

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 the **rural communities** who have been affected by the **recent flooding**, that in the midst of this crisis they would be reminded of God's care and sovereignty.
- Pray for **Graeme Rouillon** as he visits Thailand and Uganda. Pray for the Karen people and the possibilities relating to a partnership with them.
- Pray for the **teachers** and **students** who are returning to school this week. Ask God to bless them and open opportunities to share the love of Jesus in these communities.
- Praise God that people have been found for the roles in the Easter drama; **JESUS : Liar? Madman? God?** Pray for these actors and musicians as they prepare.
- Uphold in prayer **Guy Hawkins** and **Natasha Bengtson** as they interact with the community of teachers and students at The Gap State High.
- Pray for the planning and preparation which is underway in the various teams who lead and facilitate ministries here at **ashgrove**.

this week we are praying for

- Tash Bengtson (The Gap High spirituality classes)
- Guy Hawkins (The Gap High chaplain)
- Tim and Phoebe Johnson (Bolivia)
- Janeen Martin (Middle East)

ministry team

Team Leader	Kevin Bird 0407 989 275
Care	Lorraine Pfeffer 0409 073 855
Training	Ian Walton 0407 143 483
Pastoral Carer	Beth Nickerson 3300 3694
Support	Ann-Janette Reinhardt 0402 098 102
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
Kids' Club	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

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... faith is...the conviction of things not seen

What a complex and seemingly paradoxical statement about the nature of faith! How can we have a conviction in things that are beyond our senses, beyond our perception and understanding?

Physics in its simplest definition is the study of matter and how it works. While physicists can only see, as it were, the "shadow" of these tiny realities of matter (atoms, quarks, gluons, and electrons), they point to and indeed make up materials all around us. We cannot see them, but we trust they are there.

In the same way, the Scripture affirms that faith is able to discern the substance behind the shadows of our reality. The apostle Paul wrote that "what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot is eternal...for we walk by faith not by sight". The conviction of faith, therefore, is the ability to see through our circumstances to the spiritual realities behind them.

Ravi Zacharias

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

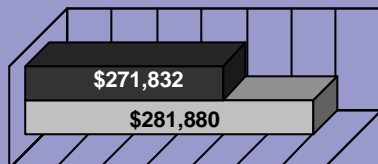
Please join us for refreshments after the worship gathering in the courtyard.

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 creche is unmanned but available for use
6pm	prayer
6.30pm	collective worship

ashgrove baptist church

servicing @ ashgrove

Lend a Hand

There is an urgent need to replenish our cleaning, mowing and vic vacing rosters. Grab a friend and sign up for some practical service once **every few months**. Please indicate your willingness on a contact card or speak to **Ann-Janette Reinhardt** or **Leo Mechielsen**.

Creche

A great opportunity has opened up for a new creche co-ordinator. If you would like to get involved in this way, please see **Mandy Colen**.

Fuel

Our children need you! We are looking for a teacher for the grades 4-7 class and helpers for several other classes. The time commitment is every second Sunday. Please see **Ian Walton** or **Russ** and **Jo Sweetman**

coming up @ ashgrove

Time-Out Breakfast . . . 8am tomorrow
Over 50 and want to break free for a couple of hours? You are welcome at the BYO BBQ Breakfast at Simpson's Falls (Directory Map 158) .

life group launch 08 . . . today and 3 feb
Plan to set aside the time in 2008 to be part of a committed Life Group. You will have the opportunity to sign up for a Life Group after the worship gatherings on the above dates.

connect expo . . . 3 feb
How will you connect into **ashgrove** in 2008? The Connect Expo will provide you with this opportunity.

working bee . . . 2 feb
We are compiling a list of jobs (something for everyone) to make sure our facilities are ready for the year ahead. Join with us from 8am. We'd love many hands to make light work!

this week @ ashgrove

today 10am Kevin Bird ... Isaiah 55
6.30pm Tash Bengtson ... John 13

Our regular weekly ministries and programs are in recess during the Christmas/New Year holidays.

sunday 10am Ian Walton... Eph 4:7-16
6.30pm Tash Bengtson ... John 13

our church

- On Thursday we celebrated the life of **Allan Luke** after his peaceful passing into the presence of Jesus on Monday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jo and Russ Sweetman, Mandy and Andrew Colen, and their families as they grieve the loss of their father, grandfather and great grandfather.
- **Graeme Rouillon** is leaving tomorrow to visit Thailand and Uganda. While in Thailand he will continue to explore the possibilities of a partnership between ourselves and the Karen Baptist Churches of which Somboon Panyakom is a leader.
- Congratulations to **Doug** and **Rosemary Stay** who celebrate 40 years of marriage today.

life groups @ ashgrove

If there is one saying that is abundantly true about the spiritual life, it is that "the road to ruin is paved with good intentions."

We intend to read the Bible more, pray more, have deeper relationships with other believers, care for others, socialise etc but unless we put structures in place these things never happen, they simply remain good intentions.

A great structure is to join a Life Group. Your involvement this year will help put legs on all of these things.

It's not easy. It's not always exciting. We're all busy! But LIFE is about being transformed as we live God's life through us.

If you want some help, see us at the sign-up after the service and we'll make some suggestions.

Ian Walton

ashgrove . . . an equipping and sending church committed to presenting the changeless gospel of Jesus Christ in a changing world

**ashgrove . . . a church committed to God's glory
a church ministering to the whole person
a church equipping people for ministry
a church impacting the community and the nations**