

Focus on Today's News

Christmas ? New Year—a time to say thanks!

There are many reasons that we give gifts in December and one reason we often forget is, to say thankyou. Thankyou to work mates, bosses, friends and family. Thankyou for being there, thankyou for your love and thankyou for your support and help.

As ministers we are only too aware that without hard working volunteers the church is going no where. **Every** person, **every** gift, **every** small task matters.

On behalf of my fellow ministers I want to say a **BIG THANKYOU** to **ALL** our Volunteers. Those who put services together, those who manage finance, grounds and property, those who help with music and those who run outreach groups and bible studies. To those who do big public job (like the elders, etc) and to those who do small unseen jobs (like cleaning toilets, cooking, mowing the lawns, etc.), we say thankyou!

Praying you'll have a great New Year.

Thankyou again to all of you,
Richard.

p.s. Its no wonder the Salvation Army was almost named the Volunteer Army, because a church marches forward on its volunteers.

Morning Tea

A big THANKYOU to all who have willingly served this year. Morning tea is an important part of our weekly fellowship. The new 2009 list for praise and Communion service is now on the notice board. Add your name(s) early for the days that suit you.

—Lorraine



Today

Next Sunday

9:30am Combined Service
SoulCare
Praise and Communion
Richard Oakes
Christmas Life

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30pm Korean Community

7:00pm Connect @ 7 (Hall)
Richard Oakes
TBA

9:30am Combined Service
SoulCare
Praise and Communion
Tina Phillips
Tools for '09

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30pm Korean Community

7:00pm Connect @ 7
Tina Phillips
New Year

MOWING ROSTER

14th February 2009
Stephen Cathcart

Prayer Hotline

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confidential and treated
with the greatest respect.

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Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations

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Spiritual Tools

We all need practical tools to help us through life. Spiritual tools will help us to unlock the spiritual toolbox so that we will have a foundation for the New Year. Many times we find ourselves out of our depth or impacted by a sudden crisis or difficulty. We need tools to assist us to grow through these times. On Sunday mornings at 9:30am during January we will take time to unpack the toolbox.

During January we will try to understand:

4th Jan - 'The Toolbox'

11th Jan - 'Reading Tool'

18th Jan - 'Silence and Journal Tools'

25th Jan - 'Fasting Tool'

White House Developments

Over the past 18 months the elders along with the management team have been undertaking an assessment of the 'white house'. On **Sunday 18th January 2009 at 11am** the elders and management team would like to share some of the possibilities for the white house.

A window of opportunity has opened up with Nathan and Tina pursuing a short term mission in China for 6 months and members of the management team having some spare moments to consider differing options.

On Sunday 18th Jan we would like to:

- Talk about the history behind the last 18 months
- Probable costs
- The personnel who may be able to oversee a project
- Opportunity to tour the white house

Please make the time to come, hear, question and comment on the project proposed.

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the wonderful Christmas services and for the people who heard the Christmas message.
- Pray for those traveling over the Christmas/New Year period.
- Pray for Nathan and Tina, Kaiden and Micah as they prepare for 6 months short term mission in China.
- Pray for safety for the team going to China for two weeks in 2009 and for God's direction.
- Pray for the Cathcart's as they go on holidays until 12th Jan.
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and the Korean community as they prepare to reach out to the local community.

Live, Learn, Love

One way that we can encourage one another is through prayer. We want to pray for encouragement, protection, family relationships and God's blessing on these families this week...

This week please pray for:

MONDAY: Mavis SHEPHERD

TUESDAY: Margaret SHAW

WEDNESDAY: David SMITH

THURSDAY: Andrew SMITH

FRIDAY: Martin and Gail SMUTS



CAR NEEDED!

Loida Dart is wondering if any one has a car that she could borrow for a couple of weeks in January when her car has to go in for repairs.

ACOM

On Thursday 22nd Jan we will have Jason Potter, a representative from ACOM, talking with us about possible studying options for 2009. If you are interested in pursuing study on either part-time, fulltime or casual basis make the time to come.