

North Turramurra Church of Christ



Today's News

As a church we have endured a difficult and tragic week with the loss of Tara and then our former church member and friend Brine.

In times such as this it is difficult to make sense of the overwhelming emotion and thoughts that rush through our minds and bodies. The grief of loss seems to ebb and flow like a wave at the beach. One moment it seems gentle and smooth and we think to ourselves, 'this grieving must be coming to a conclusion' and then there is a mighty roar and a great crash as a massive wave of loss surges over us and we wonder, 'will I ever get over this ache in my heart?'

Each one of us is so different and as a result grief affects us differently. Some need space, some need the presence of others whilst others need time to articulate their feelings and yet others need a creative process to express the loss of someone dear to them.

As we move through this painful time we need to be aware that grief can involve:

- o Shock
- o A roller coaster ride of emotion
- o Depression
- o Feeling physically sick
- o Panicky feelings
- o Guilty
- o Anger and hostility

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort."

2 Corinthians 1:3

Today

9:30am Kic
Stephen

9:30am Praise and Communion
'Who is the Holy Spirit'
Richard

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30pm Korean Community

7pm Connect @ 7
Jeff

Next Sunday

9:30am Family Service
Mother's Day
Stephen

9:30am Praise and Communion
Pentecost/Mother's Day
Richard

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30pm Korean Community

7pm Connect @ 7 Jeff

Prayer Hotline

9487 3918

Hanna Dijkstal

All requests are kept confidential and treated with the greatest respect.

Church of Christ NSW Conference

Our leadership event this year is with Dr Peter Steinke. Don't miss this incredible learning opportunity with Dr Peter Steinke to strengthen and develop your church. Saturday 17th May. We will meet in the church car- park at 11:45am.

MINISTRY TEAM

Stephen Cathcart	Senior Minister	9144 6680
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Richard Oakes	Associate Minister	0434 104 555
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Loida Dart	Chaplain	9440 3723
Tina Phillips	Youth	9440 4262
Fatima Bulow	Office Administrator	9988 4688

Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations

Deadline for all office requests are due by **Thursday 2:00pm**.

Please contact Fatima on 9988 4688 or email her at

office@northturramurrachurch.org.au

Office Hours: Wed-Friday 9:00am- 2:00pm

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We need to remember that:

- o Grief is not a sickness – it is a cure
- o Grief is coming to terms with the loss of someone that we love
- o Grief is enabling us to learn how to live without our friend
- o It is ok to cry

As a community we need to:

- * Listen to one another, hear the stories and grieve together
- * Allow silence and realize that if we are unsure of what to say to the family not to say anything – our silence is enough

“Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray with us as we mourn, and that in casting every care on you, we may know the comfort of your love and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Lofbergs

Sadly, our former church member and friend Brine Lofberg passed away on Monday. His funeral service was on Friday morning. We pass on our sympathies to Joy and the family at this sad and hard time.

“The Lord is my shepherd I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and staff they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Psalm 23

Prayer and Praise

- ⇒ Praise God for the promise of everlasting life for those who believe in Him
- ⇒ Pray for the Finnie family as they deal with the tragic loss of Tara and learn how to live without their daughter and sister. Pray for us as a church as we learn how to deal with the loss of one dear to us
- ⇒ Pray for the Lofberg family as they mourn the loss of Brine
- ⇒ Pray for the China mission in July. Pray for the travel plans, an impact in the mission, fundraising and safety
- ⇒ Pray for Jeff and Pam as foster 5 children and continue the work that was started at Mount Druitt
- ⇒ Pray for Pastor John and Mi children, David and Samuel as they start at Turrumurra North Public School this week
- ⇒ Pray for John Hunter, for a complete and speedy recovery after heart surgery

Entertainment Books are available

They contain vouchers for dining, hotel accommodation, theatres, sports and 25% to 50% off at cafes and restaurants. They are valid until 2009.

The cost is \$65 and the proceeds go to missions. If you want to purchase a entertainment book with over \$15000 worth of savings see Victoria Littlemore or jaschas@hotmail.com

Home groups – term 2

Home groups will recommence in term 2 on the week beginning May 5th

Day and time	Leader	Where
Monday 10:30am	Graeme	Church hall
Tuesday 10am	Loida	Cottswolds
Tuesday 7:30pm	Stephen	Norma and Oz home, Wahroonga
Wednesday 7:30pm	Richard	Schneider's home
Wednesday 7:30pm	Tina	Bartholomew's
Wednesday 7:30pm	Neil Cowdery	Meeting room 2
Thursday 9:30am- 11:30am Ladies only	Angela	Conference room
Friday 6pm	Stephen	Henderson's
Sunday 5-6:30pm	Tina, Jo, Dave, Joshua	Church

Biscuits - Wanted!!

The biscuit barrel is empty and needs refilling. Please drop of f all dona-
tions to the Church kitchen.
Thank you!! Happy dunking.....

Office Administrator

Fatima completes her role on Friday 9th May. If anyone is interested in the position of *Office administrator* please send or give a resume to Stephen by Wednesday 7th May. The role of *office Administrator* is part time 16 hours per week. It can be over two or three days but must include Friday. The core work involves computer skills and a willingness to work in a team environment. A job description is available.

Three Free Passes To An Open Doors Meeting

The speaker will be Al Janssen.

Meeting Details:

Thursday 15 May at 7:30pm, Frenchs Forest Baptist Church
617-619 Warringah Rd, Forestville

Sunday 18 May at 10am and 6pm, Georges River Community Baptist
Church, Lugarno Public School, Old Forest Rd, Lugarno

See Fatima