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**Gateway
Family**

24th January 2010

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Our Vision: to show and tell the Gateway to Life ... Jesus Christ

Welcome

If you are new (or haven't done so before!) we would love you to fill in your details on the yellow care card that you received when you walked in the door and place it in the letter box in the foyer. Please join us for a cuppa in the hall after the service.

A.G.M.

Our Annual General Meeting for the year will be held on Sunday 28th February after the morning service. Do please pop this date in your diaries, come along and have your say and find out where our church is heading. Annual reports **MUST** be sent to the office by 31st January to be included in the booklet.

MATURITY COURSE

Please see Ron Bear if you are interested in doing the maturity course in term one this year. There will be a brief meeting after church on Sunday the 31st of January to work out the best time.

COMBINED CHURCHES SCRIPTURE COMMISSIONING SERVICE

On Sunday 31st January at 6pm to be held at Beachside Christian Fellowship, 43 Shearwater Drive, Taylors Beach everyone is invited to attend a service to Commission, Bless and Send Forth our local High School SRE teacher, Andrew Coates, our local school Chaplain, Greg Smith, and all local SRE workers wishing to attend. Leaflet on notice board

CHURCH INFORMATION

Pastor: Robin Turner Ph: 4982 1970. Email: robint@nelsonbay.com

Church Office: Ph: 4982 5022; **Church Email:** office@gatewayfamily.org.au

Web Page: www.gatewayfamily.org.au

On-Line Shop: www.gatewayfamily.ichristian.com.au

Church Calendar: http://au.calendar.yahoo.com/gateway_family

Bank Details: For those wanting to deposit their giving - **Bank:** Westpac

Name: Gateway Family Presbyterian Church **BSB:** 032533 **Ac No:** 173242

PRAYER FOCUS - 24th January 2010



1. As we celebrate Australia Day give thanks for our country. Pray that our leaders, and the whole nation, will turn their hearts towards God and seek to do His will in all their ways.
2. Pray that during Term 1, the Sunday morning Bible talks, and the Small Group studies will make a lasting impact by equipping us to answer the questions people ask about God, life and the Bible.
3. Pray for wisdom and safety for those bringing aid to the masses of people devastated by the Haiti earthquake.

"You will never realise Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you've got."
 Mother Theresa

<p><i>PRAY for one Another</i> →</p> <p>Please take time each week to pray for members of our church family.</p> <p>This week please pray for: Ron, Marjorie, Candace & Paul van Vuuren Meagan & Bill Simm Noel & Nzali Vanzetti</p>	<p>Prayer Chain</p> <p>If you have an urgent prayer request please call: Jenni Reddel Ph: 4984 1553 Helen Almond Ph: 4982 2409 Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All prayer requests are confidential</p>
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PRAYER GROUP - Prayer warriors needed! Come along on Tuesday mornings 9:30am in the church office to pray for our church and the wider community — all welcome.

PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED— We are so very blessed in this country, please join me to pray for the persecuted—recommencing in February. Please let Steph know if you would like to join this prayer group, time and place to suit.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

SAM AND JULIE VIDLER - In China - www.julesam.com,

DANIEL & TAMMY PRIEST - In Papua New Guinea - www.priestfamily.info/

ROSTERS

	24th January	31st January
Welcomers	Joan Bradford David Irwin	Bill Simm Meagan Simm
Morning Tea	Leila Johnston Helen Almond	Marjorie van Vuuren Ted Foster
Offering	Stephanie Hateley Pam Vandergriend Bill Simm	David Irwin Leila Johnston Joan Bradford
Bible Reading	Janet Goldsworthy	Jessica Thomas
Prayer	Jenni Reddel	Sandra Ferguson
PowerPoint	Michael Abel	Colin Reddel
Sound Desk	Sam Cocking	Ron van Vuuren

Thank you to those who answered our plea to go on the roster. Spots are now filled. If you can't make your rostered day please try to swap with someone on the same job and email office@gatewayfamily.org.au
Thank you.



UPCOMING & REGULAR DATES

Tuesdays: 9:30am Prayer Group in the office

Sunday Service: 9:30am Family Service

1st Saturday of each month: Anna Bay Markets

Sunday March 7th: Sam and Julie Vidler will be visiting and will give a talk about their experiences in China

PLEASE NOTE J4J, PLAYGROUP, YOUTH GROUP AND SMALL GROUPS ARE IN RECESS UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.



MORE NOTICES/DIARY DATES

BABY BASKET

The baby basket in the foyer needs refilling for the expectant mums due soon! Your contribution will be welcomed.

SMALL GROUPS INFORMATION

As the new school year gets under way for 2010, we also have an exciting new year ahead for the Gateway Family. In Term 1 we will be focusing our attention on Mission and the theme is "GOT QUESTIONS? ... We Hear You!". This series will help you to find what the Bible has to say in answer to the top ten questions people in Port Stephens are asking about God, life and the Bible.

The Sunday morning Bible talks and the Small Group studies will be based on the booklet being distributed after church on Sunday 24th January. Use this booklet to help plan when you might bring a friend along to hear the Sunday morning Bible talk, and bring it with you to the Small Group you would like to attend during the weeks ahead. A sign-up sheet is available during morning tea to help you chose a suitable Small Group to join for this term.

Your donation of \$6 during the Sunday Giving time will be appreciated in the next few weeks, to help cover the cost of the "GOT QUESTIONS?" booklet.

FUNDRAISING SPECTACULAR FOR ALLOWAH

An evening of world class music and entertainment to raise money for severely disabled children will be held on Saturday 13th February at 7:30pm at Audrey Keown Theatre, PLC. Tickets are \$60. More information is on the notice board in the hall.

THANKS

From Rachel and Chris Hall: "Thank you everyone for your prayers and support during the past year. They have helped to get us to this wonderful time with Lachlan. It is a blessing to be a part of such a loving church family. God Bless."