

# Life @theLakes



## Fruitfulness

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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.

*A personal note...*

# Fruitfulness



**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.**

**John 15:1**

To be a follower of Jesus is to be fruitful. When you look at your life do you see fruit? Do others see fruit? Are you content with what you see?

To be fruitful is to see God's life in us being reproduced in others. To share with others the grace he has freely given us. To share with others the truth he has revealed to us. ***"I tell you the truth, Jesus said, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."*** John 12:24

Too often I am shocked by the selfishness I see in me, that would think so little of others and their eternal destiny; that I would think so little of God and His Glory. Our prayer must be, "God give me a greater heart for you and for others. God help me be more fruitful."

We used to have a huge lychee tree out in our back yard. It took up nearly the whole yard. Each year we would wait expectantly for a bountiful crop and each year we would be disappointed. While the tree was huge and had the potential to be fruitful it stubbornly refused to fruit. It did however make a huge mess in the yard! Eventually we cut it down.

Jesus in his own words said, ***"A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them."*** (Mt 7:18-20).

Jesus response to that prayer is

***"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I in them, they will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.... If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."*** John 15:4 -5, 7-8

Remaining in Him is the key to bearing fruit.

It takes discipline and humility to remain. It takes trust and patience. But only those who remain will bear fruit. What fruit does God want to birth out of you? Will you attend to the task of remaining? May we never underestimate the power of faithfully remaining and may our life together bear much fruit for our Father's Glory.

Blessings,

*Phil Bignill*

# Community Life

## Women's Prayer Retreat

In the beginning of August some of the ladies of this community came together to worship our God, encourage one another, and to pray continually.

We had a great time with one another and it started with a fantastic time of worship with Marty, Eva & Emily leading us right into the presence of God.

The food was amazing. Angela often made the comment that she didn't think food had been prayed over to the extent that our food was prayed over on the weekend. Jacqueline truly believed that her presence on this weekend was meant by God and it showed in her commitment that the food be just as God intended. We picnicked with Jesus, lying on the grass breaking bread with one another, and sharing the abundance that God has provided for us. We shared a Passover meal with one another remembering what Jesus did for us so many years ago. And through all of it we were filled physically and spiritually!!!

Eva made the comment as we were sharing on Sunday morning to never underestimate the power of pampering. As we pampered one another we saw Jesus' love for us and his desire to refresh us, rejuvenate us, and give us time to rest well in his presence.

**...our life is a prayer to our God**

We were reminded on the weekend how important it is to be open before one another. That God has given us a spirit of power, not timidity, and we need to be courageous in all that we do. To share our needs, our struggles, what is blocking us from hearing God's voice before one another, and find forgiveness in doing this, so we can move forward to hear what God wants to say to us. But also to share what God has done for us, what he has

said to us because through this everyone is blessed.

Finally we shared communion together and we were able to minister to one another where there was need. This time was so special as everyone came before their Father honestly and openly, what a privilege we have to share with one another in this way.

During our prayer retreat we were reminded that our life is a prayer to our God, everything we do is prayer. So how is your prayer life???

Until next time,

*Julie Bignill*



# Community Life

## Women's Prayer Retreat





Hi everyone,



God is taking us on an amazing ride in children's ministry! What stands out the most in all that I feel God is saying to us as a team is to abide in Him and lead our Children from that place! Apart from Jesus we can do nothing. But when we abide in Him – nothing is impossible!!!

I found this amazing verse that I am claiming for each of us as we lead these precious little ones...

*"Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me O God till I declare Your power to the next generation, Your might to all who are to come."*

**Psalm 71:18**

I pray that our kids will know Him! Really know Him!

In Alien Kidz (Kids Church Grade 1 to 7) this term, we are focusing on equipping our kids - by encouraging them to play a lead role in their own program. We have our kids praying, giving testimonies, reading bible verses, leading worship, organising sound and setting up morning tea. We have a great team of kids and

they are really stepping up to the challenge!

The program this term is simple but very powerful. We are looking at the power in prayer and praying God's word. May our kids experience power in His name when they pray!

God bless!

*Sharon Price*





This term has started with great fervor. Last term we looked at who Jesus is and this term we are looking at the book *Discovering Jesus*. It has begun well with three Suburban groups now running.

We did a campfire for our first suburban at Redlynch, and fire, marshmallows and young people all go well together. Safe to say, and I am happy to say, I still have a house.

**One Youth** at The Good Shepherd was great. I think we all enjoyed the Clinkers, hot dogs and ice cream... It was great to see other young people serving God as we experienced that night.

We are loving getting to know the young people and facilitating a better understanding of who Jesus is and who they are in the eyes of Jesus. It is so crucial that we not just entertain these young people with games but that we guide them in the truth of the Gospel.

Please continue to pray for the team and young people that are a part of the Friday night program.

Let me also encourage you to join us on a Sunday as we grow our Sunday afternoon service **Faith Hope Love**.

*Walter Harnisch*

## Program September

**September 5**  
**Suburban Discover**  
**My Response**

**September 12**  
**Lakes Discover**  
**Wrap up**

**September 19**  
**Beach Volleyball @**  
**Esplanade**



Kellie Neale and Nadine Myer absent



# September

## Monthly Calendar



### 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 & Thursdays
- Adult Life Groups Tuesdays and Wednesdays - see following page.
- Geckos 6pm Thursdays in Hall
- Worship Practice 6pm Thursdays
- Youth - Yzone 7pm Fridays in Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9.30 Koala Kids 12.00 Ministers Fraternal	3	4 9.30 Koala Kids 6.00pm Geckos Pastoral Leaders Meeting	5 12.30 Sparetimers 7.30pm Y-Zone	6
7 "Unlikely Warriors" Speaker: Phil Bignill 5.00pm Combined Churches Youth Concert "United"	8	9 9.30 Koala Kids	10 7.30 Marriage Course	11 9.30 Koala Kids 6.00pm Geckos 8.00 MIG Meeting	12 7.30pm Youth Surge	13
14 "Unlikely Warriors Unlikely Weapons" Speaker: Phil Bignill 5.00pm Faith Hope Love Organic	15	16 9.30 Koala Kids	17 7.30pm LIFT night	18 9.30 Koala Kids 6.00pm Geckos	19 7.30pm Y-Zone Term 3 Finishes	20
21 Morning Service Speaker: Walter Harnisch 5.00pm Faith Hope Love Organic	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Morning Service Speaker: Walter Harnisch Kids Holiday Break Program 5.00pm Faith Hope Love Organic	29	30				

## Missions



### Outreach!!

This month we welcome back the Watoto Team who have recently returned from their short term mission to Uganda!! Adventures and blessings abounded ... missing luggage, tummy upsets, wild safari, hard yakka and amazing cuddles from many of the little babies and children in Uganda, the team had a fabulous time ... and will be sharing the full story with us at Church on Sunday 14th of September! So stay tuned ...

### News on the Cordens & Bek

Exciting news to report from the Cordens, about the Torres Strait Bible translation project. Both Simeon and Percy are doing great work – with the goal of completing all first drafts of the New Testament by August 2009. However to help achieve this there is an urgent need for two laptop computers. Can't afford to donate a whole computer? What about contributing towards the purchase of one? Michael and Charlotte have moved into the office that was built specifically for their translation work.

Alexis is slowly recovering from his bout of Pneumonia – please pray for him, and for his parents, who are also recovering from this stressful time.

Bek has settled back into her adopted home country. She is excited by her new home, and by the opportunities that are coming her way. Check out the pictures in her email newsletter (a copy is on the 'board' at the back of the church, along with lots of other info). Take time to read her list of "signs that you

are experiencing summer in Central Asia" – some will be similar to what our NQ tropical summers are like, others... well... they are very different! Remember to pray for Bek – thank you.

On behalf of MIG

*Beth Thomas*

p.s. the next MIG meeting will be 7:45pm on 18<sup>th</sup> September at Laurence's place.

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 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
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	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)
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
Trinity Beach	Rowan Shee	Rowan Shee	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4057 8225

## Working B

A very big thankyou to all who participated in our annual working bee. We had a great day working and fellowshiping together, were thoroughly spoilt with a fabulous lunch (thankyou Yetwan) and accomplished many tasks.



### Reporting on The Marriage Course

We are halfway through the Marriage Course now with only a couple of sessions to go. 19 couples are taking part in the teaching series developed by Nicky and Sila Lee from Holy Trinity Brompton in the UK. Some of the sessions have really challenged, but

people testify to the intimacy and relationship strength resulting from discussions with their husband/wife on the topics. Society might tell us that marriage doesn't need to be a lifetime commitment, but God's Word tells us that marriage is honourable in every way

(Hebrews 13). Along with the teaching there has been some excellent desserts being served and a big thanks to Cassy, Phil, Julie, Kyla and others who have helped prepare and serve food to make the evening that little bit more special for everyone there!



## Why I decided to help...

I decided to help out in the morning tea ministry of the church as an opportunity to meet people. Being a mother of young children I found the majority of people I knew within the church were other mothers

of young children. I felt working in this ministry would help me to get to know a wider range of people. Though we are only committed to one Sunday about every 8-12 weeks I felt that it was important to help in some capacity within the church. The church has given to me in so many areas such as playgroup, kids church, bible studies and Sunday services as well as providing me with meals when

our children were born and when I was in hospital with a burst appendix, that I felt it was important to give back some of the blessing God has given me. I find it a privilege to be a part of a team of people who work well together without groaning to serve others. The rewards of serving are well worth the effort!

*Jacqueline Davis*

## Anyone interested in helping with the morning tea ministry please see Carol Duncan

or email her at [teapot@cairns.net.au](mailto:teapot@cairns.net.au) or contact the church office at [office@thelakes.org.au](mailto:office@thelakes.org.au)

## New Life



Wayne and Rebecca Hagedoorn have a new addition to their family. Max Ambrose Hagedoorn, born 1st of August 2008, 4350 kilos or 9lb 9oz.



Tim and Kerryn Colen (previous Lakes members) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Sophia Colen, on 8th August — a sister for Will.

## the edge

### Young Adults Homegroups

If your birth was between 18 and 30 years ago and you're not in a home group but want

to be - you need to talk to Luke Palmer or Nadine O'Farrell! 'the edge' home groups meet weekly on Wednesday nights, 730pm. For more information

about where to go and what they are studying contact Luke - 0403393397 or Nadine 0409721576

## Mens' Ministry



Men, with fathers day coming up its a great opportunity to reflect on the purpose our Father in heaven has given us. Phil spoke recently about men leading their families and those around them by being worshipers of God. What a calling and responsibility we have to serve those in "our world". What impact does your life have on the people you interact with during the week: your wife, your children, your friends, the shop assistant, the

courier, the telemarketer, your co-workers, the bus driver, the nurse, whoever it is you meet with, do you impact them in some way for Christ?

Matthew 5 tells us to be a shining light for Christ. Being a Godly man takes decision, intent and effort. But as we work out our salvation it is God who works in us to fulfill His purposes (Philippians 2), to equip us (2 Tim 3.16) and enable us (Gal 5.16-26).

If you are interested in joining a Mens' Bible study group get in touch with me. This group could meet weekly or fortnightly, morning or night - whatever we need to do to make it the best time for whoever wants to be a part of it! Let me know by email - [men@thelakes.org.au](mailto:men@thelakes.org.au) or phone 0401202892

*Campbell Smythe*

## Bill Mills Weekend Report

Listening to Bill's teaching was inspiring to say the least. I have asked that next time Bill Mills comes to speak, we are given time to prepare, prayer and fasting. That would be appropriate! He has a wealth of experience to draw on that is tested and proved by his relationship with Jesus. From the gospel of John, the talk on leading as a follower was gentle, filled with wisdom and the example of Jesus as a follower of God, doing nothing without the direction of his Father. (John 5:19)

It was Saturday's teaching on Suffering that was full of meat; something to mentally chew on. He raised the issue that we are here for God's glory; that our suffering brings us closer to Him. God is sovereign over all, and while we don't know "why" we do know "who" – all for Jesus. Paul says he counts all things lost for the glory of God.

*Lynette Emery*



UCB Australia.

## Cheerful giving

"God loves a cheerful giver."  
2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

The Bible says, "Whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work...You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion" (2 Cor 9:6-11 NIV).

Are you a cheerful giver or a fearful giver? It's not that we're greedy or opposed to supporting God's work, we're just concerned that if we don't look out for our own interests, they might not get looked out for at all. But such fear is irrational! It's like a farmer who, out of fear of losing his seed, refuses to plant his fields. Don't hoard the seed God intends to be sown for the harvest He wants you to have. God's promise to you is, "If you sow generously you'll reap generously." When you make giving to God your first priority, you don't have to fear. Jesus said, "Put God's work

first and do what He wants. Then the other things will be yours as well" (Matt 6:33 CEV). When you strive to be a faithful channel for His Kingdom, God promises to "increase your store of seed". And it gets better: "You will be made rich in every way." When you partner with God, He rewards you abundantly for every good deed. When you view your money from God's perspective, the thing to fear isn't giving away too much, but sowing too little!

Soulfood Bible Readings  
Deut 25-27, Luke 12:22-34, Ps  
119:33-40, Pr 17:16

## Events



Please join us and the Cairns Combined Churches to celebrate

**UNITED**  
a concert for the whole family.

**Sunday 7 September**

**5:00pm to 7:00pm**

**Fogarty Park**

**Esplanade**

## Family BBQ

A great chance to get to know other families involved in our kids programs and meet new families that aren't part of our community. All are welcome!

Cricket/touch footy and enjoy an early BBQ dinner together!!

This is an opportunity to be a light so let's shine!!

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

**Time: 3pm**

**Where: Esplanade – northern end of Muddies**



## Notices

### Christmas Gift Box

Please pledge your commitment to making up a Gift Box for a needy child. See Noelene or Viv today for a box to fill for only \$1 and grab a brochure to show you how to fill it.

### Full time position at MAF

#### Supporter Services Assistant

Starting Mid September 2008

- Assist supporter relations manager
- Adjust donor database with changes relating to recurring debit/credit donations
- Reconcile donations with statements
- Process donation receipts
- Providing donor services & meeting donor requests
- Staff supporter administration

Contact: [personnel@maf.org.au](mailto:personnel@maf.org.au)

### Interested in Leading Camps in 09?

#### Scripture Union Training opportunity

Contact Alicia Iain on 0403 992 957 or email [smiletickyboo@hotmail.com](mailto:smiletickyboo@hotmail.com) if interested.

### News Update and Thank you

We wish to say a huge thank you to the Harland family for all their love and service over the past few years with us. Both Kent and Judy have served faithfully in key leadership positions in the past few years, but have come to a stage in their family life where it is important for them to move on and find a new spiritual home.

Kent and Judi are now attending Freshwater AOG. While we will miss journeying close with them in faith and as a family, we know they are entering another great family of believers. Our prayer is they will settle quickly and bless Freshwater with the same generosity and faithfulness they shared with us.

### Street Level Youth Care urgently need Volunteers

SLYC operates 7 evenings a week to minister to & feed the youth on our streets. If you are a committed Christian and would like to help the needy street kids with food, advice, love & respect then you will fit in.

Please contact **Harald Falge** on 0408 770 899 to register your interest.

**L** Leadership  
**I** Inspiration  
**F** Focus  
**T** Training

When:  
Wednesday 17 Sept  
Time: 7:30pm

# Outside Events -

## for the Women

### Stepping into the future

#### A weekend for Women at Tinaroo

**17-19 OCTOBER 2008**

**At**  
**Lake Tinaroo**  
**Recreation Centre**

**HOSTED BY**  
The Cairns committee of  
CWCI Australia

Join us  
For a weekend of  
Fellowship, friendship &  
Inspiration

Cost \$120  
(\$110 if paid by 21  
September)

**Guest speaker**  
**Robyn Claydon**

Vice-Chair of the Lausanne  
International Committee

See Jeanette Nissen for  
more information.

## It's Time...

### Far Northern District Women's Conference

**5.30pm Thursday**  
**11th September to**  
**1pm Saturday 13th**  
**September**

**Venue - Northern**  
**Beaches Christian**  
**Church**  
1-4 Moore Rd (via Discovery  
Dr) Kewarra Beach

An initiative of Queensland  
Christian Women with Guest  
Speakers and International  
singer Cindy-Leigh Boske.

It is time... for women to  
gather together, to become  
empowered by the Holy  
Spirit, to proclaim the gospel,  
(Psalm 63:11-12) to know  
their potential to influence  
their circumstances with

wisdom, strength, honour  
& truth, faithful with what is  
in their hand, with unity of  
purpose and destiny for their  
own lives and to effect the  
lives of the next generation.

Contact Sue Magarey  
on 4068 6027 for further  
information and to register, or  
contact our office for cost info  
and registration forms.

## Notices

**Feel you'd like to help out around the church?**

**Let the office know**

### Cleaning Team Roster

- 6 Sept Robyn Stout, Laetitia M'kumbuzi, and 1 volunteer needed
- 13 Sept Pat & Rick Green, Noelene & Bill Morris, Liz & Laurence Whitehead
- 20 Sept Sharon & Grant Dixon, 1 volunteer needed
- 27 Sept Callope Family

### 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)
- Koala Kids play group (in Hall) 9:30-11:30am Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Gecko's 6.00pm Thursdays in Hall
- Band Practice 6pm Thursdays
- Youth -Yzone 7.30pm Fridays in Church

### Morning Tea Roster

- 7 Sept Noelene & Bill, Rosie & Rod, Carole A & Sheila
- 14 Sept Liz C, Robyn F, Fay, Lola, Kathy L, Margaret L
- 21 Sept Diane, Michelle, Kerry & Neville, Colleen & David
- 28 Sept Sally-Anne, Viv, Helen, Beth E., Pat G

### Cappuccino Roster

- 7 Sept Glen & Beth
- 14 Sept Chucky & Clare
- 21 Sept Donna & Brett
- 28 Sept Chucky & Clare

### Finance Report

Average for last 4 weeks is \$4,389  
Weekly Budget figures is \$5,800  
Tithes or offerings can be given at any time on-line.  
Our account details are:  
Centenary Lakes Christian Community  
BSB: 084 472 Account# 540723349  
*"...God Loves (takes pleasure in) a cheerful ("prompt-to-do-it") giver [whose heart is in his giving]"*  
2 Cor 9:7 Apmlif.





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