



Arana Hills Church of Christ

15 AUGUST 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	John Armstrong
10am	John Armstrong
6pm	John Armstrong

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 John Armstrong brings us the word of God under the title 'Get Up'. But haven't we had that before, I hear people saying? Yes, we have, if you attended an 8am services a few weeks back. So why do we have it again? Well, let me answer with a question. When I spoke on Get Up last time, did it impact your life so that things have changed and now you are more able to Get Up and Pray than you ever have been before?

Jesus said 'Get Out' a number of times in different circumstances to those possessed with a demon. I don't recall anyone saying you've said that before, you can't use that again! I believe we need to hear the words Get Up, again and again, in the past context of prayer and in the context it will come this Sunday. Let us encourage each other to get up and pray, to get up and serve, to get up and read the Bible, to get up and share our faith....

Be encouraged, church family. One of the best ways we can be encouraged is to encourage each other, so when someone is down, help them to Get Up.

Your Pastor, Simon.

PRAYER NEWS

Thanks to all who have been praying for **Loretta Palfrey** while she has been in hospital. She is now home trying to recover. Please keep Loretta and her mum, **Evie McKim**, in your prayers as this is an exhausting time for both. Also, please continue to keep in your prayers the following people, who have major health

concerns: **Jenni Atkinson, Francis Smith, Dawn West, Annette Baddeley, and Julie Kirkegard.**

Praise God that things are moving forward with regards to the kitchen and building refurbishment. Sketches are currently with architects, who are looking at this with a creative eye. We give thanks to God for this opportunity and ask for continued prayers that we be wise stewards of our resources. CLC will be bringing this to the church once a proposal is ready.

'Statewide Call to Prayer' sheets are available at the door.

FEDERAL ELECTION

In churches we can all too easily get onto dangerous ground regarding politics, as people have such differing opinions. However I do believe it is a crucial time in Australian history, therefore vitally important to vote well. There are so many voices saying they are right: on the internet, TV, radio, newspapers, work colleagues. Do listen to what is being said but through those voices listen deeper, listen further to what the Spirit of God is saying. Ask Him for a discerning heart to see and hear through the hype, the exaggerations, the hopes... After all, one day as Christians we will stand before our God to give an account of our lives.

So following is an article from Mal Brice and also a link to a website that has its bias but includes an interesting article entitled 'One Vote', about the need to make it count. Put these into the mix of your reading, reflecting, praying and listening to the Spirit of God.

Simon

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From Mal

Hi everyone, Mal Brice here with some thoughts on the upcoming election. If we leave our doors and windows open our homes will very quickly become filled with uninvited, destructive creatures! Government has two major doors, the House of Reps and the Senate. As you will probably already be aware, there is a strong destructive push from some anti-Christian candidates ready and willing to destroy and disregard our Christian values in every area of life, and to open our doors to a new godless society.

However, we have a golden opportunity to elect the many Christian Senate candidates standing (not only in Qld, but in every state of Australia) and prevent those evil forces from gaining power. There are more than enough Christians to ensure these candidates are elected if we simply yet courageously vote for them! In Qld, we have three specific Senate parties who are committed to Christian values: Christian Democratic Party, Democratic Labor Party and Family First. A vote for any of these will be a very effective vote. This election I am standing as a Senate candidate with the CDP, in the position that my lovely Linda left vacant after answering a higher calling from God! Vote well!

Note from Simon

As a church, we do not promote any political party or person, but do ask that you give prayerful consideration on what your vote means and how the system works. There is a very good article on the website

www.onevote.com.au called 'The Importance of One Vote', which explains how that can make a difference. When considering your vote, it's also very important to understand how the voting preference system works: see http://www.eca.gov.au/systems/single/by_category/preferential.htm

POLITICAL SURVEY

Grant Power from the University of Queensland is researching the impact of Australian political leaders' religious membership and religious activity on the voting intentions of different Christian denominations. He would really appreciate your participation in an online survey. It is completely anonymous and it only takes 5 minutes. You can learn more or participate at: www.religionandpoliticssurvey.com.au Many thanks, Grant.

PRAYER DAY

Simon will be very involved in the Prayer Day at our Church later this month, but would like to have others who might like to help in creative ways. We have a 'kit' from the State Office with helpful hints and guides to make the job easier. Please tell Simon or the office if you wish to assist.

CAM'S SEND-OFF

Cam West will be speaking at all services next Sunday. We've decided to make this a special time for him and would like to provide him with a parting gift. If you would like to contribute toward this to thank Cam for giving so much and so freely of his time and effort, there are some envelopes at the back of the church for you to put your

gift inside, or wrap it securely in paper. Please mark it clearly as "**Contribution towards Cam West's Gift**" and place it in the offering bag. We thank you in advance for being a part of this gift to Cam. Before his Defence Force placement is confirmed, his future is yet unknown, so please keep both Anita and Cam in your prayers.

KIDZONE THEATRICALS

As part of our current focus on Old Testament Heroes, the children and leaders of Kidzone will be practising a play, *Joseph's Journey*, over the next four Sundays. This will be performed on Sun 12 Sept during the 10am service.



Would parents please note:

- It will be helpful if your child/children can attend each week for the next five weeks.
- We will have our first and only practice in the church on Sat 11 Sept, 3.30-5pm: please mark it on your calendar now!
- Costumes will be minimal but we'd like children to wear plain-coloured clothing on Sun 12 Sept, i.e. no obvious logos, pictures or patterns if at all possible.

Thanks for your help with this. Queries to Helen (3351 4788).

AHCOC Banking Details

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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

CUPBOARD NEEDED

The Craft-Tea-Time ministry would like to set up a display of craft projects for sale, the income of which would be donated towards the church's new kitchen. If anyone knows of a display cupboard/cabinet with glass doors that could be donated for this purpose, please contact Laura Clarke (3851 2215) or Liz Haberley (3351 2076).

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We plan to have a section for those people who are no longer regulars at our church, but whose information we'd like to have available for members to keep in contact. There is a series of 11 pages for updated directory information at the back of the church which the office would like you to check. Use RED PEN for any changes.

- Is the information correct? If so, please put a tick next to each line.
- Please correct any wrong information, add anything you would like to appear and strike through anything you don't wish to appear.
- Add your information if it does not appear at all on the pages.

We'd also like to keep family information together, unless a person would prefer to have their own listing, such as when there is a different address, email, or mobile, etc. Then, we'd be happy to make it separate! Make a note on the sheet as to how you would like it printed.

GOOD NEWS FROM ETHIOPIA

Good news was related to Peter McAloney by Alem (from the Addis Kidan Baptist Church) about Tesama's work in Kamashi and the surrounding churches. "New converts are baptised after attending the six-month discipleship classes. The discipleship class focuses on basic Christian doctrine such as Doctrine of God, The Holy Spirit, Christ Man, Salvation and The Church. How to study the Bible also been taught."

- Kamashi – Over the past 6 months 12 new converts have been baptised, and there are 8 more new converts who will be baptised in the next 3 months.
- Orungo – Over the past 6 months 14 new converts have been baptised after attending discipleship classes. Another 9 recently converted are attending the classes. They will be baptised after 4 months.
- Chabe – 15 new converts were baptised. Under Sport for evangelism ministry (which Jimmy Dodsworth visited) another 5 young men have come to Christ.
- Degoba – 11 new converts were baptised and another 7 will finish the discipleship class in 2 months and then get baptised.
- Dedegube – 12 new converts were baptised after they finished the discipleship class. There are 7 new converts who will finish the class in 4 months.

Following the last AGM, we are continuing to support Tesama and the work that is ongoing in the Kamashi area in the short term. And we are also continuing to look for a suitable community that will suit AHCOG as a long term overseas mission partner. Further information has been received from Compassion and we have been looking at opportunities in Thailand where we may be able to partner with Compassion, and local community development programs. We are continuing to seek more information and we very much value your prayers whilst we continue this journey to find suitable partners.

CAN YOU HELP?

Does anyone know 'Tyrel-Ann'? The office has some correspondence for her, which was left under the door.

ROSTERS

Sunday 22 August

Speaker	Cameron West
Leaders	Tim M/Brian G
Band	Jon & Ronda S/ Band 1
Sound	/Tony B
Media	Mark S/Harold B
Welcoming	Joe & Joyce/Ray, Linda & Joan
Morning Tea	Jim & Joy/Kay
Offering	Joe & Joyce M
Counters	
Mowing	Jimmy's group
Cleaning	Geri H

CALENDAR

28 Aug	Prayer Day at Arana, 6am-6pm
27-29 Aug	Men's camp at Glengarry (Speaker: Phil Smith)
14-16 Sep	ACOM children's ministry course at Arana
27 Sep – 1 Oct	SMASH camp at Sunshine Coast
15 Oct	Global Market Night

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