

## Focus on Today's News

...also have to deal with lots of criticism and other matters which may cause tensions". The rate of depression in ministry affects about 1/3 of our current serving pastors in Churches of Christ in NSW.

John Mark Ministries in Australia has data that shows that Ministers, who don't take long service leave after 15 years, increase the risk of burnout dramatically. They go onto state that ministers need an extended break of at least 10 weeks to break the cycle of constant ministry and re-establish family rhythms to holistically re-charge ready for the next season.

We trust that the time away will be refreshing and lead to great ideas, vitality and ministry in the coming years.

### Combined service

*Just walk across the room*

Our next combined service is at 10:30am on 30<sup>th</sup> August in the chapel. We will be inspired by music, challenged by hearing about the *Walk across the room campaign* and encouraged as we share in this new experience of combined church together.

*The Global Mission Partners update is available in the foyer. Please take an update and discover what Churches of Christ are doing around the globe.*

## Church Anniversary

August 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date we celebrate our church's 44<sup>th</sup> birthday on the present site. This will be an opportunity to participate in the *Anniversary appeal* to pay for the renovation and significant restoration of the *white house*.

Over the past 3 weeks we have been voting for elders and ministry team matters. The results of the 59 ballots cast was that all nominated elders were elected and Stephen and Richard were endorsed to be asked by the elders to consider ministry for a further 5 years.

There will be further information this morning at:

### 11am Influence (Inc AGM)

—Stephen Cathcart

#### *Walk Across the Room*

We will begin the *Walk Across the Room* church wide campaign on August 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be the week to sign up for the 4 weeks of home groups and Sunday services. The 4 weeks of home groups provide a context to understand the material that Bill Hypes as put together to enable us to change someone's life and their eternity! 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 in the coming week.

This will take place during the *Jesus, all about life* advertising in Sydney. Throughout September there will be billboards, TV and radio adverts about Jesus. This will provide the context to *walk across the room*.

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## ***The Jesus. All About Life Campaign is coming soon...***

It is now less than 8 weeks before this prime time media campaign starts to put the name of Jesus out into every suburb of Sydney. It has been estimated that at least 80% of the population will hear the prime time television ads at least 10 times over the campaign period – what a fantastic opportunity for every Christian to share their faith with non Christian friends, neighbours and workmates who will be more open to discuss faith issues as a result of the campaign. Prepare now by praying for those you know who need to have a life changing relationship with Jesus. Pray, prepare and get excited about what God is about to do across Sydney. For more information go to [www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au](http://www.jesusallaboutlife.com.au)

You are invited to attend a FREE information and training night which will include light supper, tea and coffee. You will hear from key influencers from behind the campaign which will provide you with insight and tools to assist our and your church in reaching into the community! Join us on:

**5<sup>th</sup> August, at St Johns Anglican Church, Gordon 7-830pm**

### **Leading From Deep Places**

The 2009 ACOM Annual Conference at Northside Church.  
You can register for a day or just for the evening.  
*Information can be found in the foyer.*

## **Mum's R & R**

*DATES FOR TERM 3*

**August 11th and 25th**

**September 8th and 22nd**

*For more information please see Angela*

## ***Ministry Matters...***

**Louise**—will be away from the church office from 5 to 31<sup>st</sup> August to assist the education of children in Jinghong. Also, Louise will be away in September and November with her *Navigate* course. The September trip is to Broken Hill to discover the ministry and mission of our church in that diverse city as well as learning and lectures from local church leaders. The November trip is to Vanuatu to visit and assist local missionaries proclaim Christ to their community. We trust that great friendships will result from these trips.

**Richard**—We give thanks that Richard has been provided another placement at TAFE to teach *English As A Second Language* for semester 2. Richard will be teaching on Fridays at TAFE and be the chaplain at Alexander Campbell Lodge on Thursdays. As a result, Richard requested that the elders consider a move from 4 to 3.5 days per week.

**Stephen**—after recent discussions with the elders and some input from Churches of Christ NSW have decided to extend his long service leave to 10 weeks. Some of the reasons were highlighted by Churches of Christ NSW:

1. The stressors of doing ministry in Australia are increasing exponentially. This is in part to increasing complexities of denominational switching, different theologies and different models of church (i.e. from mega church to emerging churches).

Surviving ministry is a matter of surviving depression. Dr Archibald Hart – professor emeritus of psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary says, “The nature and shape of ministry predisposes those involved to be more prone to stress and depression, primarily because members of congregations are not trained well at dealing with boundaries, and so a minister can be on call 24/7 which can invade family space. Ministers...

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Today		Next Sunday	
9:30am	<b>SoulCare</b> Stephen Cathcart "A Bronze Snake"	9:30am	<b>SoulCare</b> Stephen Cathcart "A Fire Quail"
9:30am	<b>Praise and Communion</b> Richard Oakes "Perfect Father"	9:30am	<b>Praise and Communion</b> Richard Oakes "Faith Builders"
10:30am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	10:30am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
12:30pm	<b>Korean Community</b>	12:30pm	<b>Korean Community</b>
7:00pm	<b>Connect @ 7</b> Stephen Cathcart "God Wears Lipstick"	7:00pm	<b>Connect @ 7</b> Stephen Cathcart "Leather Whips & Fruit"

**MOWING ROSTER**  
*15th August 2009*  
Martin Smuts

**Prayer Hotline**  
9487 3918  
*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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***Prayer and Praise***

- Praise God for the generosity of our church in giving food hampers to Mt Druitt, time and skills and financially
- Praise God for the impact of the Korean Community Church on the lives of students who are residing in Australia. Pray for Pastor John and Christine as they lead the church.
- Praise God for the growth of the *epic* youth group. Pray for the term that the leaders will be able to build relationships with the young people, teach them about Christ and impact their families for the gospel
- Pray for the young adults ministry.
- Pray for Wendy as she counsels people from the local community. Pray that Wendy will have great wisdom as she listens to others
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower us for mission and walk across the room to help others

*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: Lynne COLLEY  
TUESDAY: Bruce, Narelle, Timothy and Joshua COOPER  
WEDNESDAY: Neil, Carol and Matt COWDERY  
THURSDAY: Jonathan and Amy COWDERY  
FRIDAY: Beryl DANIELS



**Ephesians 3:12**  
**"In Christ and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence."**