

prayer @ ashgrove

You do not have because you do not ask God.

James 4:2

come and pray with us ...

Sunday at 6pm (Parents' Room)

Thursday at 6:30am (Red Room)

Thursday Fortnightly at 12pm (Care Space)

1st Friday each month at 7:30pm (Parents' Room)

3rd Saturday each month at 8am
(global mission focus @ 388 Waterworks Rd)

praying through the week

- **Thank God** for the recent rain and for His faithfulness in meeting our financial needs. He is good!
- Praise God for the steady addition of new residents joining the **Hilltop Gardens** Sunday services. Continue to pray for those whose declining health does not allow them to attend, that they will be comforted and encouraged.
- In the café that **Janeen** runs, pray for new faces and for the old ones who are leaving—that they will take something with them from the café. **Janeen** will have 10 weeks on her own in the café (April- June). Pray for her during this time.
- Pray for **easter@ashgrove** and the **art competition**. Pray that God would be preparing people's hearts to hear about Jesus! Pray about who you will invite to this event.
- Pray for those people who have great sadness in their lives due to the loss of family members and friends.

this week we are praying for

- Alex Milne...96 Five
- Russ Sweetman...Hilltop Gardens
- Phoebe Johnson...Bolivia
- Janeen...Middle East

ministry team

Team Leader	Kevin Bird
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Care	Lorraine Pfeffer
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Support	Ann-Janette Reinhardt
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High School	Daniel Paterson
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other ministry leaders

Crèche	Suzette Fox
Coffee Club	Carol Macpherson
Craft	Kerrie Bird
Data	Lee-Anne McMurray
Fuel	Russ & Jo Sweetman
Girls' Gatherings	Jenny Cox
Global Missions Committee	
	David & Nancy Earley
Hilltop Gardens	Russ Sweetman
Library	Jill Walker
Playcentre	Sue Collecutt
Soccer	Matt Pfeffer
Sound	James Fox
Time Out	Eric & Liz Forshaw

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14 february 2010

Heaven and Earth

In the minds of many Christians, a chasm exists between the kingdom of heaven and the world in which we now live. The kingdom of heaven is seen as the place we are journeying *toward*, the better country the writer of Hebrews describes. In contrast, our place on earth is seen as temporary; like Abraham, we are merely passing through. As a result, chasms stand between kingdom and earth, today and tomorrow, the physical and the spiritual. Whether intentionally or otherwise, the earth becomes something fleeting and irrelevant. When the Christian pilgrimage is seen as an ascent to another world, whether articulated or subconscious, this world soon becomes superfluous and God a distant caretaker.

The Christian life is one that does not turn its back on the world here and now, but tends to life as visionaries of God's grace, cultivators of healing, and catalysts for transformation throughout all the earth. Indeed, a follower of Christ is one who testifies to the radical work of the Cross and the uniqueness of Christ Jesus who, unlike any other, came to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

Jill Caratini

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

6pm prayer

6.30pm collective worship

ashgrove baptist church

...transforming communities through Jesus

serving @ ashgrove

Over 170 people worship God each week though serving in our many ministries, programs and behind the scenes. Become part of the amazing journey that **ashgrove** is on – transforming communities through Jesus.

fuel teachers

We currently need 4 more teachers for the Sunday morning **Fuel** program. See **Russ or Jo Sweetman** for details.

Vic Vac + Mowing + cleaning Roster

New rosters are being compiled for 2010. Are you able to lend a **few hours of your time** on the odd Saturday to clean our facilities and maintain our grounds? Indicate your willingness on a Contact Card.

support team member

A vacancy exists within the Support Team for someone with office administration, communications and IT skills. Whether you are interested in a full or part-time position, paid or unpaid, we would like to explore this opportunity with you. See **Ann-Janette Reinhardt** for more information.

coming up @ ashgrove

easter@ashgrove . . .palm sunday



Place one of the enclosed postcards on your fridge as a reminder to come and use the second to invite someone in your life that needs to hear about Jesus. Also don't miss the opportunity to enter the **easter@ashgrove art competition**. Full details are available on facebook and at www.ashgrove.org.au. **Easter– the ultimate red letter day!** *art gallery + live music + worship gathering + great food*

life group launch . . .today

Ready to kick start 2010? There is no better way to live life than with a **group of connected people**—a Life Group. You will have the opportunity to sign up for a Life Group today and next week.

man to man & woman to woman . . .1 mar

Today is your last day to register for these two great courses (10wks). Registration forms are available from the tables at the entrances. See **Lorraine Pfeffer** for more details.

girls gatherings . . .feb/mar

Join one of the gatherings of **ashgrove** women coming up in late February/early March. Invites are on the entrance tables.

quarterly business meeting . . .28 feb

Participate in the full life of our church by staying after our AM worship gathering on this day.

family service . . .7 mar

Our AM worship gathering on this day will be super family and kid friendly, with invites extended to our Playcentre families and Primary School RE contacts. It will be a great morning of celebration and thankfulness.

this week @ ashgrove

today	10am	Kevin Bird
	6.30pm	Natasha Bengtson
monday	9.30am	playcentre
	6.30pm	life group leader & facilitator training
tuesday	9.30am	playcentre
	7.30pm	girls gathering—pauline guthrie
wednesday	9.30am	playcentre
thursday	6.30am	prayer
	9.30am	craft
friday	7pm	genesis—planet youth
saturday	8am	global mission prayer
sunday	10am	Kevin Bird
	6.30pm	Michael Knight

our church

- Our thoughts and prayers are with **Harold and Alison Kay** and their family on the recent passing of Harold's brother Murray.
- It's great to have two **Maylon College** students undertaking their student placement with **ashgrove** this year, being **Darren Dakers** and **Rob Fitzgerald**.
- We want to thank **Taylor Knight** who concludes in her role as part of the Support Team—Office Receptionist this week. Taylor is embarking on full time University study this year.

lifegroups@ashgrove

It is clear from scripture that we cannot be growing in our faith without the input of other believers . At **ashgrove**, Life Groups form the basis for this input to occur.

Life Groups are small enough to allow individual members to minister to one another, use their spiritual gifts and be disciplined in the teachings of Christ. In addition, they are avenues in which those who are not-yet believers can witness the reality of Jesus in a loving, compassionate community.

At **ashgrove** there are a variety of Life Groups that you can plug into. However, if your life doesn't permit this there are also other ways to nurture your spiritual growth through mentoring relationships and accountability groups.

So take responsibility for your faith today by either signing up for a life group, beginning a mentoring relationship or an accountability partnership.

through **worship**

people living in humble submission to God, seeking Him and declaring His glory

people growing as disciples of Jesus so they can participate in transforming communities

through **training**

through **care**

people encountering God's kindness, acceptance & compassion as they journey towards wholeness and spiritual maturity

people hearing about Jesus and coming to know Him

through **mission**