



Arana Hills Church of Christ

25 JULY 2010

Welcome to Arana Hills Church of Christ today. If you are visiting for the first time it is great to have you amongst us and we pray that you will experience the presence of Jesus as you gather with us for worship.

PREACHING

This week:

8am Simon W – Get Up
10am Simon W – Get Out
6pm Simon W – Get Down

MORNING TEA

There is a combined morning tea after the 8am service at 9.15am for our morning congregations. After the 10am service you are also welcome to stay and chat over tea and coffee.



PASTOR'S POST

This Sunday, something slightly different to our normal: rather than a one-size sermon fits all, I will do three teachings that follow on from each other. Why? Quite simply I felt convicted it should be this way this week as I have been praying. So...

8am our title is **Get Up** (in expectation) and we consider together the Transfiguration of Jesus.

10am it will be time to **Get Out** (in prayer) and we consider a boy possessed by an evil spirit which nine disciples seemed powerless against.

6pm we consider **Get Down** (in humility). Jesus' disciples were bickering about who was the greatest among them – Jesus brought their gaze to the right level. Where is ours at?

These three passages follow on from each other in Mark's Gospel and are in very close proximity in Luke and Matthew – hence us looking at all three on one day. So, we go from a mountaintop high through a place of despondency to a place on our knees. As one man said, "Let us advance upon our knees." We can sum it up in one word: pray.

There are a number of calls to prayer going on around us – to pray for the up and coming election, to pray as a church over the month of June concerning our services, our structures and our staffing. We are currently at week 12 of our statewide call to prayer by our own Churches of Christ for renewal and revival, and in this regard we move toward August 28 being a Day of Prayer where

we stand with others across Queensland in a prayer vigil from 6am to 6pm on that day. Put the date in your diary and plan to be here.

God bless and keep you.

Your Pastor, Simon.

PEOPLE NEWS

Annette Baddeley, though still undergoing hospital treatment, has been able to come home for the weekend. Praise the Lord! Please pray for continued healing for Annette.

Jenni Atkinson would still like continuing prayer for her ability to cope with the symptoms of MS and the necessary ongoing treatment. The family would particularly like to thank the many church families who have helped out and have been so supportive. It has all been very much appreciated.

On behalf of the **Food Hamper Ministry**, Alison Anderson says, 'Thank you to all those who responded so generously to the request for help. I am overwhelmed with your generosity. Thank you and God bless you.'

Statewide Prayer Renewal sheets and the **Australian Prayer Network Newsletter** are located near the front door, for those who would like copies.

Christmas in July was held yesterday evening. Ask the ladies who attended the event how it went, and what stories they can tell you.

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SMASH CAMP

SMASH camp is coming up. Registrations are open. For enquiries, please contact Jimmy Dodsworth. If you would like to sponsor a child to go to camp, contact Sam Green or Bobbie Ryan-Hopkins. There is a booth at the back of the church with forms and further information.

PARENTING TALK

All interested ladies are invited to the church on Wednesday morning to explore the challenge of Parenting 21st Century Teenagers.

The session will start at 10am and conclude at 11.30; arrive at 9.30 for coffee beforehand.

Please extend this invitation to any women you know who might benefit from input and discussion on parenting teens. Queries to Helen Bartlett or Alison Anderson.

HOME YARD CARE

Many of you will know Rex, who used to look after the church grounds. He is available (and gives Pensioner Discount) to clean up yards, remove rubbish and small trees, and poison weeds. Call Rex on 0408 989 275 if you would like his services.

ROOM TO RENT

Dianne and Clark Thompson have some accommodation for rent in their home, if you know of someone who may be interested.

TO GIVE AWAY

King size mattress, very good condition. Phone Sharon Oldfield.

ROSTERS

Sunday 1 August

Speaker & Theme	Simon Ward; 'Listen Up'
Leaders	Wendy F/Nathan W/ Jenni G
Band	Nathan W/Band 2a/ Band 4a
Sound	/Steve A/James R
Media	/Harold B
Welcoming	Kerry/Paul, Helen & Marg/Kate, Tony & Brian
Morning Tea	Laurel & Shirley/ Alison & Elise
Offering	Joe M & Kerry S/
Counters	/Jimmy D
Cleaning	Geri H

CALENDAR

28 Aug	12 hr Statewide prayer vigil (for Churches of Christ)
14-16 Sep	ACOM children's ministry course at Arana
27 Sep – 1 Oct	SMASH camp at Sunshine Coast
15 Oct	Global Market Night

OFFICE CORNER

Our office email system is still having some troubles. The new email address for the office is arana.reception@gmail.com. (Please note that there is a dot between 'arana' and 'reception'.)

AHCOC Banking Details

BSB 084-283
Account No 50-851-0132
Account Name Arana Hills Church of Christ
Bank NAB

The above can be used for your regular giving and any other requirement to pass money to AHCOC for the work of our church. Please use the description in your internet banking to note the purpose of the transfer. Please direct any questions to the Finance team (Drew, Ray or Kim).

Newsletter Deadline

The weekly deadline for notices to the church newsletter is 2pm on Thursdays. Email your notice, headed "Church Newsletter", to arana.reception@gmail.com