

Focus on Today's News

Christmas Time

With Christmas fast approaching we are preparing and need the following items that you may have at home or in the garden:

- 2LT milk containers washed and cut in half
- bag of sand - about 10kg
- tinsel - any colour and mainly the thin variety
- 20 pine cones - 10-12cm in length
- 20 logs - 25-30cm long with a diameter of 10-12cm

Please place any items in the box in the foyer. Thanks

Live Learn Love

World Communion Sunday

4th October 2009

The churches of Christ in NSW are part of a global network of church communities—kindred spirits sharing a common heritage and common goals. On Sunday 4th October 2009 these churches are celebrating their kingdom connections by sharing the Lord's Supper “together”—a great communion of Christians around the world identifying with God and each other in a spirit of unity and mission. For more information on this world-wide celebration visit www.greatcommunion.org.

We will be joining with Grandview Christian Church in Johnson City Tennessee, USA via video clips of each of our churches.

The Power of Story

Is there a “right” way to tell your personal faith story?

If you've ever been in a conversation that turned spiritual and found yourself cotton-mouthed regarding how to explain who God is and what he has done in your life, this message is for you! Christ-followers often struggle to convey the heart of God's redemptive activity and the “nut” of the before-and-after difference his intervention has made in their lives. They talk too much; they use fuzzy terminology; they drop four-syllable “Christianese” words on their listener; they speak in a manner that comes across as haughty, pious, or superior. Obviously, none of these approaches serves the cause of Christ very effectively. We can do better.

Regardless if they are formally “gifted” in evangelism or not, all Christ-followers can be prepared to engage people in spiritual conversations and do what they can to point people towards faith in God. When conversations *do* take a spiritual turn, it is critical to know how to convey two stories with humility, clarity, and brevity: your own faith story, and God's Good News story.

- Stories—and the word used to tell them are powerful!
- God has a story...learn to tell it well!
- YOU have a story...learn to tell it well!

May God help each one of us, as we keep on trying to tell His story for Jesus' sake, *Richard*.

20th September 2009

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Thankyou to all the church family and friends for all your prayers and support for my non-event knee surgery. The operation will finally be happening next Wednesday and will go with no problems.

Thanks, David Smith

p.s. It will be at old Hornsby Hospital

LSL 10

Today Stephen and Angela depart for 10 weeks of Long service leave. They return on 23rd November. During Stephen's absence if you need to contact the church for any reason you can ring or email:

- Richard – mobile and email
- Tina – mobile and email
- Louise for the church office – Wed and Fridays 9am-5pm – 9988 4688 and email

Elders:

- Loida – mobile and email (especially about *chaplancy* issues at the local retirement villages and nursing homes)
- Tom – phone (in regards to the SoulCare service)
- Christine – phone and email (in regards to the C7 service)
- Ivan – phone and email (in regards to elders matters)

Prayer Requests

For prayer requests you can email Hanna <Hanna@ecomtel.com.au> so that the team of prayers can uphold you in prayer.

Accommodation Wanted

Renelle Joyce is currently looking for a bedsitter/ granny flat for \$200-250/week. If you have any thing available for her or know someone who has please give her a call on 0422 968 229.

Thankyou.

Sycamore

young adults

CHURCH

Wednesday 7pm

"Fighting for your faith—what price would you pay?"

www.climbsycamore.com

EPIC YOUTH

Years 4 to 6

Friday 6:30—8pm

18th September

"EPIC Unites"

High school students

Fridays 7:30—9:30pm.

18th September

"Jesus...so what?"

Mum's R & R

LAST DATE FOR TERM 3

September 22nd

For more information please see Tina

Vanuatu Trip

As part of Louise's Navigate course she & the other students will be travelling to Vanuatu for 2 weeks in November. They will be spending some time with the locals & doing training with them. All funds raised are to help pay for the locals to attend the training program.

If you feel led to contribute towards this please see Louise.

Today		Next Sunday	
9:30am	SoulCare Tina Phillips "Tell the Story"	9:30am	SoulCare Tina Phillips "The 3D Life"
9:30am	Praise and Communion Richard Oakes "Tell Your Story"	9:30am	Praise and Communion Richard Oakes "Mission"
10:30am	Morning Tea	10:30am	Morning Tea
12:30pm	Korean Community	12:30pm	Korean Community
7:00pm	Connect @ 7 TBA "Tell the Story"	7:00pm	Connect @ 7 Tina Phillips "The 3D Life"

MOWING ROSTER

3rd October 2009

Nathan Phillips

Prayer Hotline

9487 3918

Hanna Dijkstal

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

MINISTRY TEAM

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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

louise@northturramurrachurch.org.au

Office Hours: Wednesday and Friday 9am—5pm

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Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the baptism of Gael, Danielle and Andrew and for others preparing for this important step.
- Praise God for the faithful life and witness of Graeme Varcoe. Pray for Barbara, Chris, Cathy, Bek and all the Varcoe family at this time of great loss.
- Praise God for the new faces at our Korean and connect services.
- Praise God for the love and welcome in our church that we are showing in our church & that we are walk-across-the-room people
- Pray for others who continue to grieve in our church family.
- Pray for the Cathcart family heading to the UK and Germany tomorrow, for physical, spiritual and mental refreshment.
- Pray for our last week of *Walk Across the Room* that we will reach out with God's love at church, work, school, uni and at sport and that we will spread the word.

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: Eileen and Katie LARBALESTIER

TUESDAY: Lachlan, Victoria and Sacha LITTLEMORE

WEDNESDAY: Bek LLEWELYN

THURSDAY: Daniel, Anitra, Tyler, Dion and Shia LOMBO

FRIDAY: Tony LONGBOTTOM

Psalm 139:14

"I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well."