

## Focus on Today's News

### *A Windy Day?*

When our children were younger we read to them a series of books called *Teddy Horsley*. Teddy Horsley was produced by the Bible Society and Teddy was not only a real talking teddy, he was also a Christian.

Since we've just celebrated Pentecost and the weather has been cooler and windier, I've been reflecting on "Teddy Horsley and the Windy Day."

Teddy is on his way to church and he notices the wind blowing the leaves, he sees a kite in the sky (and maybe) a windmill. He sees that the wind brings change and power and help. When Teddy gets to church it's Pentecost and he thinks "I can't see the Holy Spirit but I can see and feel the love He brings. I can see the joy of the Spirit in people's faces. I can see the power of God changing people and situations."

It's not surprising that one name for the Holy Spirit is *pnuema* (the wind or breath of God) He wants to blow new life into us.

If we are open and willing to cooperate with Him there is no telling what the Spirit can do. Acts 1:8 says "when the Spirit comes you will receive power."

God bless you all,

*Richard Oakes*

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## Today

## Next Sunday

9:30am **SoulCare**  
Stephen Cathcart  
"Gifts of the Spirit"

9:30am **Praise and Communion**  
Richard Oakes  
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### MOWING ROSTER

4th July 2009

Rodney Henderson

### Prayer Hotline

9487 3918

Hanna Dijkstra

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

### MINISTRY TEAM

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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  
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## Church Matters

Presently, the elders are preparing for two important matters. The first begins next week with the beginning of the nomination of elders for the period 2009-2011. The elders standing down from their terms are Loida, John and Ivan. Both Graeme and Christine have another year to serve. We are seeking members who have the character listed in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 and who are already exhibiting those character traits.

The second matter the elders are preparing for is the future ministry of the church. In March 2010 both Stephen and Richards term come to completion. The elders are earnestly praying for future direction and ask that you would join with them at this time.



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Liz and Mark who became engaged last weekend. We pray that God will bless you both as you begin this new and exciting journey together!

### **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 run 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.***

## ***Prayer and Praise***

- Praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- We give thanks for the life of Coral Brown and the many people who came to her thanksgiving service last week.
- Pray for Wendy as she counsels, gives wisdom and provides comfort. Pray for those who come to counselling.
- Pray for the EPIC youth group to grow disciples.
- Pray that we will experience the Holy Spirit and discover our gifts to serve Christ and His church.
- Praise God for the provision of a house for the Parks family in Allara Ave.
- Pray for Marie and Denby Holmes and Jeff and Joyce Stewart.
- Pray for the outreach in Jinghong as both the Phillips and Jagelman families serve God.

***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:**

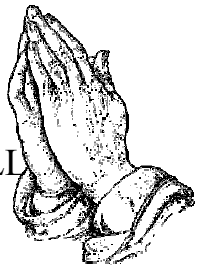
MONDAY: Alice SWEET

TUESDAY: John and Marcia SWINDEN

WEDNESDAY: Stephen, Rowena, Liam and Chris TALL

THURSDAY: Rupert TAYLOR

FRIDAY: Os and Norma TODD



## **James 5:16**

***“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective”***

# 'White House'

## *Working Bee*

Saturday 23rd June

For preparation and painting of the White House.

*Live Learn Love*

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2007? We opened a new extension debt free!

So far we have received \$22 000 in pledges and have \$29 000 in bills to pay. Please use the specially designed envelopes to place your donation in the offering bag.

## **Soccer vs. Koreans**

Its on again! Following the Koreans triumph in the last match and our rained off game we will be taking to the field on...

*Sunday 21st June 2.30pm*

Venue to be confirmed

*If you are interested in playing please let Josh, Chris or Stephen*

# EPIC<sup>YOUTH</sup>

Years 4—6  
Friday 6:30—8pm  
*Friday 19th:*  
*"Kids vs. Parents"*

High school students  
Friday 7:30—9:30pm.  
*Friday 19th: "God says..."*



## **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](http://www.climbsycamore.com)*