

HARVEST E-NEWS TERM I 2009

Welcome to our first edition of E-News for 2009, those of you who are new to our church will receive one of these generally at the close of each quarter. Time just seems to fly as each year goes by I'm convinced the days accelerate all the more.

Our year commenced with our '**Summer Sunday**' evening services and as always were very well attended. Aaron Emmerson took the high score for ten pin bowling for the second year in a row. I reckon the performance enhancing drugs he is taking has something to do with it? (kidding)

January concluded with a real show of variety dress and diversity of colour with our first '**Australia Day Service**'. People remained behind for the Summer Sunday Aussie Barby and didn't leave till 3:30PM. Our Guest speaker Pastor Phil Lowe brought a wonderful prophetic word.

In February we launched the theme, '**A Year of Increase –When Less is More**, and commenced a series on, 'What type of sound are we transmitting from our spirit?'

Andrew Ironside's ministry was well received with a great turn out for Saturday's creative arts ministry workshop, His ministry Sunday morning was excellent with a fanatic word on generations.

March saw the launch of our 21 days of prayer & fasting with the campaign called '**FAST FORWARD**'. Sixty three people signed up during this time which closed with our Sunday morning '**Concert of Prayer**'.

Our **Leaders District Function** saw over 100 Pastors and their teams from 15 churches attend the district gathering. Our guest speaker **Ashley Goode** was fantastic with a word in season not just for the leaders but also for our Sunday morning congregation. Ashley commented afterwards saying how thrilled he was to see such an outstanding church in this region.

Thankyou so much to our hospitality team for serving everyone at the function, for all the musos and singers and for the men who helped out at our first **Harvest Men's Function** on the Friday night which drew just over 60 of us. A thankyou also to our missions team who organised the Sunday lunch un-plugged BBQ meal fundraiser.

The **Chatelier Singers** a family of nine were also well received many of you were particularly touched by their family's example and testimonies of Christ's goodness and provision on their lives.

Our **Sunday evening services** are primarily used to raise up and develop our younger emerging ministries. I wish to applaud, Carrie Dunkley, Alice Barber, Andrew Moore, Bonnie, Leah Adams & Adam Mihail who have said yes to develop in their preaching gift. These evenings are not just for developing the young we also utilise them for some of our other gifted adult communicators. It's been wonderful to see the support & attendance on Sunday evenings grow.

Our '**Connect Groups**' continue to do well with many who attend blessed and encouraged by the friendships they have developed. Some new additions have been Richard Bourke who has started his fortnightly men's Bible study; Shirl Hair has commenced her craft group and Robyn Adams with her KYB group.

If you're interested in starting one please do let us know.

Our **Easter** services both Good Friday & Easter Sunday were very well attended, we loved the choir. Two people made **decisions for Christ** on the Sunday morning. A gentleman approached me later to identify himself as one of those decisions. He said, "I haven't been to church for years, the last time I attended was in a Morman church. This morning made a profound difference to my life." The Croot family brought him along, he was visiting from Melbourne, let's remember 50% of people would come to church if you asked and invited them along.

I wish once more to applaud the good work **Sonia** has done in the office we will miss her she has been a tremendous blessing. This coming Sunday will be our AGM meeting where I will introduce Ruth Stone who will come on staff for admin as well as help Ps Rick Emmerson on Fridays.

In particular I wish to help **personally thank** the following ladies who have stepped up and helped us in the office at this time, Angie Adams (general admin), Val Elbourne (our newly appointed District Secretary), Nerida Oliver (Finance Manager – used to be treasurer at the uniting church and well spoken for by Peter Fitzgerald), Robyn Adams (helping Nerida for now and later swing over into pastoral care). Thankyou ladies I really appreciate all your help.

For those of you travelling during these holidays a very safe, happy, family fun filled time to you all.

Kate & I value your support and willingness to serve the body of Christ as we reach out to Horsham and the larger district.

God Bless

Zoran & Kate

Coming Soon – See Next Page



SATURDAY MAY 16 YOUTH ALIVE REGIONAL EVENT

The young people from Western Victoria are coming together for a combined churches Youth Alive regional event. The Simeon band will be travelling up from Melbourne shoot be a hoot of a night! www.simeononline.com 7:30PM - \$10 entry



SUNDAY MAY 24

Guest Speaker Tim Edwards is the senior pastor of Connect Church Global in Geelong. Tim & Nicki started the church from scratch and have seen it grow to become one of Geelong's gateway churches in the region. Tim is a great communicator who has a consuming love for people. He will be ministering at our 10:00AM & 5PM services



SATURDAY JUNE 13 HARVEST WOMEN'S EVENT – Also ministering on Sunday

Back by popular demand Lynette was loved by all the women who attended last time she was here 2 years ago. Many referred to her as the Joyce Meyer of Australia for her openness, blunt honesty and sense of humour. She is an exceptional and dynamic communicator.

\$25:00 Incl Morning Tea or \$10:00 per session

Session 1. 10:00AM

Session 2. 11:30AM

Session 3. 7:00PM



SAT – SUN JULY 25-26

Western Victoria Leaders Function

Saturday 10:00AM – 1:00PM

Followed by lunch & The Olde Horsham

WESTERN VICTORIA LEADERS FUNCTION

Guest Speaker: Lee Burns from Hillsong Sydney

Cert.IV AWT. Dip.Min., B.Th (Cand.)

Principal Hills Campus, Senior Trainer (Bible, Theology)

Pastor Rick Emmerson had Lee is one of his Bible School teacher and said he was excellent. Lee Burns comes highly recommended we look forward to his ministry with anticipation and believe it will be an outstanding