



Arana Hills Church of Christ

5 SEPTEMBER 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 Karl & Lyn Weaich
10am Karl & Lyn Weaich
6pm Karl & Lyn Weaich

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

I've had a dilemma as I sat to write this week's Pastor's Post. Why? We have just sent Tony and Cheryl to the Congo (the most dangerous place on earth to be a woman – because of the way they are treated by men) and then today we have Karl and Lyn Weaich sharing with us about their work with Interserve and Freeset, largely a ministry to free Indian women from the sex trade and give them honourable work. Again why do I face a dilemma? Simply because today is Fathers' Day, a day when we concentrate on fathers. A day I want to encourage men in the true aspects of manhood and specifically fatherhood, rather than us hearing story after story of men exploiting women. So you see my dilemma! It drove me back to the word of God.

James writes, "Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles, and refuse to let the world corrupt us." There is the challenge for us as men, to live, work and play in the light of our heavenly Father, to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect – which is impossible, without Christ living inside us, changing us from the inside out. So today, fathers be encouraged to live like your heavenly Father, and children please encourage your dad in that awesome responsibility of having to be perfect like God! And so today as we think on men exploiting women, let that spur us on to say we will show a very different way, God's way. Fathers be encouraged today, look to your heavenly Father for inspiration, encouragement, strength and support.

Your pastor, Simon.

PRAYER DAY THANKS

Thanks for those who came to pray last Saturday at our prayer vigil. Also a thanks to those who helped with set-up and ideas. If you would like a copy of the comments, prayers and scriptures written on the prayer wall, they will be available next Sunday.

CONGO UPDATE

Tony and Cheryl, working with Heal Africa, left Australia en route for the Congo on Thursday. Please make a point to pray for them and the wider team whilst they are away. If you would like to receive regular email updates please let us know at the office and we will forward them to you as they come through.

The support Tony and Cheryl have received from friends and colleagues has been amazing, with people at Cheryl's work putting together a collection of small toys to be given out at the hospital, and the 'IT Crowd' at Suncorp raising over \$1000 for the Heal Africa Hospital. For more updates and information, check out Tony's blog at <http://won-ynot.blogspot.com/>

CITY WORKERS

If you work in or around the city during the week and would be interested in meeting up with others (either for breaky before work or at lunchtime) to encourage each other in living for Christ in your workplace, please let Simon know (along with what area of the city you work), and he'll be in touch with further details.

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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.

CALLING ALL KIDZONE LEADERS

Please attend the Planning Meeting for Term 4 **next Sunday, 12 Sept** (same day as *Joseph's Journey*) starting with lunch downstairs at 12 noon, finishing by 2pm.

What to bring:

- \$5.00 for lunch
- your usual enthusiasm and inspiration, to make Kidzone Term 4 fantastic!

IMPORTANT: Tell Helen by Thursday if you plan to attend (so there'll be enough food!).

EXCITING NEWS FOR GLOBAL MARKET DAY

We have been blessed with our very own website for GMD at a very low cost (next to nothing!). Please go ahead and check it out! Thank you to Kate for setting it up for us. It's a good place to visit online and keep up to date with our GMD happenings, and also a great reference point to give people you meet, who want to know more about GMD. The address is www.globalmarketday.org You can also follow all GMD happenings at www.facebook.com/globalmarketday

[com/globalmarketday](http://www.globalmarketday.com/globalmarketday) and www.twitter.com/globalmarketday.

We already have heaps of new stallholders signed up for our next market, so make sure you mark 15 Oct, 5-9pm in the diary for a fair trade, Christmas present shopping opportunity! Our beneficiary for this market will be Operation Christmas Child and at the market you will have the opportunity to fill or sponsor a shoe-box for a disadvantaged child. Email Kate at admin@globalmarketday.org for any information.

KIDZONE THEATRICALS

Joseph's Journey will be performed at the 10am service next Sunday, 12 Sept. **Last practice:** next Sat, 11 Sept 3.30-5.00pm in the church.



Would parents please note:

- 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.
- All Joseph's brothers will need to bring a small backpack.

Thanks for your help with this. Queries to Helen.

UPDATE FROM THE DUNCANS

Marysville Community Church, which meets in a demountable on the burned down El Kanah property, is a very small congregation...

We are watching. We are listening and we are waiting to find our place in this fragile community. It has been challenging for us. However, we have come with a deep assurance that this is the place of the Lord's choosing for us. Our faith has been encouraged by His Word, our fellowship meetings and by some of our encounters with particular people.

[This is a snippet of Ros and Jamie's letter. The full version is available at the back of the church.]

ROSTERS

Sunday 12 September

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| Speaker | Simon W |
| Leaders | Joy R/Jenny G/ Jenny G |
| Band | Jim R/Band 2b/ Band 4b |
| Sound | /Stef M/James |
| Media | /Rob M |
| Welcoming | Bernice & Kerry/ Steve, Alison & Joan /Kate, Tony & Brian |
| Morning Tea | Maisie & Ronda/ Sharon |
| Offering | Joe & Joyce M |
| Counters | |
| Cleaning | Geri H |

CALENDAR

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| 14-16 Sep | ACOM children's ministry course at Arana |
| 27 Sep – 1 Oct | SMASH camp at Sunshine Coast |
| 15 Oct | Global Market Night |

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