

Focus on Today's News

Happy birthday church!

Happy Birthday! The day of Pentecost has been known as the birthday of the church. Ten days after Jesus ascended to heaven, on the Jewish feast day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is poured out as promised. With the sound of a rushing mighty wind and with tongues of fire appearing above their heads, those filled with Holy Spirit begin to speak in other tongues.

Devout Jews visiting from other countries are attracted and amazed as they hear the wonderful works of God proclaimed in their own languages. Peter, standing with the rest of the apostles, explains that what has happened is a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy, which foretold that God would pour out His Spirit in the last days. About 3000 new believers are baptised. The church begins in Jerusalem. When God is about to do something new, he has a powerful way of announcing it. God sends Holy Spirit in a new way.

The Feast of Pentecost is first mentioned in Exodus. It was the 50th day from the Feast of Passover. It marked the end of the harvest and was the culminating celebration. Attendance at Pentecost was expected of every male Israelite. So Pentecost became a time of pilgrimage to the city of Jerusalem. As a result, about 3000 people believed in Jesus and then took His story to their homeland. The symbolism of harvest is important as one of the purposes of the coming of the Holy Spirit was power for service in the harvest fields of the world.

—*Stephen*

Today		Next Sunday	
9:30am	SoulCare Stephen Cathcart "Effects of the Spirit"	9:30am	SoulCare Stephen Cathcart "Gifts of the Spirit"
9:30am	Praise and Communion Richard Oakes "Effects of the Spirit"	9:30am	Praise and Communion Richard Oakes "Gifts of the Spirit"
10:30am	Morning Tea	10:30am	Morning Tea
12:30pm	Korean Community	12:30pm	Korean Community
7:00pm	Connect @ 7 Stephen Cathcart "Effects of the Spirit"	7:00pm	Connect @ 7 Richard Oakes "Gifts of the Spirit"

MOWING ROSTER

13th June 2009

Lachlan Littlemore

Prayer Hotline

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Hanna Dijkstra

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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Jesus. All About Life (JAAL)

'Jesus. All about life' is a prime-time media campaign that presents the words of Jesus to the community. It will run during September across NSW. Over 90 percent of the population will see or hear a 'Jesus. All about life' commercial or billboard at least 10 times during the six weeks. Every local church has the opportunity to be the place where people who see the ads can find out more about Jesus and meet people who know Him personally.

Walk Across the Room

Just a few steps and a friendly hello may be all it takes to change someone's life—and their eternity! And the good news is, it has more to do with taking a genuine interest in another person and listening to their story than it does with learning evangelism tactics and techniques.

Thousands of churches are already implementing the simple, personal approach described in Bill Hybels' award-winning book, *Just Walk Across the Room*. Now is *our* opportunity. Learn how to be equipped in a totally new way of evangelism. The concepts aren't hard, just effective. Look out for the sign up sheet next month.

Mt Druitt

The team for the Mt Druitt mission is being assembled for the week 20-26th July (second week of the school holidays). We will be joined by a YWAM team as well as Rivergum to:

- organize and run a family fun day in the shopping plaza
- do works of service for the pre-school
- mow lawns for single mothers of the pre-school
- prayer walking
- input from John Owen (UNOH) and Pastor from Nigeria whom God has sent to Mt Druitt to help plant a church.

Jeff and Pam will be sharing about the mission on Sunday night 5th July at 7pm.

Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the Friday Friendship Group organisers and workers who reach out to the Seniors of the area.
- Pray for Wendy as she counsels, gives wisdom and provides comfort. Pray for those who come to counselling.
- Pray for Wendy and Juliet and the participants of DivorceCare course on Thursday mornings.
- Pray for the outreach in Jinghong as both the Phillips and Jagelman families serve God.
- Pray for the EPIC youth group to grow disciples.
- Pray for the home group leaders as they facilitate *Pentecost 09* campaign.
- Pray that we will experience the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Praise God for the provision of a house for the Parks family in Allara Ave.

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:

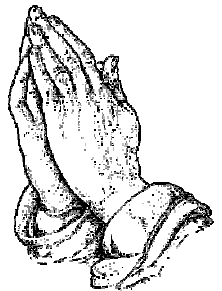
MONDAY: Andrew SMITH

TUESDAY: Martin and Gail SMUTS

WEDNESDAY: Hans and Olga STAUDINGER

THURSDAY: Geoff and Joyce STEWARD

FRIDAY: Lois SWAN



Romans 5:5

“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us.”

Why renovate the 'White House'

Initially the cost of renovating the white house was placed at \$130 000. Due to budgeting, working bees and donations the cost has been reduced to \$90 000.

On Sunday 3rd May the church voted to take out a loan of \$90 000 to pay for the renovation.

We desire to pay for the white house, be debt free and avoid interest repayments taking away from ministry initiatives. To do this we need:

1. Pledges
2. Interest free loans from church members
3. Donation towards an item or room.
4. Prayer

Remember 22nd April 2007? We opened a new extension debt free!

So far we have received \$7500 in pledges and have \$22 000 in bills to pay. Please use the specially designed envelopes to place your donation in the offering bag.

A Chinese request

The youth pastor from the local fellowship and his wife are going through a difficult time as she is seriously ill with Kidney failure and needs dialysis 2 times per week. The couple lives and works by faith as they serve the young people, they have currently ran out of money, thankfully the hospital is allowing her to continue to have treatment and pay later, although the debt is building. She is at the end stages and the only way forward for her is to have a kidney transplant. The good news is that someone who is a match has offered to be a donor but they need to raise enough money for the couple to fly to Singapore and back (the donor is paying their own airfare) as well as for the cost of the surgery and hospital stay.

If anyone would like to donate to this cause please see Stephen.

Sycamore

This **Wednesday 7pm** young adults will meet together at the church. They will be looking at:
the roots of our faith.

Check out our fabulous website for more details.
www.climbsycamore.com

EPIC^{YOUTH}

Years 4—6
Friday 6:30—8pm
Friday 12th:
"LIGHTS OUT"

High school students
Friday 7:30—9:30pm.
Friday 29th: "God says..."



Memorial Service

Sympathy is expressed to the Brown family following the death of Coral this past week. To Ed, Richard and Sheryle, Darielle and Madelaine and to Geoff and his family the church extends its love and prayers. A thanksgiving Service for Coral's life will be held in the lounge at the *Cotswolds* at 2pm on **Tuesday, 9th June.**