

## prayer @ ashgrove

they raised their voices together in prayer to  
God Acts 4:24

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

**Sunday** at 9.30am (Parent's Room)

**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 **09/10 Budget** that was adopted last Sunday. Pray that we would continue to support the ministries of **ashgrove** through faithful financial giving.
- The **Cunnumulla Team** is coming together and preparing for their week long mission in outback QLD. Pray for the funds they need to raise, for their interaction with the Cunnumulla community and each other.
- Praise God for the **Fuel leadership** who speak into the lives of our youth and children each week. Pray that God would use the leaders to **lay an unshakeable foundation of truth** in the lives of the youngest members of our community.
- Many in our church community continue to face **health issues**. Ask God for wisdom for the treating medial staff and strength, faith and hope for the family and friends who are supporting them.

### this week we are praying for

- Somboon Panyakom (Thailand)
- Michelle Taylor (Russia/Brisbane)
- Fuel (Russ & Jo Sweetman)
- Alex Milne (96 Five)

## ministry team

Team Leader	Kevin Bird 0407 989 275
Care	Lorraine Pfeffer 0409 073 855
Pastoral Carer	Helen Murchie 0410 597 816
Training	Natasha Bengtson 0404 947 070
Support	Ann-Janette Reinhardt 0402 098 102
Music & Creative Arts	Cara Cox 0413 993 466
abc International	Simon Baek 0422 250 086

## other ministry leaders

Crèche	Meredith Waghorn
Coffee Club	Carol Macpherson
Craft	Kerrie Bird
Data	Lee-Anne McMurray
Fuel	Russ & Jo Sweetman
Genesis	Dave Kay
Global Missions Committee	David & Nancy Earley
Hilltop Gardens	Russ Sweetman
Library	Jill Walker
Playcentre	Debbie Cowie & Sue Collecutt
Sound	Kevin Mirrington
Time Out	Eric & Liz Forshaw

## direct debit giving

a/c name: Ashgrove Baptist Church  
bank details: BapLink  
BSB (Branch): 704-913  
account number: 66

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## baptist church

## life @ ashgrove

# 7 june 2009

## Love and Acceptance

'Acceptance' is a popular word today, and rightly so. Theologically, God's acceptance of us is quite a good contemporary term for justification. But we should be cautious about modern talk of 'unconditional acceptance', as when the concept of an 'open church' is canvassed, in which membership is offered to everybody, with no questions asked and no conditions laid down. For though God's love is indeed unconditional, His acceptance of us is not, since it depends on our repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. We need to bear this in mind when we consider that we are to accept the weak (Rom. 14:1) since 'God has accepted him' (14:3), and to accept one another 'just as Christ accepted' us (15:7).

John Stott

## 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

9.30am	prayer
10am	collective worship
10.30am	fuel
6pm	prayer
6.30pm	collective worship

## serving @ ashgrove

There are exciting opportunities to serve God in the following ministry areas. Contact the name listed or the church office if you would like to respond to these needs. If you would like to know more about how you can serve the church community, speak to a member of the Ministry Team.

### Oakleigh State School

Each **Friday** afternoon at **3:30pm** people meet together in the park opposite Tweed St to **pray** for the school and in particular for the establishment of a **Chaplaincy program**. Opportunities also exist to join the team who teach **RE** each week. See **Jo Sweetman** for more info.

### Creche Co-ordinator

A great opportunity has opened for someone to co-ordinate and develop our ever growing creche community. For more information please see **Kevin Bird**.

## coming up @ ashgrove

**Coffee Club** . . . **tuesday**  
@ Roma Street Parkland from 10am. Enjoy a stroll through the parkland and celebrate **Queensland's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday** and all of our birthdays for 2009. BYO provisions for drinks (hot water is available on tap) and something "Queensland" to share for Morning Tea. For more info, see **Carol and Ian Macpherson**.

**Time Out** . . . **21 june**  
Enjoy fish and chips @ Shorncliffe after the Sunday am worship gathering. For more info see **Eric or Liz Forshaw**.

## finance @ ashgrove

At last Sunday's QBM, the Budget for the 09/10 Financial Year was presented and adopted.

Our hope is that the budget will present a challenge to everyone of giving faithfully to God's work here at **ashgrove**. We look forward to the opportunities of the future that God has for us but also recognise the current economic climate our community faces.

In brief:

- the weekly average general offering target has been set at \$9,230. This is a reduction from the 08/09 budget target but an increase from our current weekly average general offering of \$8,654;
- reductions have been made across all 4 Foci of our Vision in order to achieve a balanced budget; and
- we are now financially supporting Simon and Seon-A Baek as part of Global Missions Team.

Complete copies of the budget papers are available from the tables at the entrance to the auditorium. If you have any questions please see either **Dean Stone** or **Ann-Janette Reinhardt**.

## this week @ ashgrove

**today** 10am Ray Airosa....forgiveness  
6.30pm Michael Knight... 1 Cor 1:10-17  
supper @ the church

**monday** public holiday

**tuesday** 9.30am playcentre  
9.30am care training

**wednesday** 9.30am playcentre

**thursday** 6.30am prayer

**friday** 7.30pm genesis –big night in

**saturday**

**sunday** 10am Kevin & Lorraine-forgiveness  
6.30pm Natasha Bengtson ...  
1 Cor 1:18-25

## our church

- We welcomed into membership at last week's QBM the following people: **Rachel Oxford, Erin McMurray, Janette Margetts, Gary Dewhurst, Matt and Sarah Pfeffer, Ray and Lauren Airosa, Rob Fitzgerald and Nathan Waghorn**.
- Our prayers and thoughts are with the **Peter, Jenny, Michael and Tim Bickerton** on the recent death of Peter's father.
- As indicated at the QBM, a review of Kevin's ministry is underway to enable the Elders to bring a recommendation re Kevin's term which expires in early 2010. Part of this review will include an opportunity for our church community to complete a short survey. This survey will be conducted after the am and pm worship gatherings on Sunday, 21 June. More details next week.

## life groups @ ashgrove

... find a **life group**  
... go to a **life group**  
... start of **life group**

**Life Groups** are small groups of people who meet regularly to do life together, study the bible and challenge each other to be more like Jesus. **ashgrove Life Groups** are meeting across Brisbane at different times every week. They are one of the best places to meet people and 'be known'.

If you are not already part of a **Life Group** speak to **Natasha Bengtson** about how to become part of one.

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**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