



Lighthouse News

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**A People Being the
Light of Christ
in our Community**

REACH OUT | SHARE | GROW

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS TASTE AND SEE CAFÉ IS 5



The last term was exciting and varied as we have reached out to the Geraldton community through our weekly lunches.

During Strathalbyn Christian College's community service week we enjoyed having six Year Eight students and their teacher join us for a morning and assist in setting up and serving the lunch. This week we varied the menu with soup followed by a sausage sizzle and salad then ice-cream in cones.



**Year 8
Students from
Strathalbyn
Christian
College
during their
Service Week.**

These were very popular with the students!

This term we have enjoyed partnering with Holland Street School in having Darcy for his work experience in hospitality. It has been

exciting to observe Darcy growing in confidence and developing new

**Darcy proudly
serving lunch
at the Café**



skills. He and his Teaching Assistant, have been well accepted by our regular guests and are a blessing each Wednesday,

On June 15th the Taste and See Café celebrated five years of reaching out to the Geraldton community.

Approximately 85 people ranging in age from 2 weeks to 92 years came to share in this special day. God has blessed this ministry in a mighty way and there are some amazing stories of the way people have been touched through friendship, food and fellowship. To enable this ministry to continue on

a weekly basis we have a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers who serve God in many different ways.

We continue to wait on God for continuing guidance and blessings in the times ahead.

If you feel led to be part of this special reach out ministry, please chat to Rosslyn Nagel or any of the volunteers.

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**Taste and See Café volunteers with the commemorative painting
created by Mike Thomas, Art Teacher at Geraldton Senior College**

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Mission: *MOPS Australia encourages, equips and develops mums of young children to realise their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church*

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) recognises that having preschool aged kids can be a challenging time – it differs from playgroup in that it is a chance to bless and focus on **MOTHERS** once a fortnight. While their children are well looked after by the MOPPETs team they get the chance to be child free for a few hours, meet and relate with other mothers over a cuppa and morning tea, hear a guest speaker, join in a group discussion and take part in some awesome craft.

Some of the topics covered this year have included family, friendships, creativity, dealing with stress, establishing good habits in our kids as well as practical sessions such as baby massage.

We finished the term with a well deserved pampering session for the mums. Please keep us in prayer as for the majority of women that attend, this is a safe and welcoming Christian environment that

they wouldn't receive elsewhere. We are also on the lookout for extra volunteers to help with the children so that more women can attend as we currently have a small waiting list.

Please contact Bec 0439514941 or Bianca on 0439963970 for further information



Runs fortnightly in the Church
12 & 26 August,
9 & 23 September
9.30am—11.30am



The concept for Tiny Toes Boutique came from Heather Wallace and I having garage sales for Pregnancy Problem House. We had more donations of clothes than we could use and as we wanted only the best for our girls we decided to sell the excess to raise funds.

We actually started at the Mothers and Babies Market and then when I moved, to Central Road in Wonthella, we had the perfect position for garage sales. Still the donations mounted up and as we were planning to move PPH to a more suitable location we suggest-

ed to Jeremy Beckett that we combine PPH with a preloved baby clothing shop. With a little persuasion it was agreed.

We searched for a long time to find the right premises and finally found the perfect place. Much planning has gone on and finally with Lighthouse Church taking the shop on board we were able to rent 4B George Road.

Then the work started. Walls and doors had to be taken out and a new room built and a second entrance created so that PPH could have privacy. Then with Fiona and Anthony Ashton doing most of the painting, Jewell Ann Taylor and her girls finding and painting furniture in the shabby

chic style and even the counter from Lester Av op shop being recreated by Jewell, and a donation of a complete set of office furniture, the shop was ready

to stock and PPH was ready to look after our clients.

There were tons of clothes to sort, wash, size and put into boxes and the shop. Sadly volunteers were few but we finally had it all sorted and on Anzac Day we had the Grand Opening and opened the door the next day.

Face book, Buy and Sell, Sisters of Geraldton and Christians of Geraldton all came on board with photos and comments and soon we were getting known. Volunteers arrived too. Some of our church family help out on a regular basis and we have a little group of girls who come for fellowship. Two young girls also come daily for work for the dole.

We hear lots of good comments about the shop and the clothes and are starting to get return customers.

If you are interested in helping out in the shop on a regular basis we would love to hear from you.

Jeanette Manning



**Heather and Jeanette at
 Tiny Toes Boutique**

SEARCH FOR OUR MINISTER

Early in July, we interviewed an applicant for the position of Minister at our church. After a very positive interview an offer was made to the applicant. Unfortunately, he was reluctant to leave his current congregation in the lurch and so declined.

We revisited and reworded our advertisement and have asked for it to be placed in Uniting Church publications in all Australian States and also in the Confessing Christians publication "Crosslight". There is also an advertisement in

the UC electronic media, so we have a fair amount of ground covered by advertising. Applications close on 30th September and interviewing will commence as soon as possible after that.



Please continue to pray for this situation as we seek the person God has chosen for our congregation.

Isaiah 41:10 *fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

What's on at Lighthouse?

Playgroup 9.30am—11.00am
Tuesday mornings

Taste and See Café
Wednesday 11.30am—1.00pm

Decibel Youth for Year 7 up
Friday evening 7.00pm—9.00pm

Ladies Fellowship 2.00pm-4.00pm
3rd Thursday every month

John 3:16-17 *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

THE ALPHA COURSE

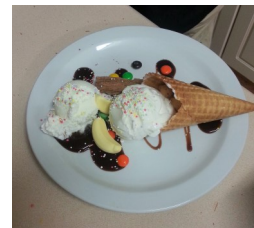


We have just recently completed the current Alpha course, which brought together a group of people in various stages of their walk with God.

I believe that those who attended to seek answers about their understanding of God and to grow in their relationship with Him, will now have moved a step closer in the love and the sacrifice that was poured out for them as a son or daughter into God's family. Also, in the understanding of their position with God the Father, the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit. That God our loving father sent Jesus his only begotten son to die for us, to pay our debt of sin, to set us free by his grace, (unmerited favour) so that we empowered by the Holy Spirit should live our life in victory now and also inherit eternal life with him.

Alpha gives anyone the chance to ask the questions of life in a non-threatening, ask-anything environment, it encompasses the enquirer, the persons on the road with more questions and the Golden Oldie Christian who needs to be challenged once again. Have a think, are there more questions than answers in your life at the moment maybe Alpha can help next time around?

Trevor Holloway



One of the many delicious desserts enjoyed during the Alpha course

TEENZ CHURCH

Over the last two terms we have been running the Youth Alpha series for the teenagers in the church. Over the weeks we have watched videos, chomped on watermelon and had great discussion over a variety of topics. From 'Who is Jesus?', 'Why did Jesus die?' and 'Who is the Holy Spirit?' we have listened, questioned, prayed and grown together in our aim to know God better and to become more like Him.

New topics are currently being researched for the coming term, but we will be starting with John Eldridge's 'Epic' - a retelling of the Gospel in four acts. Let's see where it leads us!



MAD MEN IN THE MUD!

Mad Men have been rolling along well. We have been getting good numbers, but can easily accommodate and deal with more Mad Men. We had our beach days back in January and February with a spiritual retreat at Coronation Beach in April.

Murchison this year rained for the whole weekend but stopped as soon as we left! Ben Micke was a legend washing people's feet. He would do eight feet at a time. It was awesome to watch.

Last month we had the fix-it day. We managed to straighten and repair Toby's push bike,

find a small bolt for Justin's bed, varnish Joel's shovel handles, fix two chairs for Carol, make a fire and have a barby with sausage sangas and onions.

Band of Brothers have been listening to a 'Wild at Heart' boot camp DVD and listening to men's journeys. It has been quite good to hear and there have been interesting discussions. We have a number of men attend that go to other churches. We welcome any men that want to



come to a connect group. We meet on a Wednesday night at Lester Ave Church Hall unless otherwise notified as we do other things sometimes to keep it interesting.

Contact Crawford for more information on 0431 812303

CONNECT GROUP RESOURCES

Since starting my lovely Lighthouse administration job, we have been steadily cataloguing some of the office resources – namely the Large Poster Collection and the Connect Group/Church Campaign materials.

All Connect Group Resources are now located in my office, and I've become aware of the rich diversity of assets in this collection - there are resources for all ages and everyone in the church is welcome to borrow from this – not just Connect Groups leaders. The only deficit seems to be in studies for men's groups and this will be built up. There are also kits for whole-church campaigns where everyone is covering the same theme –



Kids Church, Youth Group, Connect Groups and Sunday Service. Some of the congregation would recall the '40 Days of Purpose' campaign and its related courses which were all inspiring. To add to this section we have recently acquired the large kits of "Believe" and "The Story". Connect Group materials range from kits with DVDs, CDs and printed leader's guide and workbooks to single book that has reflections discussion topics and questions for study.

The Large Poster Collection has been individually photographed for identification, recorded into a catalogue with relevant sections. Thereby we can more easily keep up with what's happening. For example we have a Romans-based poster outside now.

In the Church Library we have added a nice up-to-date selection of Parenting books that are located in the "Relationships/ Personal

Look out for new books in by:-

Graham Cooke

John Eldredge

War Hero study

Believer's Bible Commentary—Macdonald

Issues section. The Youth/ Children section has a box full of new books for younger ones. Recently, older and second copy books were culled and offered to the Church and as well some being donated to Sun City Church for the Wandalgu Project. I would really like to encourage more use of our Library – it is well equipped and has something for everyone. My library hero is a young boy who borrowed and read the entire copy of "The Action Bible" (all in graphic/comic book style) and completed it after an extended loan!

by Jan
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