



Arana Hills Church of Christ

29 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	Simon W
10am	Simon W
6pm	Simon W

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

The below is part of an article I read some time ago. It has come to light as I have reflected on the teaching Terry Williams brought us recently entitled 'Pair Up'. Please reflect on it.

Though Jesus could have poured His life into multitudes, He chose instead to work in the formation of the character of only twelve disciples. Like a potter with clay, for three years, He shaped each one of their characters, somewhat as Job expressed, "Your hands created and shaped me". Before ascending to heaven, the Lord assembled His disciples and observed that something was still needful: Divine breath, so that they would be equipped to do evangelistic work in the different nations of the earth. That's why He told them, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when he had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20: 21-22).

How did Jesus transform His Twelve who were apparently without refinement, education, riches or social status, to become the pillars of Christianity? The answer is simple; they were willing to be moulded by Him.

As the apostle Paul explains, "But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'Why have you made me like this?' Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honour and another for dishonour?" (Romans 9:20-21).

We don't know how long it took God to form Adam's physical

body, but we do know that it took the Lord Jesus three-and-a-half years to form His Twelve. He had to dig deep into their lives, just as any builder must do according to the kind of structure he is going to build. Just as an architect gives a scale model to the builder to follow his plans, Jesus left His disciples with the model of His own life to follow. Paul understood this when he said, "Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

Jesus was not concerned that His disciples give admiration to Him, what He wanted most was that they emulate Him. When the apostles were in daily contact with Jesus, they were able to see in Him the ideal example they were to follow. Though all were aware that they could not surpass the Son of God it was still necessary for them to live according to a higher standard than the world. Paul said, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1).

Jesus defined the difference between a faithful leader and a religious leader. A faithful leader is an example worth imitating. A religious leader only cares about external appearance and always justifies his actions, "Don't look at me, because as man I can fail, look to the Lord". The apostles belonged to the first group and the Pharisees belonged to the second. To which group do you belong? The vision that Jesus established goes beyond simple religiosity. It is the character of Christ reproduced in us so that we may reproduce it in others.

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PRAYER NEWS

We have a focus on prayer this weekend with our 12 hour prayer vigil on Saturday, joining with other Churches of Christ families all over Queensland. Please don't see Saturday as a 'one off' but let's join with Paul who found the secret of being able to pray **continually** (1 Thess 5:17).

Continue to pray for those who have health issues – Loretta, Jenni, Dawn, Frances... there are others that you know of too so this list is not exhaustive.

Pray for those who don't yet know Christ – speak out their names before our amazing God (**continually**).

Continue to pray for the completion of our staff team: a Kids and Families Pastor, and in the meantime pray for Helen Bartlett and her team as they work with Kidzone, as well as Tom Irwin and his team as they work with Hills dot Kom.

Continue to pray for those involved in mission – Peita, Bec, Terry, Jim and Joy, Tim, Jimmy, our Kids Hope Aus mentors, and you as you are a witness to Christ in your day to day living.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Fathers' Day - don't forget! Also, we have Karl and Lyn Weaich sharing with us at all three services. They are working with Interserve in India and were a part of the Arana family some time ago. We welcome them back as they share with us.

OUR SPECIAL DAY

Written by a Kids Hope AUS Coordinator

I never cease to be amazed at the impact of Kids Hope Aus.

There was an opportunity for our most senior mentor, an eighty-three year old man, to mentor a child of five whose parents have problems with substance abuse and domestic violence. It is a most beautiful sight to witness the mentor spending time with this little boy. A couple of weeks ago I finished breakfast club and heard the little boy running (which is forbidden) down the corridor yelling out "Keith, Keith". When asked by one of the teachers why he was running in the corridor his reply was, "It's Friday, that's me and Keith's day." As I witnessed this sight I couldn't help but think... even though because of age, Keith is stooped and hobbles along, what a beautiful picture of Jesus he is to this little boy. Praise God for Kids Hope Aus and the dedicated mentors.

Let us remember to pray for all our Kids Hope Aus mentors and the kids they relate with at Ferny Hills State School.

PEITY'S PIECE

The last few weeks have been full of **big decisions** for me as I had to choose between setting my sights on a GX Brazil tour or whether to stay here in Townsville and keep helping communicate with the people that YWAM and I have connected with during the ship tour, and helping write the articles for the YWAMShips monthly newsletter.

Everything within me wanted to do the tour. Nothing says Peita more than dancing, evangelism and Brazil.... but sometimes we have to lay stuff down...

So after much agonising with the decision and time spent in prayer, I felt like God was saying that yeah, He had made me for these things, but right now it's not what you immediately want to do, it's about what I am building in and through you. It's about something bigger. So, with sobbing and a broken heart, I laid Brazil down.

Peita Halter.

KIDZONE THEATRICALS

Rehearsals are well underway for *Joseph's Journey*, which will be performed at the 10am service on Sun 12 Sept. Please try to ensure your child attends the last two practices: next Sunday at Kidzone, and Sat 11 Sept (see below).



Would parents please note:

- 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

NEEDS

The 'Courage in a Hostile World' seminar, being held at Coopers Plains on Tue 14 Sept, would like volunteer welcomers to help out at both their morning and evening events. The events feature Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, who ministers to persecuted minorities in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. Welcomers would need to arrive by 9.15 and 6.15, and after being on the door can attend the event for free. Please speak to Simon for more details.

Global Market Day: Susan Meegavel is looking to borrow two more large sets of fairy lights for the Chai Tent. If anyone is willing to lend their lights for the night of 15 October, please see Susan or contact her on 3311 6920.

The Craft-Tea-Time group would like to place some of their handmade items on display at the church for sale. They need a display cabinet for this purpose. If anyone has one to donate, please contact Laura (3851 2215) or Liz (3351 2076). Proceeds will go toward the new kitchen.

PLEASE BRING TO KIDZONE

Next Sunday, 5 Sept, all children will need:

- a 6" x 4" photo of themselves with Dad
- an empty cracker biscuit box or small cereal box
- two clean milk bottle lids.

Please bring them in a plastic bag with your name on it.

CHAPLAINCY POSITION

Ferny Grove SHS is thankful for our church's ongoing support of chaplaincy. Damon, their male full-time Chaplain, has decided to pursue further studies, so the school is urgently looking for a new full-time Chaplain to replace him. If you are aware of any suitable people who might be interested and would meet the SU employment criteria, please encourage them to apply. For further information please contact Melanie Minichiello on 3550 5818 or 0434 857 284, or our LCC Chair Peter Hull on 0413 455 793. Your prayers would also be a great support at this time.

ROSTERS

Sunday 5 September

Speaker	Karl & Lyn Weaich
Leaders	Jenny W/Leanne D/ Tom I
Band	Nathan W/Band 1/ Band 3b
Sound	/Steve H/Jaya
Media	Gary O/Michael H
Welcoming	Ross & Jenny/Peter, Liz & Deb/Mim & Chloe
Morning Tea	Laurel & Shirley/ Glenys & Linda
Offering	Joe & Joyce M
Counters	
Cleaning	Geri H

CALENDAR

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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