

Mount Druitt

The prayer letter from Mount Druitt is on the foyer notice board. As we pray we prepare ourselves for the mission in Mt Druitt in July 20-26th. The mission week will consist of an hours input and discussion in the mornings from various presenters, such as, Pastor Matthew and Sister Esther (from Nigeria who sensed God's call to help plant a church in Mt Druitt), Jon Owen (UNOH) who has developed a community and is the new chaplain for the day care centre. The mornings will consist of prayer and the afternoons will be activity to contact, communicate and minister to people. Mark the week in your diary and spend a week, a day, a morning, an afternoon and be part of building the church in Mt Druitt.

31st may – Ascension

Our combined morning service at 10:30am will be focuses on the *ascension of Jesus Christ* and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Join us for great music and afterwards for a soccer match against our Korean community.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

A Fundraising event for the Cancer Council

Wednesday 27th May between 10am -noon
In the church hall

Guessing games, competitions & cuppas
Bring your money with you as all proceeds go
to the Cancer Council

See the poster in the foyer



North Turramurra Church of Christ

Focus on Today's News

Today we take time to briefly examine the role of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. The Old Testament grants to us images of the Holy Spirit, a framework to understand the role and function of the Holy Spirit and what to expect on the day of Pentecost.

The word 'breath' in both Hebrew and Greek means 'spirit'. The breath of God is observed:

- in the physical creation. When God created man He breathed the breath of life into the man (Genesis 2:7)
- symbolically with the 'valley of dry bones' in Ezekiel 37
- prophetically in Joel 2 when God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh

In the New Testament, the breath of Jesus in John's Gospel (20:22) brings spiritual life. On this occasion Jesus breathed on the disciples and told them to receive the Holy Spirit. Paul in 2 Timothy says that the Scriptures are God-breathed.

As followers of Jesus we all receive the breath of God, Holy Spirit, the 'Emmanuel' presence of God with us.

Our prayer this week is to focus on Holy Spirit as breath:

*Breath of God, breath of life, breath of deepest yearning
Come Holy Spirit
Comforter, Disturber, Interpreter, Enthuser
Come, Holy Spirit.
Heavenly Friend, Lamplighter,
Revealer of truth, Midwife of change,
Come, Holy Spirit.
God's Spirit is with us*

—Stephen

17 May 2009

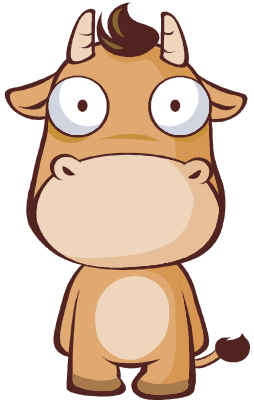
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Thankyou to everyone who helped raise \$1500 for the cow for Zimbabwe. We have received all the money needed and we will keep you informed regarding the purchase of the cow.

—Richard

Emails...

Any emails you wish to send to Richard please send to roakes72@hotmail.com. He is having temporary problems with his church email.

Thanks

Thanks to Martin for sourcing a heater for the crèche and placing it on the wall. All the children and their caregivers will be thankful during the colder months.

Thank you!

Financial Considerations

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.

The brand new 2009/2010 Entertainment™ Books are now available...

The Entertainment™ Book is a restaurant and activity guide that provides special 25 to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from many of the best restaurants, hotels and attractions throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Entertainment™ Books are only available through fund-raising groups, organisations and corporations as a member benefit or fund-raiser.

If you would like a copy please see Lachlan or Victoria (0414 855 753)

EPIC^{YOUTH}

Years 4—6
Friday 6:30—8pm
Friday 15th:
"something new"

High school students
Friday 7:30—9:30pm.
Friday 15th: "God says..."



GFC

Our treasurer Neil Barnes has been closely watching the church financial position. Presently, our total income has decreased by 9% from July 2008 to April 2009. This is a common statistic across churches and charities as they adjust to a transitional economic environment. We continue to act in faith and make decisions based on what we believe to be God's direction for our church. We would ask for your prayers at this time that we may clearly hear from the Lord and make wise decisions for the future.

Today

Next Sunday

9:30am	SoulCare Stephen Cathcart 'Promise of the Spirit'	9:30am	SoulCare Stephen Cathcart 'Character of the Spirit''
9:30am	Praise and Communion Richard Oakes 'Promise of the Spirit'	9:30am	Praise and Communion Richard Oakes 'Character of the Spirit''
10:30am	Morning Tea	10:30am	Morning Tea
12:30pm	Korean Community	12:30pm	Korean Community
7:00pm	Connect @ 7 Richard Oakes 'Promise of the Spirit'	7:00pm	Connect @ 7 Stephen Cathcart 'Character of the Spirit''

MOWING ROSTER

30th May 2009
Matt Cowdery

Prayer Hotline

9487 3918
Hanna Dijkstra
All requests are kept
confidential and treated
with the greatest respect.

MINISTRY TEAM

Stephen Cathcart	Senior Minister	0419 460 487
Richard Oakes	Associate Minister	0434 104 555
John Park	Korean Minister	0425 833 510
Loida Dart	Chaplain	9440 3723
Louise Joyce	Office Administrator	9988 4688

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

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the pledges given for the 'white house'
- Pray for Wendy and Juliet as they lead DivorceCare and for Wendy as she counsels people from the community
- Pray for Nathan, Tina, Kaiden and Micah as they adjust to very hot and humid weather.
- Pray for the EPIC Youth and Xtreme Youth leaders as they commence term 2
- Pray for the home group leaders as they facilitate the *Pentecost 09* campaign. Pray that people will feel a sense of belonging and that relationships will flourish in the next 8 weeks
- Pray for the R&R group as it recommences for term 2. Pray for Louise and Angela as they plan and contact people
- Pray for Pastor John and Mi as they prepare their forms for Australian residency
- Pray for Lachlan and Victoria as their first child is due this week. Pray for a safe delivery and a healthy child

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: Nathan, Tina, Kaiden and Micah PHILLIPS

TUESDAY: Paul and Wendy PLUMMER

WEDNESDAY: Beryl PRATT

THURSDAY: Isabelle PRAX

FRIDAY: Mark PRITCHARD



Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.