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Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.[

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

5 God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

7 The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

8 Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

9 He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

10 He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

11 The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

(NIV)

Services commence at 9.30 am

This roster is subject to change as some speakers are yet to confirm.

Date	Leader	Speaker	Special Event	Topic
JUNE 12	Tricia and Tony	Chocolate Sunday		
19	Ross	Doug Bridge	Sunday lunch	The Art of Dying
26	Paul	Ken		Ken's new job and what he has
JULY 3	Michael Prince	Reuben Unkovich	Communion	God and Youth cultures
10	Rani	Brian Stitt		"Loving God" (Christian Basics
17	Jenny W	Michael Wood		Attitudes toward Undesireables (uncomfortable teachings theme)
24	Rose	Nathan Hobby		"Love wins"
31	Linden	Colin Phipps		Isaiah chapter 40-55 (2nd part)
AUGUST 7	Marita	Peter Oliver		Prayer (Christian Basics thems)

Thank you to the unseen and unsung heroes who will be serving us:

2011	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Set up and bring milk	Quick	Abraham	Caryl
Food	Lindy Rose Linda Heather	Jenny W Bevan and Tricia Hays/Bernard Menck	Woods Nona Thelma Marg McK
Clean up a.m. tea	Maley	Ross/Gail	Prince
Pack up after Service	Paul Older Teens	Mark Peter P Tim P	Ken Graeme J

CLIMBING POSSUMS ROSTER

Date	Leader	Assistant
June 5th	Rose	Heather
12th	Marita	Fleur
19th	Rochelle	Julie Smout
26th	Gail	Colin
July 3rd	Rochelle	Abrahams

David Gioia's Baptism Photos courtesy of Bevan D Marshall

Ken jumping for joy at the baptism

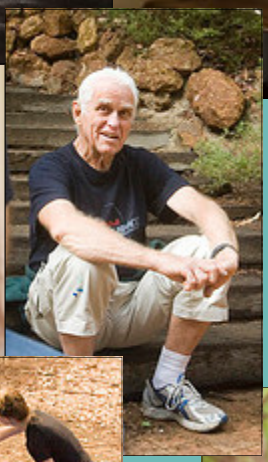
The joy of a non heated pool

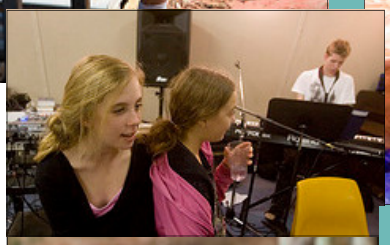
Proud Grandpa and Grandma

Baptism moment

Proud mum and dad

The mob got wet as well!





EASTER CAMP

TEARAUSTRALIA

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WA TEAR Conference

SATURDAY JULY 30 AND SATURDAY AUGUST 13

@LIFESTREAMS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MURRAY ST, COMO

This is a conference with a global and local focus. It will encourage and equip you to take action towards greater justice and fullness of life in both these areas.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

JONATHAN CORNFORD – meet him at www.mannagum.org.au
DAVE ANDREWS - meet him at www.daveandrews.com.au

A new approach sees the conference spread over two Saturdays, a fortnight apart with the time between calling for reflection and action.

July 30 – a day spent hearing from speakers, sharing and planning for personal, practical change.
August 13 – a day to share responses and experiences and be equipped to sustain the changes.

There will be workshops, a kids program and time to renew old friendships and make new ones. Workshop options will include political advocacy, alternative economics, food, justice and kids, overseas development, migration and refugees, simplicity and consumerism.

To register your interest contact the TEAR WA office on 9471 9027 or email andrew.broadbent@tear.org.au

PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY AND ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

TEAR has an end of financial year appeal

"Give a Day's Pay Away"

Check out the website for information on how to participate in this campaign.

https://www.tear.org.au/donate/payday/

3RD SUNDAY LUNCH

Church Lunch

When; Sunday 19 June from 12 noon.

Where: at the Oliver's, 6 Auckland Street, North Perth

Bring: Please bring food or drink to share.

Kevin, Leigh and Steph on top of Australia

(Mount Kosciuszko) Easter 2011

Proposed "Wiggly Woo" donation to HAGAR INTERNATIONAL

Leigh mentioned at announcements a couple of weeks ago that The Wiggly Woo team (Lee, Marita,
Malyn, Heather and Bevan) would like to donate part of the current Wiggly Woo surplus funds to HAGAR INTERNATIONAL, supporting rehabilitation of broken lives in Cambodia and other countries. The amount is $10,000 and they will be seeking community approval for this donation at the service on 19 June 2011.

Wiggly Woo has built up surplus funds of about $27,000 which are held in the MHCC account. Longstanding practice is that the Wiggly Woo team puts a recommendation to the church community as to where they would like any substantial surplus funds spent, and the church community votes on it. As you can see, a $10,000 donation would still leave about $17,000 surplus funds available.

You may also like to know that Wiggly Woo decided to donate a week's takings from their activities from a couple of weeks ago to Cystic Fibrosis WA. $800 was raised and a cheque sent to Cystic Fibrosis on 7 June 2011.

What a great blessing Wiggly Woo is! Fun for hundreds of kids and money raised for worthy causes.

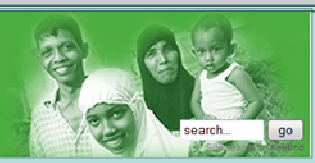
Hagar is an international Christian organisation committed to the recovery, empowerment and reintegration of women and children in Afghanistan, Cambodia and Vietnam.

Pierre Tami and his wife, Simonetta launched Hagar in 1994 in Cambodia with the vision of empowering women and children from devastating backgrounds of violence, abuse and trafficking, to become strong, resilient and independent members of community again.

At Hagar, social programs meet social business. This approach, including recovery shelters, education, vocational training, and employment, has enabled hundreds of women and children to reintegrate into community again.

http://www.hagarinternational.org/

Refugee Council of Australia



Refugee Week June 19-25 info at www.refugeecouncil.org.au

SBS program during Refugee Week "Go Back to Where You Came From" June 21,22,23 8.30pm

In one of the most ambitious documentary series ever made, Go Back To Where You Came From brings the hottest debate in Australia from the front page of the newspaper into living rooms around the country. Six Australians, who agree to challenge their preconceived notions about refugees and asylum seekers, go on a confronting 25-day journey tracing in reverse the journeys that real refugees have taken to reach Australia.

Perth Multicultural Refugee Week Celebration Tuesday 21 June, Perth

Multicultural speakers will talk about human rights and new life in Australia.

Details: for further details contact Michelle on 0424 622 055 or email michelle.li.au@gmail.com

Public forum: The Impact of Detention on the Mental Health of Asylum Thursday 23 June, Perth

Hosted by ASeTTS, Curtin University and Amnesty International, this forum will explore the topic of mandatory detention through presentations from former detainees together with ASeTTS staff members Heidi Kleinschmidt and Marnie Williams and special guest speaker Professor Derrick Silove, Director of the Psychiatry Research and Teaching Unit at Liverpool Hospital in New South Wales.

Details: *6:30pm-8:30pm;BankWest Lecture Theatre, Building 200, Curtin University Bentley Campus; RSVP by 17 June to (08) 9266 2563 or*

THE LAST NOTE IN A SONG OF EVIL:
The Killing of Osama Bin Laden

By Richard Rohr, OFM

A friend of mine living in New York City witnessed the cheering and seeming joy of many people at the announcement of the assassination of Osama bin Laden. In his well worded letter to me, Dan Pulick, revealing a high level of consciousness for a young person, said that we were merely joining in to offer and *"Sing the last note in Bin Laden's song of evil."* I agree.

The very fact that there are people who can analyse events in such a mature spiritual way gives me great hope. Most people in history were incapable of such Gospel wisdom. Yet much of the American response also tells me that Bill Plotkin is right when he says we are a "pathologically adolescent" culture. What message did this send to the rest of the world?

Yes, Bin Laden had to be stopped and contained, for he was doing much damage in the world, and even allowed to hijack his own Muslim faith for evil purposes. We do not know the orders the Navy Seals were actually given, what happened in the moment, what the intent of the American government actually was? But we do know that a human being was shot and killed. It might have been some kind of justice, but it was surely an act of vengeance for many, and will bring about its own retaliation in time. Who will stop this ping-pong game? Who will refuse to join in this song of evil? Maybe no more than a "saving remnant.''

The response of many Americans was not a Christian or highly conscious response, and it will not "save." It was the usual "we won!" of people who tend to frame everything in terms of win and lose, crime and punishment. I do not believe we will be treated this way by God, who told us through Jesus to love our enemies—and all I can assume is *that is what God does first and always.* God could not command us to love our enemies unless God does the same.

The only appropriate faith response to the death or killing of anyone or anything is lamentation, sadness, and grief, the same sadness that we all experienced on 9/11. The two lamentations are not different, but only the early and later notes of one continuous song of grief for all the tragedies, killings, and crucifixions of human history. We are a resurrection people and we do not cheer for any crucifixion, even of those who have hated us.

For a related resource, listen to Culture, Scapegoating, and Jesus (CD)

SOME OF THE THINGS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Glen and Chris Brooks
- Glen's doctors
- Peter, Bobbie, Nic
- Elisa, Josh and Samuel in Cambodia
- Reuben and his housemates—suitable accommodation for all of them, or resolution of current lease problem.
- Committees within our church
- Speakers
- Service Leaders
- Elders
- How MHCC uses it's resources
- Our children
- Those sitting school or uni exams currently
- Wiggly Woo—Thanks for the commitment of the team leading and working with the community, also thanks for their donation to HAGAR International
- Erica and Steve McKinnon and their work in Lockridge
- TEAR
- Paid Teaching role in the church and Pastoral Care role
- Libya - and other countries fighting for regime change
- Small groups within our church

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5: 14-16 (NIV)