

Focus on Today's News

I guess most people would ask, 'what is Pentecost and why are we doing a series of studies on this topic'? Pentecost is a great festival that marks the birth of the church by the power of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2. Pentecost literally means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. A tradition of some churches in ancient times was to baptize adult converts on Pentecost. The newly baptized person would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday" after these white baptismal garments. Many Christian calendars, liturgies and hymnals still use this term.

Pentecost relates to the Old Testament Feast of Weeks. It has agricultural significance since it is associated with the end of the barley harvest and the beginning of the wheat harvest.

So, we study Pentecost to learn about the resurrection of Christ, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the empowering of the church for mission.

The aims of the *Pentecost 09* studies are:

- To understand what happened after the resurrection of Christ
- To participate in a small group experience
- To study as a whole church around a common theme and emphasis
- To help people grow in their personal relationship with God
- To learn about the Holy Spirit leading to lives changed
- To have an impartation of the Holy Spirit to prepare ourselves for the future mission and ministry of the church

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As you journey with these *Pentecost 09* studies may they enable you to know the Holy Spirit and to sense His transforming power as you grow and discern what it is to follow Christ. I hope that this will be a significant phase in your spiritual and corporate life that will bring lasting impact.

SIGN UP today...

Mum's R & R

NEW PROGRAM

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, during the school term, from 9:30—11:30am, mums of babies—school aged children come together for morning tea, a chat and activities.

Beginning term 2 Louise will be leading the children in various activities. This will allow the Mums to have some time to themselves. Louise has a diploma in Children's Services and has much experience with children of this age group.

Pentecost 09

Pentecost 09 will be a church wide campaign of studies for 8 weeks beginning TODAY. The campaign will lead us from Easter into the church season that has commonly been called *Pentecost*. The 8-week campaign will involve 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. TODAY there will be an opportunity to sign up for this impacting campaign.

Today		Next Sunday	
9:30am	SoulCare Stephen Cathcart 'Resurrection'	9:30am	SoulCare Stephen Cathcart 'Appearance'
9:30am	Praise and Communion Stephen Cathcart 'Resurrection'	9:30am	Praise and Communion Richard Oakes 'Appearance'
10:30am	Morning Tea	10:30am	Morning Tea
12:30pm	Korean Community	12:30pm	Korean Community
7:00pm	Connect @ 7 Stephen Cathcart 'Resurrection'	7:00pm	Connect @ 7 Stephen Cathcart 'Appearance'

MOWING ROSTER

16th May 2009

Chris Barnes

Prayer Hotline

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

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Church Bulletin Information and Service Presentations

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

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Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the work of Peter Cipollone on the 'white house.'
- Pray for our community counselling service that is open Tuesday and Wednesday 11am-2pm and Monday evenings at 7:30-9:30pm.
- Pray for the Jagelman and Phillips family as they engage in their day to day work as a witness for Christ in China.
- Pray for the right people to come to the DivorceCare course on Thursday mornings.
- Pray for the *Pentecost 09* series of messages and home group studies. Pray that people will be comfortable to join a home group for the 8 weeks of the church wide campaign.
- Pray for the youth leaders as they prepare for term 2. Pray that they will be revitalized after the school holidays.
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi as they prepare their forms for Australian residency.

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: Morris and Liz NAKHLA

TUESDAY: Anna and Shannon NEAVES

WEDNESDAY: Johan, Carien, Salome and Naomi NEL

THURSDAY: Greg NELSON

FRIDAY: Cherry NEILD, Michael, Rachel and Robert VANDERMARK

Matthew 7:12

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

L.S.L.

After 13 years of ministry at North Turramurra, Angela, Stephen and the boys have decided to take 'Long Service Leave'. This will commence on the 21st September and conclude on the 4th November 2009. Part of this time will be visiting Angela's family in Germany.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday 9th May 2009 at 7.30 am

RE M I N D E R !

As mentioned here last week it is our turn in the coming week to organise the Saturday Prayer Breakfast for the Scripture Teaching by Danielle Allen at the High School in North Turramurra.

It starts with breakfast for which Loida is organising the helpers. (let her know if you would like to help her!)

Later Danielle will tell us about some highlights from her experiences with the various classes in the previous term and she normally mentions some areas that she would like us to pray for at the meeting and at home.

The attendance by numerous Christians from the supporting local churches makes it a good fellowship morning and a useful time of prayer for this outreach

Please mark the date and time and come and support this wonderful Ministry. (It generally finishes about 9am)