth it!
- Session 8 When the going gets Tough
- Session 9 Essential Women's Health Issues
- Session 10 The Journey Ahead



< Denise Jorgensen

Careforce Conference

Venue: Mt. Evelyn Church Lilydale
(Melbourne)

When: 30th - 31st May 2008.

Community Life Prayer

A note on our

Prayer Place

Just before Easter I started thinking about Pentecost and I made a commitment to pray every day from Easter Sunday to Pentecost in a strategic way. Basically I committed to prepare myself for Pentecost.

Why? We need to go back to the first Pentecost. After Jesus was raised from the dead, he spent forty days appearing to the disciples, walking with them, eating with them and talking to them about the kingdom of God. Then, as he left to go back to heaven he told the disciples that they would be his witnesses - but not on their own. He told them to stay in the city and wait until they had been clothed with power from on high. About ten days later (on the day we call Pentecost) the Holy Spirit came and filled them. Suddenly, empowered by the Holy Spirit those weak, frightened, confused disciples became

articulate and courageous evangelists, baptizing, preaching, healing, casting out demons in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (Check it out in the end of each of the gospels and in the book of Acts).

'God's Way is not a matter of mere talk, it's an empowered life.'

1 Corinthians 4:20 (The Message)

As I began to prepare for Pentecost, I felt a desire to pray not just for myself, but for the whole church - that as a church we would experience an empowering from God, a revival even. This year we have recommitted to pray every day for our leaders, missionaries, church and community, and the more we do this, the more I realize that prayer is the key to everything. I don't believe that

we will see growth in our church through our programmes - unless and until we place a priority on prayer.

Pentecost Sunday is **11 May**. Let's prepare together for the Holy Spirit's empowering in our own lives and in the life of our church. I encourage you individually and together to

- pray patiently, persistently, passionately
 - worship
 - repent
 - fast
 - and wait expectantly.
- The church will be open every evening from Thursday, 1 May until Saturday, 10 May for people to come and pray together. Mark it in your diaries and come and join us.

Angela Harding



Community Life Missions

Missions Sunday! 4th May 2008

A warm welcome is extended to you all to join us and our Special Guest ... Rebecca Hohnke ... who will be preaching on our Missions Sunday on 4th May.



Commencing at 9.30am, including worship, prayer, news and preaching, the service is followed by a special morning tea from 11am.

In addition to this, enjoy a service with a difference, where we will all learn of unique insights into the lives of some

of the worldwide missionaries we support and into our various mission interests in general.

All are welcome and we really look forward to seeing you there!

UGANDA MISSIONS TEAM! 6th-22nd August 2008

Many of you will recall the special visit by the Watoto Children's Choir last year which coincided with our fundraising efforts in support of the Watoto Childcare Ministries in Uganda.

Thanks to the wonderful generosity and enthusiasm of so many who contributed to our "Buy a Brick" fundraiser last year – the target of \$38,000 was successfully reached! Therefore a team made up from 3 churches – ours, Gold Coast

and Sydney, are heading off at their own expense to Uganda to build a house in the Watoto Children's Orphanage.

However, our church would like to support them with some fundraising initiatives, and invite you to join us. So if it is on your hearts, you can do so in a number of ways:

■ Purchase items mentioned in the "Watoto Wish List" for team members to take over and give to the Watoto children.

- Support any of the upcoming fundraising initiatives – as mentioned in church.
- Pray for team preparation, travel, time of ministry and helps, and safe return.
- Give financially – using the Watoto envelopes provided at church.



If you would like more information on Watoto Childcare Ministries, please visit www.watoto.com

Community Life Missions



...and Kenya

In addition to this Penny Grummit will also be doing some short term missions work in Kenya prior to joining the team in Uganda. Penny will be visiting Mully Children's Family in Kenya (please google MCF if you want to know more). Likewise, they have special needs, requesting specific

printer cartridges be brought out. These are costly for Penny to purchase all on her own, but if anyone would like to donate one, these are the ones required:

1. Printer Number 3550C Tricolor
2. Printer No. 3550 color 27A and 28A

3. HP Laser Jet 1020 Number 12A

4. HP DeskJet 3940 color 21 and 22

Once again, on behalf of the children of Uganda & Kenya, thank you for your support! May God richly bless you!

Karen Boyd!

Fund Raiser for Missions

Afternoon Tea INVITATION

In support of a building team from our church in funding their trip to Uganda to build a home in the Watoto Orphanage, we are inviting YOU & YOUR FRIENDS to join us for an Afternoon Tea in your area!

Cost: \$8:00

You can choose a time and date to suit you & join one or more of the following hosts:

Afternoon Teas

Thursday 15th May
– from 2:00pm

36 Lillipilli Street, Redlynch

RSVP Tel: 4039 3108

Your Host: Penny Grummitt

Saturday 17th May

– from 2:00pm

18 St Albans Close, Brinsmead

RSVP Tel: 4055 1928

Your Host: Margaret Chandler

Friday 16th May

– from 2:00pm

18 St Albans Close, Brinsmead

RSVP Tel: 4055 1928

Your Host: Margaret Chandler

Saturday 17th May

– from 2:00pm

15 Panorama Street,

Bayview Heights

RSVP Tel: 4051 6986

Your Host: Shell Hickin

High Tea

Sunday 18th May – from 2:00pm 30 Junction Street, Edge Hill

RSVP Tel: 4053 7704 Your Hosts: Peter & Karen Boyd

Community **Life** Notices

Notices

Connect Sunday

New to our Community?
You are Invited!
to a special get-together
morning tea

Sunday 25th May

This will be a great opportunity for you to meet with the Pastors and Leaders, to be better informed about us and our church Community and also for us to get to know a little more about you.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 17th May, 8:00am
for details email Campbell Smythe on
men@thelakes.org.au

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.

Finance report

The average offerings for the last 4 weeks is \$5,279
Weekly budget:
\$5,900

Morning Tea Roster

DATE	LEADERS and HELPERS
4 May	Peter & Judy, Yvonne & Deborah, Grant & Sharon
11 May	Ray Wearmouth & Volunteers (thanks Guys!)
18 May	Bill & Noelene, Rosie & Rod, Carole A. & Shiela N.
25 May	Liz C, Robyn F, Fay B, Lola, Kathy L, Margaret L.
1 June	Dianne L, Michelle M, Kerry & Neville, Colleen & David

May Cleaning Team Roster

3rd	Gray family
10th	Sharon & Grant Dixon; Dominique Marquardt
17th	Jim & Jeanette Nissen; Liz Curtis
24th	Harding family
31st	Smythe family

Cappuccino Roster

4 May	Kent & Judi
11 May	Chucky & Clare
18 May	Glen & Beth
25 May	Kent & Judi
1 June	Chucky & Clare

Community Notices

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Lifegroups Leaders & Trainees

A meeting will be held at the Bignills,
Thursday 15th May, at 7:30 pm
13 Collins Avenue, Edge Hill

Seasonal Worship

Saturday 31st May
7:00pm

Have you ever considered the seasons of the year and how they represent the different aspects of God and our relationship with Him?

At the end of each season (4 times a year) we will be gathering together as a Church to give thanks and honour to God for His goodness to us.

The 31st May marks the end of the current season and the beginning of another. As we enter the new season that is before us, let's come together and give thanks and pray, as the word of God encourages us to worship Him through the different seasons.

Thanksgiving



Churches of Cairns
Combined Prayer and Worship Night
Wed 7th May, 7-9pm,
Cairns City Church, Pease St Manooora



Community Life

Testimony



Hi, my name is Yvonne Miles and I want to testify of God's sanctifying grace in my life.

On Sunday at Church, God set me free from thirty years of fear. Victor Schlatter spoke on The Two Beasts and the meaning of the 666 in Revelation. I had always had a fear of hearing about this because I was afraid of not going to Heaven if I had the number. Victor spoke on the meaning of the numbers and also that if he was forced kicking and screaming to have it on him God would still know what was in his heart. This knowledge lifted off my

shoulders 30 years of fear and I returned home feeling like I was flying.

That evening my daughter and I went out for tea and I have to say that it has been over the last year or so that when I order food it is often late, or the order is lost and I would find myself becoming extremely frustrated and angry. Once again it happened, the girl came up to us very apologetic to say that our meals had been given to someone else and that they were cooking them again!!! Now usually from the pit of my stomach would rise up anger but this time there was nothing and I didn't feel mad at all. I sat there thinking "hey I don't feel mad, what's happened". Later on as I thought about it I realised that FEAR is the

ROOT of ANGER and that the experience I had had in the morning had affected me at a very deep level. As far as the same thing happening again with the meals, I felt that God had allowed this to show me what had taken place in my life. I am very grateful to God for his mercy and to encourage everyone to allow God to do His work in them. If you have an area of your life that needs changing, seek His face and cry out to Him and then watch and see what He will do, it may take 30yrs or it may happen quickly, God is Faithful, Praise His Name.



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