

Life @theLakes



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Courage

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...

Courage

“Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:6-9

The Promised Land is not just given to us on a platter; it takes courage to enter into the Promised Land. It takes courage to follow Christ into places we have never been.

Why?

Because the path is narrow. It's easy to keep our options open moving with the crowds. It takes courage though to choose the narrow path and remain on it.

Why?

Because the path is straight not crooked. It's easy to take the path of least resistance. It takes courage though to walk straight.

Why?

Because the path is often dark. It's easy to walk when there is light. It

takes courage though to walk by faith having only the illumination of God's word lighting the way for us.

Why?

Because the path must be smoothed. It's easy to cover up our sin and brokenness and hide behind our masks. It takes courage though to face our brokenness and sin and bring it into the light so we may be healed.

Why?

Because the path is lonely – no one else can walk it for you. It's easy to live through another's faith and walk another's walk. It takes courage though to walk the path God has placed before you.

Why?

Because the path takes us to heights and depths that are beyond our comfort. It is easy to remain comfortable with what we know. It takes courage though to go to the high places and deep valleys with God.

Why?

Because the path takes us through the valley of the shadow of death. It's easy to hold on to our life. It takes courage though to die daily and carry our cross.

Believer, be strong and courageous as you walk the path Christ has opened up for you.

“Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Phil Bignill

**“The hill, though high, I covet to ascend;
The difficulty will not me offend;
For I perceive the way to life lies here:
Come, pluck up heart, let's neither faint nor fear.
Better, though difficult, the right way to go,
Than wrong, though easy, where the end is woe.”
The pilgrim's progress**

Community Life

It takes courage to go along to a family bar-b-q where everyone seems to be part of the family and know each other and you know no-one (or at least very few) and yet that is what happened on Saturday 18th October.

I was so encouraged to see the involvement of our community and very pleasantly surprised to see people from our children's ministries come along and get involved.

We had all ages playing soccer & touch football. Kids riding their

skateboards, bikes & scooters. We even had a couple of "skate bikes", almost like trying to ride a unicycle, which both young and old TRIED to ride. It was a great afternoon !!!!

Thank you to everyone who came along, got involved and met somebody new.....

On 24th October we ran the Hot Chip Stall at the Edge Hill School Fete.

We have a great involvement with this school. Many of our kids attend the school and we have been involved in teaching

R.E. here for many years. This stall offers us a great opportunity to show our support of the school and all that it provides to the children of our community without expecting anything in return. I know that the school really appreciates the help we as a church community offer to them in this way and I believe this is all such an important part of us as a church being involved in the wider Cairns community.

Have a great month,

Julie Bignill



Community Life



Community Life

Ladies Walk





Hi everyone,

As I have mentioned in the previous newsletter we are training and equipping our kids to be part of God's Army this term in kids@ church. Some of the things we are looking at are the **differences**

between God's Army and a human army:

- We fight to give life - not take it!
- We fight to free people not conquer them (tearing down strongholds that are keeping people in bondage in order to set them free)
- Our weapons of Warfare are not carnal, but spiritual
- We cannot see our enemy – it is a spiritual battle

Ways that God's army will be like a human army:

- Purpose is to defeat the enemy
- We need to be trained and equipped

- The most effective armies have a high level of discipline
- As is the case of every army, there will be two basic parts— those who go to battle and those devoted to the support and supply of those on the frontline. And there will be also those who will be fit enough to be part of the Special Forces!!

As I have said in my fasting email updates, it is said that the enemy has almost successfully wiped out a generation who know and serve their God. I recently found this quote from Andrew Shepherd (Children's Pastor and Author) which lines up with this direction of training for God's Army:

"Perhaps Satan is so desperate to destroy this generation of children because he senses that God is raising up an army of deliverers who will bring in the last day revival? How cool is that? We

may have the awesome task of releasing this army across the world!"

Andrew Shepherd

God is doing something significant with our children at this time and what an amazing privilege it is to be part of that!!! So please don't give up! Let's fight the good fight together!! Let's be part of something much bigger than we can ever imagine!!

Sharon Price



Each One
Reach One



Loving Others Part 2

Last month I shared three relational investments that help with evangelism and with leading a group. Here are the last 2.

4. The investment of HONOUR

Philippians 2 says, "When you do things, do not have selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead be humble and give more honor to others than yourself."

Jesus tells us that honor is more than words. It's not just giving lip service. It's action as well. He says in Matthew 15, "These people show honor to Me with words, but their hearts are far from Me." Respect and cherish.

5. The investment of FAITH

Romans 1:12 says, "I mean I want us to help each other with the faith that we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you."

Investment of faith is sharing Christ. It's easier with those who are believers, a little. But we all know people who are dying because of sin and we have the cure, yet we don't say anything. If I had the cure for AIDS, I would shout it to the world. Your life has been changed. Share Christ.

We need to remember that God has made these investments in us.

The investment of interest – God is interested in us. He hears our prayers. The Bible tells us that He knows everything about us.

The investment of acceptance. God accepts us as we are.

The investment of experience. We have a journey with Him.

The investment of honor. How does He honor us? He gives us a new name. He calls us children of God.

The investment of faith. We share in a relationship with God through faith.

Bless you,

Walter Harnisch





November

Monthly Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Jesus Style – Upside Down Kingdom</p> <p>5:30pm Faith, Hope, Love – Organic</p> <p>30</p>						1
<p>What is our True Home Like? (Part 2)</p> <p>Speaker: Phil</p> <p>5.30 Faith, Hope, Love - Organic</p> <p>2</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>3</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>12.00 Ministers Fraternal</p> <p>4</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>5</p> <p>8.00pm The Meeting Place</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>6.00pm Geckos Pastoral Leaders Meeting</p> <p>6</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>12:30am Sparetimers</p> <p>7.30pm Y-Zone</p> <p>7</p>	8
<p>How do we Get Home?</p> <p>Speaker: Phil</p> <p>5:30 Faith, Hope, Love - Organic</p> <p>9</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>10</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>11</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>12</p> <p>8.00pm The Meeting Place</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>6.00pm Geckos</p> <p>8.00pm MIG Meeting</p> <p>13</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Y-Zone</p> <p>14</p>	<p>The Edge 18+ bowling</p> <p>15</p>
<p>What will we do in our True Home:</p> <p>Speaker: Phil</p> <p>5:30pm Faith, Hope, Love - Organic</p> <p>16</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>17</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>18</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>8.00pm The Meeting Place</p> <p>19</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>6.00pm Geckos</p> <p>20</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Y-Zone</p> <p>21</p>	22
<p>Vision Sunday</p> <p>5:30 Faith, Hope, Love-Organic</p> <p>23</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>24</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>25</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>8.00pm The Meeting Place</p> <p>26</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>9.30 Koala Kids</p> <p>6.00pm Geckos</p> <p>7.30 Ministry Team Leaders Meeting</p> <p>27</p>	<p>8.30am Prayer</p> <p>7.30pm Y-Zone</p> <p>28</p>	<p>6:45pm Seasonal Worship Night</p> <p>29</p>

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
- The Meeting Place (Prayer) Wednesdays 8-9pm
- Adult Life Groups Tuesdays and Wednesdays - see following page.
- Geckos 6pm Thursdays in Hall
- Worship Practice 6pm Thursdays
- Youth - Yzone 7pm Fridays in Church

Worship

Recently, one of the local churches held a song writing competition, "Song For The King 2008". I entered a couple of songs and one that we sing called "Holy Is The Lord" came first! We sing songs every week, often without thinking about them, so I'd like to take a moment to look at the lyrics to this particular song.

"Holy is the Lord"

*You are the reason I sing,
You are the song in my heart.
Forever unchanging,
My strength and my salvation.
You are the reason I sing.
You are the giver of life.
You bring hope in the night.
You are Creator,
And Sustainer of all things.
You are the reason I sing.*

*Holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord.
All creation cries,
To the Author of life
Holy is the Lord.*

Isaiah 12:2 says "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation."

After reading that, I questioned if God was 'my song', or was 'my song' about myself, or my work, or about anything else. As I spent time in God's word, I found the more I saw Him as 'my strength and my salvation', as the 'giver of life' and 'Creator and Sustainer', the more I realise He is my source and provider of all these and more, and found that more and more He becomes 'my song'.



And the exciting thing is as I realise that, and praise Him as He is due, I'm joining in with the rest of creation. Sing for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done this; shout aloud, O earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the LORD has redeemed Jacob. Isaiah 44:23

The next seasonal worship night is coming up at the end of this month, Saturday 29th of November, starting at 6:45. Mark it in your diaries and join us as we come together before the Author of Life to draw near to Him, and to give praise and honour to the Most High.

Liam Bradbury

Wednesday 26th
November
7:00 pm
Venue: 83 Pease Street
Manoora
(next to goldpin lanes)

**National Day of
Thanksgiving**

Combined churches of Cairns
Prayer Night

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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	0409 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
The Edge 18+ Kanimbla Heights	Janine & Campbell Smythe	Nadine O'Farrell	Wednesday 7:30 pm	4058 2849
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	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)
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

Missions

Michelle Arthur Back from Africa....

Here I am with my feet back on Aussie shores after almost 6 months in Africa. How do I describe what it's like to be on the OTHER side of the 'sponsor a child' TV ads or put into words what an impact these precious HIV+ orphaned children have had on my life? Although I was the 'teacher', I have no doubt that they taught me lessons in life that I will never forget! I thank God for the incredible opportunity and privilege I've had to meet these beautiful people and for those here who have journeyed with me in love, prayer and support on my African adventure!

Love

Michelle xx



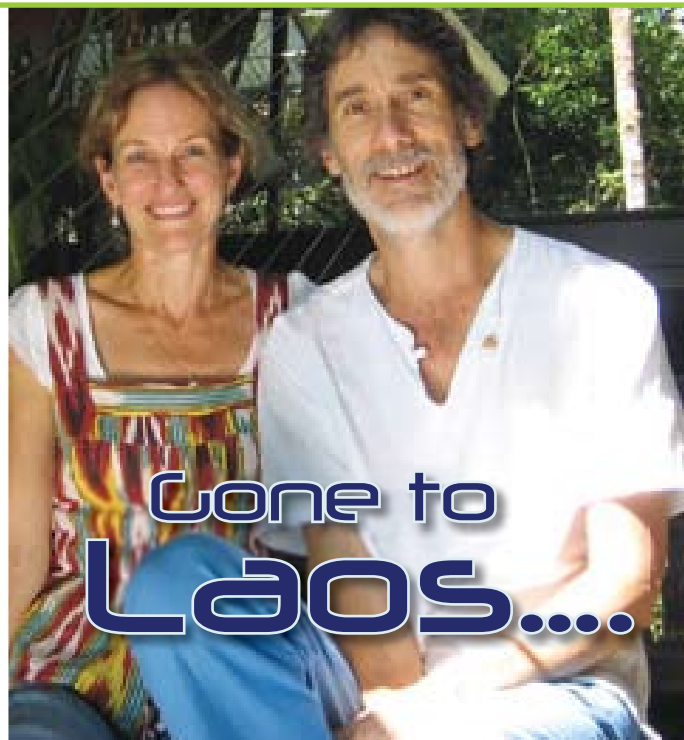
Singing "heads and shoulders, knees and toes" outside our classroom in Chibolya.

Remember to pray for **Marty and Helen Rowe** as they have left Cairns to work in Laos for at least two years. Please pray for them as they learn a new language, discover their roles and how to best work in a very different environment to Australia. Pray for safety as they travel and for establishment of good relationships with their fellow workers and with the people in the various villages and communities with whom they will be working.

Centenary Lakes Christian Community will be providing support for the Rowes, financially and prayerfully, through Tear Fund Australia as they work in Laos through World Concern.

On behalf of all in MIG, we say Thanks,

Beth Thomas



**Gone to
Laos....**

Check out the New Church Website -

www.thelakes.org.au

The church website has been up and running for a few weeks now and one of the features offered is the ability to download and listen to sermons. There are sermons available since May 25th, (Phil's series on Galatians) and downloads even include the messages from Bill Mills and Tim Costello when they visited.

There are 3 options for how you can listen to these audio files.

Webpage audio player - each file has a "Play" button - you can simply visit the webpage and play the message Podcast - subscribe to the Podcast feed and let your podcast software (eg. iTunes) automatically download the

messages to iTunes where you can play on your computer, burn to CD, or transfer to an MP3 player

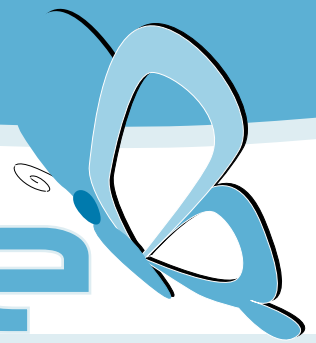
Download directly to your computer by right clicking the "download mp3" link and selecting "Save as..." The file can be stored where you choose, added to your own media player or burned to a CD or transferred to an iPod or MP3 player

The monthly church newsletter, Life@theLakes is also available to download from the website.

Go to the "News and Resources" section and select "Newsletters". Each month we email Life@theLakes to the primary email address you have given to the church office. If you prefer to download it or need to access it at another time, this is a great way to do it. Each newsletter is around 2MB in size.

This is a fabulous resource and a well presented tool for outreach. It is a easy way for people to look at what the church is doing if they would find it too confronting to show up to church. **Please use it.**





New Life



Congratulations to Brett & Renee Wilson - Kalan was born on Wednesday 8/10/08; a brother for Elle.



Congratulations to Luke & Nadine Myers on the birth of their son Cameron on Monday 20th October.

Vision Sunday

- November 23

Come and celebrate the past year with us and hear what our hopes and dreams are for 2009.

Followed by a Celebration bar-b-q lunch



GECKOS

A club for Kids

This is our final school term for 2008.

That means that all kids in grade 2 are welcome to join us at Geckos.

We are having heaps of fun.

We play some cool games.

We learn some fantastic, important stuff.

We all make new friends.

We would love to see you there.

Thursdays 6pm to 7.30pm

Calling all grade 6's 

You are invited to attend youth this term!

Friday nights at 7.30pm, \$3 unless otherwise noted below

Make a difference



10th October - The Foolish Love of God!!! - Lakes
17th October - Motivated - focus on Christ - Suburban
24th October - Rock On!! Hambo House Southside \$5
31st October - Youth @ Presbyterian Church \$5
7th November - Unrestrained Friendship - Christ, Our Friend - Suburban
14th November - Freedom from Hate - Forgiveness - Lakes
21st November - 23th November - Campina Trip @ Pinnacle Point (Wonra Beach) - Shopping Cart - Givina God Total Control \$50
28th November - Steering Towards Darkness - Sin - Suburban
5th December - Jakes Last Stand - Lifestyle Evangelism - Lakes
12th December - end of year bash... dress formal... \$5.00

4 Term

Notices

International Prayer Nights - each week.

Monday nights 8-9pm

Prayer for India at Charlesworth's house

Tuesday nights 8-9pm

Prayer for Philippines & China, Pashley's house

Wednesday nights 8-9pm

The Meeting Place at the Church

Friday nights 8-9pm

Prayer for Africa at Hickin's house

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6:15am Prayer for Kids (fortnightly)

Koala Kids play group (in Hall)

9:30-11:30am Tuesdays & Thursdays

The Meeting Place Wednesdays 8-9pm

Gecko's

6.00pm Thursdays in Hall

Band Practice

6pm Thursdays

Youth -Yzone

7.30pm Fridays in Church

Cleaning Team Roster

1 Nov Sue Hole, Rosemary Mayle, 1 person needed

8 Nov Linda & Alan Chapman, 1 person needed

15 Nov Callope Family

22 Nov Harding Family

29 Nov Gray Family

Morning Tea Roster

2 Nov Beth T, Linda & Allan, John C, Lisa C

9 Nov Liz & Robyn, Fay B, Kathy L, Margaret L

16 Nov Dianne, Michelle, Colleen & David, Jill & Kylie S

23 Nov Sally-Anne, Viv, Helen R, Beth E, Pat G

30 Nov Lyn G, Alrena, Jim & Margaret

Cappuccino Roster

2 Nov Djerami & Wal

9 Nov Glen & Beth

16 Nov Chucky & Clare

23 Nov Donna & Brett

30 Nov Cameron A & Wal

Finance Report

Average Weekly offering
for last 4 wks is \$4,669

(budget figure is \$5,900)

Special Offering towards
a new fridge & photo-
copier \$3,447

Tithes or offerings can be
given at any time on-line.

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).*

Dates for the Edge (18+)

November 5 • Homegroups - Ephesians

November 9 • Lunch after church

November 12 • Homegroups - Ephesians

November 15 • Bowling night

November 19 • Homegroups - Ephesians

November 23 • Lunch after church



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