

Focus on Today's News

Goals and Resolutions

New Years resolutions I can take or leave. I've never been one to make much of empty and quickly broken promises, but goals are a different matter. The Bible encourages us to have a vision, a directions, a goal. In those famous words in Proverbs "without a vision or a revelation from God, people perish (by casting off restraint)." As they say "if you stand for nothing, you'll fall for anything." James 4:15 reminds us that we should say "if it is the Lord's will, we will do this or that. (go there, learn this, work on that)."

What goals have you set for your life in '09? Work and business? Retirement? Family plans? Travel? Career change? It is so important to start in a prayer and hear God's voice (Proverbs 3:5-6). It is also so important to make goals and plans for our spiritual lives. For example I will be consistent in meeting with other Christians, I will spend more times in prayer in '09, I will take one day per month for prayer and fasting, I will seek to read the Bible every day or read through the Bible in one year.

Today we have some materials for sale that may well help you reach these goals. Please check them out.

Praying for a great and godly '09,
Richard.

Today

Next Sunday

9:30am Combined Service
SoulCare
Praise and Communion
Richard Oakes
The Reading Tool

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30pm Korean Community

7:00pm Connect @ 7
Richard Oakes
TBA

9:30am Combined Service
SoulCare
Praise and Communion
Stephen Cathcart
Silence and journal Tool

10:30am Morning Tea

12:30pm Korean Community

7:00pm Connect @ 7 (HALL)
Tina Phillips
TBA

MOWING ROSTER

14th February 2009
Stephen Cathcart

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Fasting weekend

On the weekend of the 7th and 8th Feb the ministry team invite you to share in a fast. We aim to fast a meal, meals, TV, sport or shopping to focus on the Lord and to pray for our church community, mission and the team in China. During January we will have the time to hear more about fasting and how we can grow spiritually stronger through this time.

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.

Special White House Meeting

On Sunday 18th and 25th January at 11am in the hall the elders and management team invite you to hear and determine a strategy for the white house property. Over the past 18 months the elders have pursued a development strategy for the land at 215 Bobbin Head Road. This has included a white house team and their recommendations as well as the management team report on the possibility of renovation.

Over the past 20 years our inaction on the white house has been a decision for further deterioration. We are now faced with a decision.

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for beautiful weather
- Praise God for the chance to slow down in January
- Praise God for a new year with new opportunities
- Pray for Nathan and Tina, Kaiden and Micah as they prepare for their 6 months short term mission in China.
- Pray for all who travel at this holiday time (including the Cathcart family).
- Pray for safety for the whole team going to China for two weeks in February and for God's direction.
- Pray for the Elders and the future vision for the White House.
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi and the Korean church.

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: Stephen, Rowena, Liam and Christopher TALL

TUESDAY: Rupert TAYLOR

WEDNESDAY: Os and Norma TODD

THURSDAY: Stephen and Glenys THOMAS

FRIDAY: Beverly TYSON

Ephesians 3:12

"In Christ and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence."