

HARVEST E-NEWS TERM II 2008

Hello Everyone

Our breezy chilly wintery weather is well and truly upon us. Thank God for the rain though we still need a lot more. For those who are on holidays or off to Hillsong safe journey. Many of you have commented saying how you can sense a shift in the church of late. I concur as I have felt a forward momentum for 3 months now; I believe we will see a tremendous influx of people into the church in the next few months. Already the increased attendance to services has been noticed by all. It's also good to see people who have made decisions for Christ continuing in their new found faith.

I am pleased to announce that we will be officially welcoming 32 new people most who were able to attend our Welcome to Harvest afternoon recently; the Lord continues to add to His church.

Once again, I wish to say that I have never received so much positive feedback on the series I've been preaching of late 'The Product of Conduct'. One lady was visiting from the Planet Shakers church and said she was going to buy 10 CD's and hand them out. She said, "No one ever preaches on this subject it's so needed."

As always, below is a summary on the second term developments. Can I ask you all to be vigilant and hospitable particularly on Sunday mornings as we have quite a few new people among us. Be sure to get to know them as well as being aware of those visiting sitting around you.

HIGHLIGHTS

Café Harvest 'The Titanic' proved to be a big hit with a full capacity turn out and over 80 visitors, we had several decisions on the night. So many people worked so hard to make this outreach event the success it was.

Europe/Serbia: While the Titanic evening was happening I was in Europe for two weeks 10 days of which was on the ground ministering in 7 churches and 30 leadership meetings.

Nhill Cell Commences with the highest turn out being 30 people which is amazing given the short time it has been up and running. Our combined cell attendance on May 21st reached the highest it's been since 40 days of purpose.

Teen Church & Extreme Kids are going great guns. At times there have been up to 30 teenagers in the upper room on Sunday mornings with many new ones coming along. Rick and the team have done a fantastic job not only with the teen church but also midweek older youth cell and midweek teen cell. Jane and her team are doing a wonderful job with the children's ministry as well as feeding the community children breakfast prior to commencement of church. Jane informs me that there have been 8 children who have made decisions for Christ which is awesome.

School of Music: Between them both Lisa Thomas and Jono Martin have quite a cliental of 54 students 40 of which Lisa alone teaches. Many of our church families have their children tutored by Lisa and Jono. I am persuaded that one day Harvest will be able to build a performing arts centre from which Lisa and Jono can run their school. In addition the centre will also be a media & recording studio. Be sure to turn up to the School of Music Concert on Saturday July 26th 7:30PM. (See below)

Rush Mentoring program for Horsham Secondary College students is progressing well; Sam Solomano has done exceptional ground work with this. Currently we have 15 people from Harvest sign up, 10 from the Uniting church, Sam is also booked in at several other churches to share the vision of Rush. The Lutheran Church, Anglican Church as well as the Salvos have all given her a time slot in the Sunday services. A training date and day will be announced not too long from now, if you can spare one hour a week to be there for a struggling teenager, encourage and support them, then can I ask you to sign up as a mentor for Horsham Secondary College. The College has 1100 students the need is great, come along to the training day and find out more.

Missions giving has been inspiring, the Kenya relief appeal, Burma appeal, Watato, Serbia, & Tim Halls Outreach Ministries and our monthly giving has seen a combined total of just over \$20,000 contributed since the beginning of the year. This of course does not include the 28+ children that are collectively sponsored from Harvest people, along with the other missionary initiatives that some of you personally are involved in.

Warracknabeal Assembly has been blessed with Pastor Ray & Belinda Morel's arrival mid May. The church was good enough to move their service time to 1:00PM enabling me to minister at their services on a Sunday for 3 months. I wish to commend 2 of our elders John Hair & Jeff Moore who accompanied me on several trips to Warracknabeal assisting me in leading and managing a potentially difficult situation. As an advisory team to their board we were able to give support, wisdom and counsel on matters pertaining to their transitional process and church management. It is a joy to know we didn't lose one family during this transition and equally a delight to know that the incoming pastors were able to walk into a healthy & harmonious environment. I look forward to having Pastor Ray preach at Harvest soon and give opportunity to introduce Pastor Ray and his wife to our assembly.

Vicki Simpsons prophetic ministry was incredibly well received, who can forget her doing the splits with her leg on the pulpit introducing the prophetic word, 'God of the Stretch'. The Ladies weekend with Vicki also was a big hit with many women being ministered to and prophesied over. We applaud the good work of Kate and her team and recognise all the effort put into the event. If you haven't as yet purchased the DVD's of her ministry it is a must in order to hear God's prophetic word for our church. Many of you received personal and inspiring prophetic words for your life. Eddie Potter was kind enough to transcribe them all and if you still haven't received your copy do ask him on Sunday for it.

Building fund has \$7000.00 of which will pay for the car park which is costing around \$8000 and the stage carpet \$4400. Currently this means we are out by \$5000 after GST. We are hopeful that we can raise the sufficient funds necessary to eventually recarpet the whole church which is well and truly overdue; as well as purchase new seating replacing the impractical pews. Single seating is certainly much more appropriate given the things we do, till now we have been hiring single chairs for Café Harvest and other functions. If we had our own single chairs this expense would not be incurred. The cost to carpet the whole church and the seating will be approximately \$60,000. To date I have refrained from taking out a loan believing we somehow raise the funds. I would certainly be open to any ideas others may have on this.

Church Bus: We have received disappointing news to say that our application for a grant to replace our church bus has been declined and unsuccessful. That is a real pity as I was hopeful it would be approved. Where that leaves us now I'm not sure suffice to say that we will give the bus priority over the refurbishment of the church carpet and seating. Please pray for us as I have it on my heart to do so much. I am grateful for the Lord's provision and your generosity and trust that we shall continue to progress to achieving all that the Lord has planned for Harvest Christian Church

COMING UP THIS SUNDAY

JULY 6th 10:00AM

Grant Hobbs will be our guest speaker who was formerly the senior minister at Harvest for just under three years. There after Grant took on the role as the Director of AOG World Missions where he has been since October 2004, and recently stepped down to do full time itinerary ministry. We are delighted to have Grant join us this weekend and look forward to his ministry.



JULY 6th 5:00PM

An evening where our finest, zaniest and comical talent is on display. A great time to get the family together during the July school holiday season.

COMING SOON IN TERM III 2008



July 26th Saturday Leadership Event 10AM – 1PM & Sunday July 27th at our 10AM service.

Pastor Andrew Evans founder of the Family First Party, he was elected to the South Australian Legislative Council on 9 February 2002. For 30 years, Pastor Evans served as Senior Minister of Paradise Assembly of God in Adelaide, now known as Paradise Community Church. He was National Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Australia for 20 years 1977 to 1997. He received a Doctor of Divinity from the Californian Graduate School of Theology on 5 August 1981.

July 26th Sunday 10AM Service is Sunday Lunch-Unplugged. Please note this is on the same weekend as Pastor Andrew Evans visit. Last time was a big hit with more than enough food please remember to bring a dish along. It makes for a fantastic opportunity to sit down, chill, relax and get to know some people.



July 26th Saturday 7:30PM-9:30PM VOCAL CONCERT

\$5:00 door admission per person (adult or child). Refreshments can be purchased from Cafe area. Proceeds from night going to Watoto. The event is being conducted and coordinated by S.O.M. Director Lisa Thomas.

August 3rd Sunday 10AM Service

Captain Bruce Cassidy is our special guest from the Salvation Army in Horsham. We are thrilled to have Capt Bruce minister who is making an amazing difference in the community with their outreach programs; we look forward to his ministry and stirring message.



Edge Conference September 8th-11th

Celebrating their 10th Anniversary

Speakers: Danny Gugglumuccie, Brian Houston, Robert Fergusson, Andre Olivier from South Africa, Leon Fontane from Canada. See their website for bookings www.edgeconference.com