

North Turrumurra Church of Christ
Focus on Today's News
Leading into the Year

As we move into the next season of the year there are a number of activities taking place:

- **DivorceCare** – continues to meet on Thursday mornings at 9:30am. This is a DVD seminar and support group facilitated by Wendy and Juliet that has benefited many people.
- **Counselling intern** – as of this week Wendy Hingston has become our Counselling intern and is available for consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday 11am-2pm and Monday evenings. Other times can be arranged by phoning the church office.
- **Threads of Hope** – commences on Saturday 4th April from 8am-12noon. We will be selling second hand clothes and morning teas to make contact with the local community and raise funds for our missions work
- **Good Friday** service is Friday 10th April 9:30am in the chapel
- **Easter on the Lawn** is Sunday 12th April. At 10:30am there will be morning tea in the sunshine, jumping castle and other activities. We plan this event to:
 - Provide opportunity for us as a church community to talk, share and encourage one another in a relaxed atmosphere on the long weekend
 - Provide a safe environment for children to play
 - Be seen in the community as people walk and drive by
 - To reach out to friends and family who may come to church with this activity afterwards
 - To be relevant to a community who do not understand why a church exists. We trust that this provides a context to share faith in word and deed
- **Pentecost 09** – this is a church wide campaign of studies for 8 weeks that leads us from Easter into the church season that has commonly been called *Pentecost*. The 8 weeks will involved messages on a Sunday and then home group material for all of us to study. We trust that you will give thought to what group and when you can join.

*Please pray as we embark on this next season that we will
build the church of Jesus Christ.*

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Dear NTCoC family,

Hi or should I say NiHao from Jinghong China. We wanted to write to you and tell you that we are missing you all very much.

We are settling into life here and adjusting to the differences in language and culture, We have a lovely apartment that feels like a home to us now. We are able to navigate our way through town and find all the places we need like supermarkets and cafes. We are having Chinese language lessons with a wonderful Laoshir (teacher) two nights a week. Kaiden has started attending a Chinese preschool-which he found really scary at first, as you could imagine, but is settling in well. The teachers are fantastic and the children have been lovely but it is challenging for him when they don't speak English and he doesn't speak Chinese.

Thankyou all so much for the love and support that you have shown to us. We are blessed to have such a great church family supporting us. Thankyou to everyone who has been praying for us it is a great encouragement to know that we are remembered in your prayers. It is a huge learning experience for our whole family and it is not without it's challenges and struggles. Knowing we are covered by your prayers helps us to be strong and trust in God's plans for our family. Since arriving here our family has been battling sickness and we'd really appreciate it if you could continue to pray for our health and protection.

Thankyou for the financial support the team received which helped them to come and serve here. They were a real blessing to both the children and the staff at SHS giving the staff a well earned break and the opportunity to attend seminars designed to teach them how to best care for the children. The gifts we took over from our church family have blessed so many people. Money was used to buy new outfits for each of the children, the handmade quilts look fantastic on the children's beds and the walker we purchased for a teenager who had been confined to her house due to her disabilities loves it and now has mobility (I'll try to get some photos to send soon). Thankyou so much for your generosity.

Blessings to you all, Love from

Nathan, Tina, Kaiden and Micah Phillips

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the work of all those who are on the morning tea roster and help out each week.
- Pray for the Counselling service that we now have at the church,. pray that the right people will come and be helped by the counsellor.
- Pray for Tina and Maddy Jagelman as they lead the youth group on Sunday afternoons in Jinghong.
- Pray for Wendy and Juliet as they lead DivorceCare. Pray that God will send along the right people to be part of this group.
- Pray for the monthly tent fete on Saturday April 4th on the church lawn. Pray that this will be a good opportunity to connect with people in the community.
- Pray for the *transforming children into spiritual champions* course in March and April.
- 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: Harold and Jill HAYWARD

TUESDAY: Rodney, Debbie, Grace and Laura HENDERSON

WEDNESDAY: Lorraine HENSBY

THURSDAY: Mark and Wendy HINGSTON, Brett, Darren, Kyle and Nicole BARNES

FRIDAY: Lewis, Debbie and David HO

Philippians 4:4

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

Today

Next Sunday

- 9:30am SoulCare**
Richard Oakes
Psalm 51
- 9:30am Praise and Communion**
Stephen Cathcart
Kindness
- 10:30am Morning Tea**
- 12:30pm Korean Community**
- 7:00pm Connect @ 7**
Danielle Allen
Philippians 4

- 10:15am SoulCare**
Praise and Communion
Korean Community
Stephen Cathcart
'I Serve therefore I am'
- 11:30am Morning Tea**
- 7:00pm Connect @ 7**
Stephen Cathcart
Different Easter Thoughts

MOWING ROSTER

28th March 2009

John Saxby

Prayer Hotline

9487 3918

Hanna Dijkstal

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

MINISTRY TEAM

Stephen Cathcart	Senior Minister	0419 460 487
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Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations

Deadline for all office requests are due by **Friday 9am.**

Please contact the office on 9988 4688 or email Louise at
office@northturramurrachurch.org.au

Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 9am—5pm

Web site: www.northturramurrachurch.org.au

Churches of Christ Crisis Cottage Crisis

Our Crisis Cottages at Pendle Hill are in need of some physical work. Here is a list of tasks that need to get done asap:

- Furniture removal and storage (light stuff)
- Remove carpets
- Sand and polish floors (does not need to be spot on)
- Internal painting
- Removal of rubbish in yards
- General cleaning
- Patch plaster
- Repair gutter and valley leaks

CareWorks is desiring to put 3 teams of 7 together for Saturday 28th March from 8.00am to 3.00pm. CareWorks will be putting on

Next Sunday 29th March we meet at 10:15am for our first combined morning service for 2009.

For sale: Sharp phone/FAX Machine FO-P610 model with replacement film. Purchased January 2006 only used 5 Months **Price \$100.** *For further information please contact Gael Boon on 9144 6060*



North Turrumurra Church of Christ has an intern counsellor available to provide support for a variety of life issues. \$20 a session or a voucher is available from Stephen to see the Counsellor.

Please phone the church on 9988-4688.

'Threads of Hope'

Our first CareWorks fete is Saturday April 4th 8am to 12 noon on the church lawn. For the day we are in need of:

- gazebo tents x3
- 6 people to sell clothing – the prices will be marked
- 2 people to provide morning tea for those who are shopping
- people to provide morning teas – cakes, muffins etc
- 4 people to put up the tents at 7am on Saturday and to take down the tents after noon

If you could help in anyway please speak to Stephen.

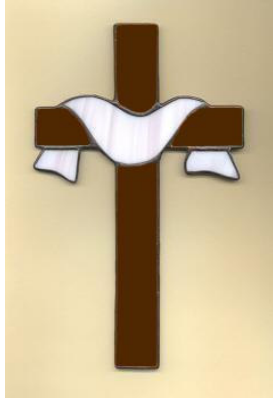
Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions

The influences bombarding our children's moral development can be deadly. But few parents realize how critical it is to start developing a child's biblical worldview. The church often doesn't realise that a child's moral development is set by the age of nine. The answer is for parents and churches to recognize the need to come alongside parents to provide them biblical worldview training, parenting information, that will equip them to help their children become spiritually mature.

Transforming your children into spiritual champions will help us do this. Join us Tuesday evenings 31 March & 7 April, 7:30pm in the church hall.

TV for crèche room

In the crèche room we are needing a TV that has a base of 14x14cm so it can fit on the bracket. If you have an old TV you are not using we would be grateful to have it.



Easter events

Good Friday service

9:30am in the chapel

Easter Sunday service

9am—Communion in the chapel

9:30am—Easter on the lawn

Ignite the flame festival

Saturday 25 April 2009, 'Ignite the Flame' 12noon – 4pm

Ignite the flame festival is a combined churches outreach on the village green at St Ives. Part of the coordinating team is David Smith and Gael Boon. If you would like to know more please see either David or Gael.

"Its that time again....."

Date	Sunday 29th March
Kick Off	3pm
Venue	to be confirmed

Soccer Match between Korean Church & NTCofC.

Anyone interested in playing please let Stephen, Josh or Chris Barnes know

If you're not up to playing then come along and support the teams.

CONGRATULATIONS...

To Rodney, Debbie and Grace who welcomed a new baby, Laura Lily Henderson early on Thursday morning. Laura was born weighing 2.4kg and both mum and baby are doing well. Keep praying for Rodney, Debbie and their 2 girls.



DIVORCECARE

Following an increase in the demand for support during family break up, we are entering our second year of running DivorceCare, an internationally recognised series of DVD's and discussion.

We are conducting DivorceCare, a group for men and women needing support following separation or divorce. DivorceCare features internationally recognised experts on divorce and recovery topics including: "Facing my anger", "Facing my loneliness", "Depression", "New relationships", "KidCare" and "Forgiveness".

Meeting each Thursday 9.30am -11.00am. Childcare will be provided if requested.

*For more information please call Wendy 0411060780
or Juliet 0403076913.*

Begin the year right financially

Direct debit is a way to give to God first after we have received our wages. There has been an increase in the number of people giving by direct debit. Giving by direct debit accounts for 40% of our weekly church giving. If you would like to give your *offering* by direct debit please use the following and see your bank to begin the process of being a planned deliberate giver to God.

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