

Dear Church

Welcome to our first edition of E-News for 2008 no sooner we finish Christmas and all the shops are full of Easter eggs, don't think I've eaten as much chocolate as I have this last weekend. As usual time has accelerating along and it's hard to believe as I write this that we are almost in April.

Once again the year began with our **Summer Sundays** evening's social program which is always well received. Aaron Emmerson polished off high score at Tin Pin Bowling, smarty. I began a series called, '**In the Pursuit of Happiness**' as a lead up to screening the well attended family version movie In the Pursuit of Happiness (with a 'y').

It gave us great pleasure to welcome and pray over **Ps Rick Emmerson on staff and his lovely wife Christina**. They have been a joy and blessing to the house @ Harvest and Rick has been a tremendous blessing to me personally as well as Sonia.

We launched 2008 with the theme, 'A Year of Influence' and have since been preaching a series on the 'Apostolic **Model of a 242 Church**'. The feedback has been very positive with many commenting on how our church's mandate has been rekindled through these messages.

**The Cells** ministry shot off with the addition of the work at **Nhill**, praise God they had 24 people attend the second time I dropped in on them. Pray the Lord will continue to add to their numbers. If you're not in a cell group I can't encourage you enough to lock yourself in with fellow believers.

February was a big month with the **Creation Science** ministry drawing a large attendance Sunday morning. Eleven people went through the **waters of Baptism** representing Horsham, Donald & Stawell, it was the first time we had a combined baptism service and the atmosphere was fantastic with many prophetic words spoken over the candidate's lives by members of the eldership.

Also in February we had had what I would call one of the most amazing celebrative atmospheres and functions (320 attended) that I've ever been in, our **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. I wish to applaud the hard work of the team and their tireless effort and professionalism. Not only did we honour many leaders and all the volunteers over the years, without question we did the Lord proud by championing His wonderful work and name on our house. You would be pleased to know that there has been soooooo much positive feedback from the night and in the town.

As February, myself and two members of our eldership have joined the board at our **Warracknabeal** assembly by way of an advisory capacity. I continue to go up every Sunday and minister at the 1pm service, the church is in good form, praise the Lord, please pray that the appropriate minister is appointed there sometime very soon. I appreciate your patience as this means for the time being that I can't stay around at Harvest for more than 15 minutes or so before driving up to the Warracknabeal church.

March saw the arrival of **Tim Hall Ministries** which was a significant in weekend in the life of our church. **The North Western Districts** function saw churches and their team arrive from Kerang, Robinvale, Nyah, Wedderburn, Charlton, Hamilton, Stawell etc and for the first time in many years the '**River met the sea**' with the attendance of Ps Simon and Graham from our Portland assembly. A big thankyou to the ladies for their catering and hospitality, a 5 star effort in deed. It was a blessing to hear the testimony of many who were healed and several who made commitments to Christ, we are **still holding 4 folk** who have made decisions of late. Peter Fitzgerald, a board member will commence **New Christian classes** for these folk and others after the Sunday morning service. There has been a tremendous amount of feedback on Tim's ministry both from Horsham and the Warracknabeal assembly.

I was told the **Good Friday** service was the largest attended G.F. service the church has had and I must admit I was surprised by the turn out myself (130). I spoke a message by the title of, 'Who are they' which was well received.

Finally our term finished off with the screening of the block buster **'The Passion'** movie. It's hard not to be deeply moved each time one views that movie. Like many of us I found it difficult to watch certain scenes. The kids had a ball in the upstairs room with their program.

All in all it was a very compressed and highly active term with a lot happening. Kate and I consider it a privileged to serve the house @ Harvest and believe the best days are ahead us.

For those travelling during the Easter break may the Lord watch over you, and ensure your journey and arrival back home is safe and secure. For those of you fortunate enough to have a break over these school holidays enjoy!

Below is a list of what's coming up including our AGM, don't forget this Sunday morning is our First **SUNDAYLUNCH-UNPLUGGED** with no evening service. Bring along plenty of food to share for lunch and enjoy the extended fellowship time after the service.

If you are on line our coming events can be screened in more detail by logging onto [www.harvestchurch.org.au](http://www.harvestchurch.org.au)

God Bless

*Pastor Zoran & Kate*

## COMING SOON IN TERM 2

### APRIL

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> – (Daylight Savings end's midnight)

Sunday 6  
10:00AM Ps Zoran & AGM afterwards  
5:00 PM Wayne Hobbs

Sunday 13  
10:00AM Ps Zoran  
5:00 PM Ps Rick

Monday 14 Thai Dinner Night

Sunday 20  
10:00AM Ps Zoran  
5:00 PM Café Harvest 'The Titanic Experience'  
2 course meal, full show planned

Sunday 27  
10:00AM Sundaylunch-unplugged Ps Rick  
5:00 PM No Service

### MAY

Sunday 4  
10:00AM Ps Zoran  
5:00 PM Tag Team 'Excuse Me'

Sunday 11  
10:00AM Ps Zoran  
5:00 PM Ron Spence

Sunday 18  
10:00AM Ps Zoran  
5:00 PM Ps Rick



**Sunday 25**

**10:00AM**

**5:00PM**

**JUNE**

**sundaylunch-unplugged Ps Zoran**

**No Service**

**Sunday 8**

**10:00AM**

**5:00 PM**

**Ps Zoran**

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**Sunday 15**

**10:00AM**

**5:00 PM**

**Vickie Dorazio**

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**Sunday 22**

**10:00AM**

**5:00 PM**

**Doug Higgins 'Missions Sunday'**

**Missions Dinner Evening @ Golf Course**

**Sunday 29**

**10:00AM**

**5:00 PM**

**sundaylunch-unplugged Ps Rick**

**No Service**



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