

The Macarthur Gospellers

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Jesus prayed to the Father in John 17: 23
*...so that they may become
completely one. Then this world's
people will know you sent me.*

The Family Fun Festival.

On the afternoon of Saturday 5th November 2011 the Combined Churches in Macarthur are presenting a Free Community Festival in Koshigaya Park Campbelltown.

The Churches want to present a fun time for the community where everyone who wishes to' can join in a relaxing and entertaining time. These times strengthen and enhance our communities for the good of all. In addition we take the opportunity to express the Love and Generosity of God to our community in practical ways.

In the following pages you can read details of the afternoon however in brief, we together invite the community to join us for a massive BBQ, along with jam and cream scones with coffee or tea.

For the children we offer games in the Park, a Puppet Show and the most marvellous Wood Craft activities where whole families join in. Children are excited to be taking home something of their own creation!!

We take the opportunity to present a grand live Gospel Musical Program. This year we have three bands taking part, they are Shalom, Joseph Hanson and MAC. The Bands all present great Gospel and easy music. Then we have a children's' Dancing Troop with perform at the end of the Day.

People can come to our Psalm Reading Tent (not palm reading) where folks are offered Bible Verses from the book of Psalms. Now that's GOOD....

In the Park we offer a Prayer tent for anyone who wishes to come and a Tent of Hope, which encourages the community to accept Bible Verses, and thought provoking tracts. The community is also invited to write cards of encouragement to the Campbelltown Hospital Staff and Management thanking them for the grand work they give to our community.

So a huge thanks to all the many Churches and workers taking part in the family Fun Festival this year. If you would like to be involved, here are a few suggestions, please pray for the Might Hand of God to lead and guide the entire Festival Day, so as the whole community are drawn into the Love of God. Then you can simply come to the Festival and share and participate, and of course if you wish and are able to give some time to help, come to the Park at 7.00am for prayer and join us at 12noon, make yourself known to David Morris, Anne Willott or Liz Bugden at the Registration centre and you will be welcomed to be a part of the Festival Team..

Blessing to all in Jesus Name

Dean Rerakura
Chair Person
Macarthur Christian Network

Psalm 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Pastoral Care in the Macarthur Health System – Update.

The Macarthur Health System Pastoral Care Service is going well and we thank God for His blessing. The Pastoral Care Team which is voluntary comprises of more than 50 Trained Pastoral Carers.

This allows for visitation of Hospital Patients on regular and mostly on a daily basis. The Pastoral Carers are drawn from many areas of the Community covering many Denominations and Religious groups so that all members of the community can be cared for. The Pastoral Care Service shares with Hospital patients alone with their families and friends when called upon along with Hospital Staff when required.

Are you interested in becoming a Pastoral Carer?

The Pastoral Care Ministry is an important and significant in the Health System. There are many stories of patients who have been blessed and helped by the visit of a Pastoral Carer in Hospital.

If you are interested in becoming a pastoral carer and joining the Team, then the next CPE Training Course will be held in November 2011. This is the first step in qualifying as a Pastoral Carer. Details as follows;

The course is a 40 hour CPE Course. (Note, CPE stands for Clinical Pastoral Education).

When; each Friday 8.45am to 4.00pm
On the 4th 11th 18th 25th November and 2nd December 2011

Where; Campbelltown Hospital Training Centre (final location to be advised).

Cost; Approx \$110

Trainer Rev Alan Galt

Course Material; will be provided

Application Form; Contact **Marian Martin**
Pastoral Care Coordinator | **Camden/Campbelltown Hospitals**
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Tel. 02 4634 3869 | Fax. 02 4634 3850 | Marian.Martin@sswahs.nsw.gov.au
www.health.nsw.gov.au

Feel free to contact Marian for the application for or just to find out further information. You will gain many significant insights through doing the CPE Training. Absolutely worth it!

Then there is Further CPE Training available;

ALSO current Pastoral Carers may be interested in further CPE Training.

If so you may consider an upcoming 400 hour CPE Training which will be starting in Mid 2012. Dates have not been confirmed. The cost is approx \$1000 per participant.

The Trainer will be Rev Colin Berriman who is well known in this field and has conducted many CPE Courses. This will be good.

More information - Contact Marian Martin see above.

***Psalm 79:9** Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name; deliver us and **forgive** our sins for your name's sake.*

Further to the Front Page information see the following regards the;

Family Fun Festival

- **5th November 2011 in the Koshigaya Park Campbelltown**

Wow it is just a few weeks away now for this huge opportunity for the Church in Campbelltown to bless our community and lift up Jesus by showing the Love of God for our neighbours and Community.

This is a super day for all Christians and Churches to get involved.

How can we share in this together?

- a) **Pray** - Intercede on behalf of our Community that Jesus will be supernaturally made known through word and deed. We will hold a special prayer time on the 5th November at the Koshigaya Park from 7.00 to 8.00am. Please come and join us.
- b) **Come to the Festival** - If you are able to come to the Festival and share in the crowd. Your prayerful presence will be a great advantage.
- c) **Be a Volunteer** - We need lots of people to help
 - 1) Set up gazebos in the morning
 - 2) Help with serving on the BBQ
 - 3) Organise Games for the Children
 - 4) Set up the Tables and Chairs
 - 5) Help clean the Park during the day and at the closing time.
- d) **Give** - There are lots of costs involved and your financial donation will be a great blessing and help. Send donations to the Macarthur Christian Network
c/- PO Box 102N Campbelltown North NSW 2560 (Excellent!)

Thanks Heaps...

Thanks for the many folks who have already committed to share this day, your involvement is just a huge boost for the Family Fun Festival effort and the work of the Gospel in Macarthur..

What does the Festival consist of;

Together the Churches in Campbelltown provide free of Charge a massive BBQ, a fantastic Live Christian Music program, different timber crafts for the children (Mums and Dads love this as well as their children!), games and puppet shows for the children, free tea and coffee along with

jam and cream scones, Oh of course we have face painting for the children, foot massaging for the adults, a pray tent scripture tracts and lots more....

Our program for the day is;

- 1) 7.00 to 8.00am Prayer in Koshigaya Park Campbelltown - All welcome!
- 2) 8.15 am Coffee at Campbelltown McDonalds – good fellowship before the work!!
- 3) 9.30am commence the Festival set up and preparations for the Day.
- 4) 12.00noon Commissioning prayer time and communion in the Park for the FFF workers.
- 5) 1.00pm to 4.30pm the Festival is in full swing
- 6) 4.30 to 5.30pm Cleaning up the Park and packing the equipment away.

Or for more information also feel free to call Liz Bugden on 0417 261 788 or on email ebu118620@bigpond.net.au

Matthew 6:12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

Invitation from Alan and Cynthia White - if you aren't attending an evening service elsewhere then you may like to attend the following;

Camden Christian Fellowship will host another Faith Forum discussion on Sunday 13th November at 7:00pm – we will view Tim Keller's DVD “Why is the Church responsible for so much Injustice”. – Session 5 “ Then session 6, is December 11th 2011 with the Topic – How can God be full of wrath and Love at the same time.

The occasion is not a worship service, but an open discussion. Everyone is welcome. Camden Christian Fellowship building is air-conditioned located at 18 Lerida Ave. (Just down Gilbulla Ave. from the Camden Hospital entry, turn left at the end; 4th on the right.) Enquiries to Alan on 46557888 **Come for an informal evening with a DVD input, discussion and good coffee. Many DVD and Book resources are available to be borrowed – including John Lennox Lee Strobel and John Dickson**

Dr. Timothy Keller is founder and pastor of New York's Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Over the past 20 years, the church has grown to five services at three sites, with a weekly attendance over 5,000. He is the New York Times bestselling author of “The Reason for God”



Session Titles and Descriptions:

1. Isn't the Bible a Myth?
2. How Can You Say There Is Only One Way to God?
3. What Gives You the Right to Tell Me How to Live My Life?
4. Why Does God Allow Suffering?
5. Why Is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice?
6. How Can God Be Full of Love and Wrath at the Same Time?

Matthew 9:2 Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.

Report on the; Combined Churches Christian Lunch

Hey, what an exciting time for us all when we came together in unity before God our Saviour to worship pray have fellowship and be informed of what God is doing in our region.

This annual Lunch was held in the Macarthur Region at the Wedderburn Christian Campsite on September 23rd 2011.

Without doubt it was a marvellous time for those who were able to attend the lunch time gathering. The most important feature of the day was to meet together in Christian Unity.

Macarthur Christian Network has a simple agenda in organising these annual lunches which is to promote Christian Unity in the Macarthur Region. We feel it is especially important as a number of new Pastors/Ministers have joined Churches in our Macarthur area and this is a grand opportunity to welcome and encourage them into the wider Church of Macarthur. Thank you in sharing this privilege.

Our Worship time was lead by a young man Jordan Worner from the Southern Tablelands (Bowral) - this was an inspirational time. Check our Jordan's Facebook site -

Then David Hull from the Australian Christian Lobby spoke and encouraged us to exercise our democratic freedoms to promote Christian values to our Government and Opposition Parliamentarians. I found this talk to be inspirational with heaps of practical advice helping us to be effective promoters of God's values in the world of politics. Two issues David raised in his talk;

- 1) God is interested in the Hearts of our Leaders to a much larger degree to their achievements. They may achieve extensive infrastructure or other programs which are all wonderful for the County but initially and most significantly God is interested in our Parliamentarians hearts. Not that God is uninterested in our countries development just that He is far more interested in our Leaders Heart.
- 2) David suggested that rather than becoming glued or stuck to one political party or another, it is often better to be more interested and active on particular issues. One Party usually has not captured all the good and profitable ideas. David Hutt suggested it can be better to choose the issues to support or advise against no matter which Party is in Government
- 3) 3) David also made the point that when we as Christians talk to or about Political Parties or particular MP's we should show respect. As God's people we should speak and show respect toward all of our Parliamentarians, rather than using abusive or disrespectful language. In the end we are representing God our Heavenly Father and certainly we would not want to put Him in a bad light.

This was some of the discussion points raised.

So, what a blessing it was in sharing the day of learning, fellowship and worshipping God together.

Next years Combined Churches Christian Lunch....

In 2012 the Macarthur Christian Network will organise another Combined Churches Christian Lunch. Any suggestion you may have regards a topic, a particular speaker of interest or venue please feel free to let us know. We always want to be current and connect with interesting subjects and be helpful.

Matthew 12:31 And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

Some good news....

Australia Refuses to Attend the Anti-Israel Conference

Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard's spokesman has announced that Australia will not attend the Durban III conference. "We are not convinced that the High Level Meeting will avoid unbalanced criticism of Israel and airing anti-semitic views," said Gillard's spokesman. Australia could not "support a meeting that chooses to reaffirm the original Durban Declaration, as appears likely," they added. The Conference on the Durban Declaration and Plan of Action is scheduled to take place at the United Nations in New York City on 22nd of September 2011.

The Conference was organised to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Durban I Conference, which took place in Durban South Africa. The original conference was widely denounced as an anti-Semitic, UN-sponsored event that singled out Jews and Israel in order to attack them, including calls to eliminate Israel. The presence of the Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the Durban II conference in 2009 set the tone for the event as well. Ahmadinejad denied the Holocaust and called for Israel's destruction. The United States, Canada, Israel, Czech Republic, Italy, and The Netherlands have also announced plans to boycott the Durban III.

Source - The Australian Prayer Network via Arutz Sheva
AUSTRALIA REFUSES TO ATTEND ANTI ISRAEL CONFERENCE

This is old news but good news... Gospeller Editor.

Matthew 26: 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

This may be a helpful seminar for some;

Dr Ken Chant - Seminar

On Saturday the 12th of November we have the pleasure of hosting Drs Ken and Alison for the final seminar of the year. The subject is "Dazzling Secrets for Despondent Saints" or "Overcoming Depression". Ken and Alison are gifted speakers and this is a wonderful opportunity to hear them.

See enclosed brochure for the detailed information. Call 9603 2077 to register

For information contact
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*2 Corinthians 2:10 If you **forgive** anyone, I also **forgive** him. And what I have **forgiven**— if there was anything to **forgive**— I have **forgiven** in the sight of Christ for your sake,*

A call for good used Christian Books

South Africa

Our appeal for books for South Africa has been extended due to the good response and the need to get the books together. We now want to send them in late January

Our South African college needs to establish a Library of up to 100,000 books and we still need your help. We are collecting books, theological, doctrinal, Christian books, Bibles, study books, text books. Also, science books, arts books, history, geography, archaeology, maths – you name it, we need it! (But no novels please.) And yes, they already have all the Vision books.

I need you to raid your bookshelf or library, go to St. Vincent's or other second hand book store, go to Amazon or Koorong and buy books and send them to us. One at a time or by the boxful I want your books! We have a 20ft container to fill. WE now have enough for half the container – but if you will help us we can fill the container and make a significant difference.

This College's roots are in Australia, so please help me finish the task. Go on, sacrifice something for the nation of South Africa, the continent of Africa and the world!

We are close to but still need some funds to get the container to South Africa, if you cannot send books can you send money, go to our mission donation link and help us to send "
The Whole Word To The Whole World"

Where to send the books;

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PO Box 84 Macquarie Fields NSW 2564 Australia

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Ph. 02 9603 2077
Fx. 02 9603 3277

*Ephesians 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the **forgiveness** of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace*

Macarthur Region Prayer Times.

Campbelltown

First Saturday of the Month

7.00 to 8.00am
Koshigaya Park
Campbelltown

More information??

Call Ps. Graham Charlesworth on 0413368963

Followed by a Cuppa @ Mc Donald's

For those interested in some further fellowship.

Camden

Second Saturday in the Month

7.00 to 8.00am then 8.00 to 9.00am Breakfast.

@ the Village Coffee Shop

166 Argyle Street Camden P/N 4655 6285

More information??

Call Sue Peacock on 0425 203 429

We print these times in each Gospellers because we believe,

These united prayer times are hugely important for the whole of our region. These are intercession times where we call out to our Heavenly Father in Jesus name for the His grace and mercy over our Macarthur Region and its people. If you can, make some time to join with others in this grand calling of prayer.....

***Colossians 3:13** Bear with each other and **forgive** whatever grievances you may have against one another. **Forgive** as the Lord forgave you.*

Kairos – A major Outreach

For those who are being called by God into a wider area of Christian Service of faith, Kairos might be something for you to consider and pray over.

There are a number of folks sharing in this Prison Ministry from Campbelltown/Camden. Essentially the programme is one of sharing the Good News in the Prison over a 5 day intensive period and then continuing to visit the prisons one afternoon a week to support those who have committed themselves to God or are still considering their decision. This is an outstanding Ministry delivering powerful results by the Almighty Power of God.

If you want more information contact Anne Willott on 4626 3033 or take a look at the Kairos web. Following is the Kairos statement of faith to whet your appetite;

Statement of Faith

The people of Kairos are called by God to share the love of Christ with those impacted by incarceration. Kairos encourages believers from a variety of Christian traditions to be volunteers in this Christ-filled ministry.

Kairos programs offer to prison residents, their families, and those who work with them, the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ, and to grow in their faith and servanthood in Christian community.

We stand on the common ground of the following elements of faith:

We in Kairos believe:

- The Bible is God's authoritative and inspired word for our faith and our lives.
- In the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- In the deity, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ;

- Friendship with God is a free gift, for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- The love of Jesus Christ motivates His followers to provide food for the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothes for the naked, and visits to the sick and those in prison.
- In sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with all incarcerated individuals, their families and to those who work with them inside and outside the correctional institution.

*“Going into the entire world to preach the Gospel” – here is a grand way to consider.
Gospellers Ed*

Hebrews 8:12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.

Macarthur Christian Network Memberships.

The Macarthur Christian Network has as its core task following Jesus prayer viz -

Jesus prayed to the Father in John 17: 23

“...so that they may become completely one. Then this world’s people will know you sent me.”

So Macarthur Christian Network offer opportunities for Christians to meet and share across our denominational divides and focus on Jesus the Gospel and all that that has for us together.

The Macarthur Christian network welcomes new members and interested parties. If you or your church would like to share with us please feel free to join our discussions once a month, or become a financial member - that would be fantastic. Funds from members go toward our running costs i.e funding Public Liability Insurance cover, stationary, and postage staging events like the Family Fun Festival.

Contact the Macarthur Christian Network via phone 4626 3033, email mcninfo@yahoo.com.au or mail Macarthur Christian Network PO B 102N Campbelltown North 2560.

Thanks for your interest and encouragement.

***James 5:** ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be **forgiven**. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

Camden Aglow.

Now held on the third Wednesday of the Month

10.00am

@ the Narellan Library
(Upstairs)

More information???

Call Sue Peacock on 0425 203 429

This is a super time of worship prayer and getting together for the best of reasons. That is to bring glory to God.

Over many years the sister programme Women's' Aglow has operated in the Macarthur Region. This is similar with a new name.

Give Sue a call to find out more or just come along.

*1 John 1: ⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will **forgive** us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.*

Prison Fellowship

Prison Fellowship offers hospitality to those attending Campbelltown Court on Tuesdays 8.30am to 12.30pm where Christian folk serve Tea Coffee Biscuits also cordial and milo to the people going to court. It is a simple way of visiting those in need of comfort and care.

Here is another chance to serve God with other likeminded Christian folk.
Contact Ruth Craven on 02 9603 5227

*1 John 2:12 I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been **forgiven** on account of his name.*

Christmas Carols

Rosemeadow Campbelltown

On the 9th December 2011 5.30 to 7.30pm BBQ and Games time
7.30 to 0.30 Christmas Carols and Community event.

This will be a **MASSIVE Community Christmas Carols** event will be held in the in the Thomas Acres Reserve Rosemeadow 2560. This is off Cleopatra Drive Rosemeadow.

The event starts at 5.30 where there will be lots of Community and Family activities and entertainment including a huge BBQ with the normal trimmings, games and jumping castle along with prizes and lots for the kids to do.

Than at 7.30pm a wonderful time of remembering the Christmas Story of Jesus God's gift to us through the singing of Christmas Carols. Word sheets will be provided so as everyone can join in.

Place this in your diary and invite your friend's family and neighbours to come along. There is excellent and plenty of off street parking.

Please pray to God our Heavenly Father for the Community and whole Families to come and find New Life in Jesus at this Christmas time.

This event is sponsored by many Community Groups and the Local Churches.

*1 John 2:¹¹ But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them. ¹² I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been **forgiven** on account of his name. ¹³ I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.*

Then of the next **Friday 16th December the;**
Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary

30 Taylor Place
Theresa Park NSW 2570

Will conduct their annual Christmas Carols by Candlelight in the beautiful grounds at Theresa Park.

You are welcome to arrive at 7.45 for an 8.00pm start on the 16th December 2011

Come along and feel welcome to bring along any who would be blessed and uplifted with an encounter with the Lord Jesus.

For further details contact Phone 4651 2334 email esmaus@internode.on.au. Check out the web www.marysisters.org.au

John 3 ¹⁶⁻¹⁸"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been

under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him. (The Message)

Produced by Macarthur Christian Network,

Working to see all of the Diverse parts of Christ's body in the Macarthur Region - Congregations and their individual members: welfare agencies; Christian Schools; Christians involved in government and business; campsites and more – being encouraged in their calling and using their gifts, so that all of our efforts work together to see the Macarthur Region transformed by Christ's love.

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