

## prayer @ ashgrove

Brothers, pray for us. 1 Thess 5:25

### come and pray with us on ...

**Sunday** at 6pm (Parents' Room)

**Thursday** at 6:30am (Red Room)

**1st Friday each month** at 7.30pm (Parents' Room)

**3rd Saturday each month** (global mission focus)

### praying through the week ...

- Pray for **Scripture Union's** Pacific Executive who met in Brisbane last weekend. Pray for encouragement and resources to support SU's ministry in Tonga, PNG, Fiji, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. Pray for wisdom in decision making at the SU Australia National Executive meeting in Melbourne this weekend, which **Lloyd Carter** is attending.
- Pray for **Steve Reilly** who is in charge of the smooth running of the Corner House while Margaret Balke is away. Pray for the many International students, past and present, who have stayed there.
- **Janeen Martin** has requested prayer for a very sick friend, Prince, who is in hospital, far away from his family and friends. Please pray for the arrival of necessary machinery for his treatment and for Christian friends who are visiting and supporting him.

### this week we are praying for

- Tim & Phoebe Johnson (Bolivia)
- Janeen Martin (Cyprus)
- Steve Reilly (Corner House)
- Lloyd Carter (Scripture Union)

## ministry team

Team Leader	Kevin Bird 0407 989 275
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Training	Ian Walton 0407 143 483
Pastoral Carer	Beth Nickerson 3300 3694
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Youth	Natasha Bengtson 0404 947 070
Music & Creative Arts	Cara Cox 0413 993 466
abc International	Simon Baek 0422 250 086
Office	Helen Murchie

## other ministry leaders

Coffee Club	Carol Macpherson
Craft	Kerrie Bird
Data	Lee-Anne McMurray
Fuel	Jo & Russ Sweetman
Global Missions	Gavin Turner
Hilltop Gardens	Russ Sweetman
Ground Zero	Angela Gardener
Library	Jill Walker
Playcentre	Debbie Cowie
Primary RE	Jenny Callan
Sound	Kevin Mirrington
Time Out	Eric & Liz Forshaw

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## life @ ashgrove

# 24 february 2008

## Baptism—what's the big deal?

At the service tonight, Michael Pfeffer will be baptised.

I'm often asked why baptism is such a big deal. Why do I get so passionate about it? After all, surely the big moment is when the person puts their faith in Jesus, commits to following Him, and is spiritually reborn?

Here's a few reasons:

Jesus was baptised—if it's good enough for him...

In several places we're told to be baptised.

Baptism is a wonderful external demonstration and picture of what God has done on the inside.

Baptising believers protects the Biblical idea that every person must respond individually to God. We are each responsible for our own sin and each must decide who Jesus is—fraud or Lord.

Ian Walton

## welcome to ashgrove

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today!

## getting to know you

If you are new to **ashgrove**, have a prayer request, family news, or change of contact details, please complete the Contact Card inside this handout.

## stay to connect

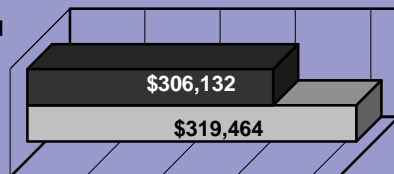
Please join us for refreshments after the worship gathering in the courtyard.

## more information?

If you would like more information about the programs and ministries at **ashgrove**, complete the Contact Card inside this handout.

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## sunday @ ashgrove

10am	collective worship, followed by morning tea
10.20am	fuel
11.45am	business meeting
6pm	prayer
6.30pm	collective worship

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## serving @ ashgrove

### JESUS

#### Liar? Madman? God?

Be part of communicating who Jesus is and why he came in a relevant and contemporary performance. You can get involved by sponsoring:

- supper for 10 people - \$20
- donate drinks for supper (2L lemonade/ginger ale, A10 tin fruit juice, 2L cordial)
- donate food for supper (homemade biscuits, slice, or cake)
- a radio mike (\$50), a prop (\$20), a costume (\$20), or a music stand light (\$30)
- volunteer for front-of-house (welcoming, ushering) – free!
- provide afternoon tea (3.30pm) for the technical rehearsal – 8 and 9 March

Indicate your willingness on a Contact Card or by completing a sponsorship form (on the tables as you enter the auditorium).

## coming up @ ashgrove



We want to tell our local community about the true meaning of Easter. Help us do this by delivering flyers around Ashgrove, The Gap, and Bardon. Collect a bundle today and go for a walk with family or friends.

### quarterly business meeting . . . today

Stay after our morning worship gathering to hear, understand, and have input into the business of **ashgrove**.

### a night for the blokes! . . . march 1

All men of ashgrove are invited to 'Simulation game: Church under siege' @ 7.30pm.

### autumn garage sale . . . march 8

Need to do a clean out? Why not get rid of all your unwanted stuff at the **Playcentre** garage sale. Book a table for only \$5 and sell it yourself, or donate your 'trash' to become someone else's 'treasure'. Contact Libby Wark on 33122009 or libwark@optusnet.com.au. Flyers available at the auditorium entrance for more information.

## coming up elsewhere

### International Outlook . . . march 7-9

Queensland's premier global missions weekend at Mt Tamborine. See the brochures on the tables at the entrance to the auditorium.

### World Day of Prayer . . . march 7

Everyone is invited to unite in this worldwide fellowship of prayer & worship: 10am @ St Finbarr's Church, Ashgrove.

## this week @ ashgrove

<b>today</b>	10am 6 pm 6.30pm	Ian Walton...Isaiah 52:13-15 Prayer Kevin Bird ... 2 Peter 1:8-11
<b>monday</b>	9.30am	playcentre
<b>tuesday</b>	9.30am	playcentre
<b>wednesday</b>	9.30am	playcentre
<b>thursday</b>	6.30am 9.30am	prayer craft
<b>friday</b>	4.30pm 7.30pm	ground zero genesis
<b>saturday</b>	7.30pm	A night for the blokes
<b>sunday</b>	10am 6 pm 6.30pm	Kevin Bird ... Isaiah 53:1-3 Prayer Michael Knight...2 Pet 1:12-15

## our church

- We celebrate with **Michael Pfeffer** as he is being baptised in this evening's worship gathering. We welcome his family and friends who have come to support him.
- Pray for **Jack Cutler** who is in a stable condition at RBH following a heart attack last week.
- Continue to remember our **Easter@ashgrove** presentation. Come and join together at any or all of the prayer sessions listed below:

<b>sun</b>	6:30pm ... Parents' room 8:15pm ... Training room
<b>tues</b>	6:30am ... Red room
<b>wed</b>	12 noon ... Parents' room
<b>thurs</b>	6:30am ... Red room

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'Jesus constantly prayed. Paul tells us we ought to pray always. James says that true praying results in God working miracles among men. That prayer is not an optional extra in the life of a Christian is abundantly clear in Scripture. True prayer is not only vital to the Christian life, it is an integral part of it. It is not an appendage to service but a prerequisite for service.

In Luke 18, Jesus told his disciples the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. He wanted his disciples to see that **prayer is a continuing exercise in the life of the believer**.

Circumstances of life or condition of soul are not grounds for exemption. Jesus also wanted us to understand that there is a real danger of losing heart or giving up in prayer. We should not pray simply to get an answer from God and stop when the answer comes. **We pray until we see the answer, and then pray more because God has answered.** Every answered prayer is an occasion for added prayer.'

*R. Conwell*

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