

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 God to continue to raise up leaders and assistants for **Fuel in 2008**. Pray for those who have already committed to this ministry, that they would be enthusiastic and inspired as they seek to impact young lives for Jesus.
- Pray for the **planning** currently underway for our ministries, many of which will soon re-start. Pray for the leaders as they seek God's direction and build teams to carry out their **vision for 2008**.
- Pray for an ongoing impact in the lives of the children and young people that the **Ukraine SMT** engaged with late last year. Pray for **Andy Ford** as he spends time in the orphanages.
- Praise God that people have been found for the roles in the Easter drama; **JESUS : Liar? Madman? God?** Pray for the actors and musicians in their preparation which has begun.
- Pray that Lorraine Addison will be able to establish **Wives Support Groups** in Townsville, Mackay and the Gold Coast, where Christian wives live with husbands who do not yet have a personal relationship with Jesus.

this week we are praying for

- Andrew Ford (Kiev)
- Michelle Taylor (Russia/Victoria)
- Russ & Jo Sweetman (Fuel)
- Lorraine Addison (Wives Support Group)

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

20 january 2008

Pain ... God's Megaphone

Imagine not knowing when you have scalded your mouth on a hot meal or bitten your tongue so badly that it bled.

Pain is the body's signal for danger, however severe or slight. It is a navigating force through unknown corridors of life, without which we find ourselves numb to reality, robbed of caution, and disoriented to the world. Pain is God's megaphone, said C.S. Lewis, to rouse a deaf planet.

As comforting as knowing God will one day wipe away every tear from our eyes, is the thought that the one in heaven does not see our pain here as a pointless or empty occurrence. The one who made tear ducts that spill over with grief and anguish does not haphazardly view our pain. Like a parent grieving over a child's wound, God reaches out to you *in*--perhaps even *through*--your pain, speaking gently into your heightened sense of awareness. And with the Son who wept at the grave of Lazarus, God collects your tears in his bottle until the day tears will be no more.

Jill Carattini

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

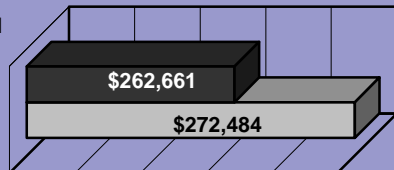
Please join us for refreshments after the worship gathering in the courtyard.

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
4.30pm	abc International
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

blue card sunday

... today
Before and after both worship gatherings today you have the opportunity to **sign up for or renew** your Blue Card. We encourage all of our church family to hold a current Blue Card. Best of all, its free!. Let's all be part of making **ashgrove** a safe place for our children and youth.

life group launch 08

... 27 jan/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 Groups after the worship gatherings on the above dates.

connect expo

... 3 feb
Our Sunday worship gatherings will be transformed into an opportunity for you to consider the breadth of all that makes up **ashgrove**. 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 Ian Walton ... Isaiah 35
6.30pm Tash Bengtson ... John 13

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

sunday

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

our church

- **Congratulations** to all those who received University placement offers last weekend. Remember to pray for these Uni students as they embark on a new phase of life.
- The members of the **Ukraine Short Term Mission** to Kiev will be sharing their journey and experience with us today in both of our worship gatherings.

blue card sunday

At **ashgrove**, we believe children and youth are a vital part of God's family, to be loved and incorporated within the life of the church. Creating a safe and caring environment is one way of ensuring that children and youth know how important they are to us.

Blue Cards are issued by the Queensland Commission for Children and Young People. Encouraging all of our church family to hold a current Blue Card, irrespective of their level of involvement in ministries to this age group, helps provide a safe environment.

It's very simple:

- visit the desks @ the Blue Card Sunday banner;
- grab a form;
- fill it in;
- have your ID witnessed;
- leave the completed form with us and we look after the rest!

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