



the
**Gateway
Family**

31st January 2010



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.

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 TODAY to work out the best time.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Youth group will start up again for 2010 on **Friday 5th of February** at 7pm in the Church hall. All welcome from year 7 and up. Cost \$2 and refreshments provided. As I will be away on occasions due to my study in Sydney this year we **urgently require an additional male leader for youth group** - you wouldn't even have to be available every week. Please pray about this. This has been a long term need of our youth group. Any questions ring Duncan 0413 009 943.

COVENANT PLAYERS - Sunday 7th February at 6.30pm

We will welcome Paul Van Vuuren and his fellow Covenant Players at a special performance for us on their way to Queensland. This will be a good fun night and if you are keen there might even be a chance to get involved (I know Elise and Jemima will be anyway!). If you are able it would be appreciated if you could bring a slice or similar for supper after the show. A free will offering will be taken on the night to support the work of the Covenant Players.

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

PRAYER FOCUS - 31st January 2010



1. Pray for God's strength and comfort for Pastor Robin in hospital. Pray that he will be on the road to recovery without delay and that all wisdom will be given to the medical staff treating Robin's health issues.
2. Markets - Give thanks as we celebrate the 1st Anniversary of the markets. Pray that the new publicity strategy will be affective and that the markets will make an impact for the gospel in the community.
3. Pray for the youth in our country dealing with mental health issues that support will be available, enabling them to lead God centred lives. Pray for wisdom for the Australian of the Year as he liaises with mental health workers who impact on these fragile lives.

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

<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:</p> <p>Dave, Mandy & Layla Eggins Michael, Michelle, Jonathan & Rebekah Abel Helen & Laurie Almond</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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/

PAUL VAN VUUREN - Covenant Players, Australia

ROSTERS

	31st January	7th February
Welcomers	Bill Simm Meagan Simm	Fiona Searls Ted Searls
Morning Tea	Marjorie van Vuuren Ted Foster	Sandra Ferguson Janet Goldsworthy
Offering	David Irwin Leila Johnston Joan Bradford	Marion O'Donnell Bruce Cocking Bill Simm
Bible Reading	Jessica Thomas	Joan Bradford
Prayer	Sandra Ferguson	Greg Watson
PowerPoint	Colin Reddel	Stephanie Hateley
Sound Desk	Ron van Vuuren	Jonathon Abel

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

2nd Wednesday of each month: 10 am Open Doors Prayer group at Pam van der Griend's house, Shoal Bay

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



MORE NOTICES/DIARY DATES

A.G.M.— Sunday 28th February

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, and join us to find out where our church is heading.

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.

OPEN DOORS PRAYER GROUP

The Open Doors prayer group for persecuted Christians around the world will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 10am at Pam van der Griend's home in Shoal Bay. DVD, prayer material etc is provided by Open Doors. If you would like more information please see Steph.

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.