

The Macarthur Gospellers

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The Times they are a changing.... (or is it more of the same?)

No one can escape the changing events in Australia these days. In the political realm there is fierce competition on a number of fronts. The commercial world has the big Department Stores crying over changing shopper's patterns and lost business and profits. Stock markets are up and down like the proverbial yoyo. Natural disasters are on our front doorstep. Gas water and electricity cost are rising with gay abandon. I mean there are lots to worry about. Then internationally we have wars and rumours of wars everywhere. Countries that have been stable under dictatorships for decades have been caught up in regime change violence. Do we need more? Of course we have a major international news organisation in serious trouble with loss of community confidence. The news reporters have become the news item. Then can we forget the absolutely fearsome draught occurring in Central Africa right now, just beyond our imagination and sheer devastation and loss of life. When I was young there was a popular song which started with, "Its good news week, someone's dropped a bomb somewhere contaminating atmosphere and blackening the sky "etc. doesn't this sound appropriate taking into account what we are seeing today in our world? Decades come and go but the state of the world is same old same old.

I'm sure I've missed out events which you think are far more important than those mentioned.

Apart from throwing our lot onto Jesus our Saviour there are not points of relief or resolutions. In fact all through the ages mankind has been searching for life-long solutions to similar problems.

Let's face it, God our Saviour is reliable and able to see us through. Any other help we try is of no long term value.

Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

Right through Psalms we are reminded not only to trust God in our need for help but also to be joyful through these times.

Let us take this example, and pray to God for help and be joyful while waiting for the answers. Turning the morning radio on is so depressing because of the Worlds 'problems. "BUT" Can I encourage you to take every opportunity that comes your way to pray to God for our Nation and this World, join with others in prayer, maybe organise others to join you. Get your families together if possible. The sorry events in our Nation and World are not for us to become depressed about, they are for us to be united in Faith and Prayer and see what deliverance the Good Lord will bring. Let's do as the Old Psalmists did. Get down to God!!

James 5:6 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest **prayer** of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Blessings in Jesus name

David Morris
Gospeller Editor

Psalm 23 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. 2 He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. 3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honour to his name.

Reader Please note;

This Gospellers is a shortened edition, however all the notices and articles are worth a read. We hope and pray this edition is interesting and helpful for you.

Combined Churches Christian Lunch

This is an exciting time for us all to come together in unity before God our Saviour to worship pray have fellowship and be informed of what God is doing in our region.

This is an annual Lunch held in the Macarthur Region so as we the Christian Community have a place to meet together. We share some stories, catch up on recent events, and generally have a good time.

These Luncheons are also to provide opportunities where we the Congregation of God can Pray together and Worship God together.

Often we travel to centres outside Macarthur to experience a Christian gathering and the warmth of the Combined Church atmosphere. On 23rd September 2011 @ 11.00 to 2.30pm we can meet in the Macarthur region.

This year we have a young man Jordan Worner and Team coming to share in song and worship – this alone will be worth coming for. You can check out Jordan on his Facebook page.

Then the Australian Christian Lobby have agree to come. Mr David Hutt will be sharing what God is doing in our region. The Australian Lobby is a fantastic organisation with Members who are daily in the Parliament Houses of Australia both Federal and States where they pray for our leaders and discuss policy issues and share the truth of the Gospel with many. Don't miss this opportunity; it will be helpful for you and very encouraging. The Australian Christian Lobby are not aligned to any political party. Their addenda is simply the cross of Jesus and what he stood for.

Oh yes I almost forgot! There will be a beautiful lunch provided including morning tea on arrival and a good variety of fabulous food. If you have any special requirements then let us know early so as we can meet your needs.

Make every effort to come and share in this grand day.

See enclosed a booking sheet for the Lunch and registration.

Psalm 23 4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

This article is from the Australian Prayer Network...

Texas Governor calls for Prayer and fasting for a Nation in Crisis.

Texas Governor Rick Perry is taking the unprecedented step of calling a National Solemn Assembly in Reliant Stadium Houston on Saturday, August 6, 2011. "In a letter sent to all other State Governors Perry invited them to join him as he cited the book of Joel as the answer for the challenges facing America . Scripture is clear. When the Lord moves a government official to sound a trumpet to pray, God hears and responds. "On August 6th, there will be no political agenda, no merchandise sold, no ministries promoted, no literature distributed and no offering taken. The event will simply be for those who love God getting on their knees to ask for His mercy, guidance and wisdom."

Here's Governor Rick Perry's letter to the nation:

Fellow Americans,

Right now, America is in crisis: we have been besieged by financial debt, terrorism, and a multitude of natural disasters. As a nation, we must come together and call upon Jesus to guide us through unprecedented struggles, and thank Him for the blessings of freedom we so richly enjoy. Some problems are beyond our power to solve, and according to the Book of Joel, Chapter 2, this historic hour demands a historic response. Therefore, on August 6, thousands will gather to pray for a historic breakthrough for our country and a renewed sense of moral purpose.

I sincerely hope you'll join me in Houston on August 6th and take your place in Reliant Stadium with praying people asking God's forgiveness, wisdom and provision for our state and nation. There is hope for America . It lies in heaven, and we will find it on our knees.

Sincerely,

Rick Perry,

Governor of Texas

Lets pray for Men and Women of God to stand up and call our nation to Prayer.

Psalm 23: 5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.

You honour me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

Family Fun Festival

This is an annual event where the Churches across Macarthur join together and present a free festival for the Macarthur Community.

Our programme includes Kids Games, Free BBQ Coffee/Tea and Scones, Timber Craft for the Kids and parents, Live Music (mostly gospel), fresh and cool water for the Marchers as they arrive into the park and lots of other activities and things of interest.

Our planning is well advanced and the Campbelltown Koshigaya Park is booked for the day which is the 5th November 2011.

We commence our setting up at 9.00am then the Festival crowd enters the Koshigaya Park from 1.00pm. The Festival concludes at 5.00pm. This is a great day of expression of the Grace of God to our community.

Would you like to be involved?

There are huge tasks in setting up, with the Gazebos, tables and chairs, carrying the drink containers into place and filling with water. Then at the end of the day, cleaning the park, disassembling the gazebos table and chairs and packing up.

Any who are available and will be greatly received. Please contact the 4626 3033 and ask for David or Anne for details alternatively send an email to info@mcn.org.au and the Family Fun Festival committee will share where we are up to.

Psalm 23; 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

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

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

Prayer and Worship Evening

Following is the invitation from Brad and Lisa Simpson;

“The Simpsons are having prayer and worship on the first Saturday evening of each month from 7.30 to 9.00pm They would love you to join them for all the time or drop in for a few moments. This is an opportunity to receive prayer and healing and to pray for others in need of prayer. Also it is a time to give God room to speak and reach into our lives and all the lives of those we touch. Remember to come and bring any one you would like to attend with you. It is a come and leave as you wish.

More information???
Call Brad and Lisa on 0411 168 184

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.....

Psalm 75 1 We thank you, O God! We give thanks because you are near.
People everywhere tell of your wonderful deeds.

IRANIAN GOVERNMENT CRACKS DOWN ON BELIEVERS

Iranian police have launched a crackdown on "social corruption" throughout the Islamic Republic. A Voice of the Martyrs spokesman says a law that makes the death penalty mandatory for people convicted of leaving Islam to follow another faith is causing concern. The law defines an apostate as “any Muslim who clearly announces that he/she has left Islam and declares blasphemy.” It is clearly aimed at stopping conversion from Islam. It also means that those thought to be involved with proselytism face consequences ranging from the death penalty to social ostracism. Recently, authorities have been rounding up church leaders.

Over the last 60 days, about a dozen Christians have been arrested. Most of them have been interrogated and held for a little while, and then released after paying a heavy bail. The church in Iran is growing at an absolutely phenomenal rate. Muslims are coming to know Christ; they're getting involved with house church groups which is causing concern to the government which is why the crackdown has been implemented. Pray for strength, wisdom, and grace for Iranian Christians as they continue to spread the Gospel despite sustained pressure from the Islamic government of the nation.

Source: Intercessors Network

Psalm 75: 2 God says, “At the time I have planned I will bring justice against the wicked.
3 When the earth quakes and its people live in turmoil, I am the one who keeps its foundations firm.

Macarthur Christian Network Memberships.

The Macarthur Christian network has as its core task the following -

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...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. Funds from members go toward our running costs funding Public Liability Insurance cover and stationary and postage.

Contact the Macarthur Christian network via phone 4626 3033, email info@mcn.org.au or mail Macarthur Christian Network PO B 8N Campbelltown 2560.

Thanks for your interest and encouragement.

Psalm 75; 4 "I warned the proud, 'Stop your boasting!' I told the wicked, 'Don't raise your fists!
5 Don't raise your fists in defiance at the heavens or speak with such arrogance.'"
6 For no one on earth—from east or west, or even from the wilderness—
should raise a defiant fist.

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.

Psalm 75; 7 It is God alone who judges; he decides who will rise and who will fall.

Praise and Worship Night

6.30pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Tahmoor Anglican Church on Remembrance Drive Tahmoor (right in town opposite the Thai Restaurant)

6.30 to say 8.00pm for a great time of honouring God our Saviour in word and song. Usually 12 to 15 people join together.

Followed by a fellowship meal (self-funded) at the Thai Restaurant in Tahmoor

Psalm 75: 9 But as for me, I will always proclaim what God has done; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. 10 For God says, "I will break the strength of the wicked, but I will increase the power of the godly."

Prison Fellowship

Prison Fellowship offers hospitality at the 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.

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

Psalm 75:13 O God, your ways are holy.

Is there any god as mighty as you?

14 You are the God of great wonders!

You demonstrate your awesome power among the nations.

15 By your strong arm, you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

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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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