

# March 2010



## **Vision**

Gymea Baptist exists to see  
people empowered to love God  
and engage the world.

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## Welcome to Gymea Baptist



Welcome to church! We pray that you will experience God in some way and will be challenged and encouraged in your faith. If you are visiting today or are new to our church, please make yourself known to the people wearing blue name tags who are here to assist you with any enquiry.

### Prayer Calendar

For prayer requests please phone the person on the following list. After hours emergency prayer is available on the same number. Please note – the Pastoral Team is also available for prayer requests. Please ring the church office on 9521 4611.

March 2010	Contact Person	Phone Number
1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Arthur and Ruth Watterson	8539 7990
8 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wally and Joy Wood	9542 3921
15 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Arthur and Ruth Watterson	8539 7990
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Colin and Enid Shedden	9525 2502

### Service Times

March	8.30am & 10.30am	6.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Stories of Faith	Stories of Faith
14 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 26:57-27:10	Leviticus
21 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew 27:11-31	Leviticus
28 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew 27:32-61	Leviticus

### Church Rosters

All church volunteers rosters are located on our website at [www.gymeabaptist.org.au](http://www.gymeabaptist.org.au)

## Missionary of the Month

### Juanita Manahan – serving with SIMaid in Sydney

#### *Thank God for:*

- The doctors who were eventually able to diagnose Brian's illness and for his good response to the treatment.
- The loving support of friends and family during this difficult time.
- For the success of the SIM National Conference.
- The 3000 or so new first time givers to SIMaid in December - January through Crossway church in Victoria and through the SIMaid Christmas gift catalogue.
- Castle Hill Baptist and for Sutherland Shire Council who have organised funding drives for SIMaid projects. Pray they will be blessed.

#### *Please continue to pray:*

- For Brian's health to continue to improve, for his strength to return, for the 'Arthrites' to be kept at bay and for the doctors as they manage his medicines.
- For more opportunities to talk about what God's doing through SIMaid and for more churches to take on SIMaid projects for their mission fundraising appeals.
- For my ailing laptop.
- For people to stay faithful to their giving to SIMaid despite the financial situation – that donors will still trust the Lord to provide so we can continue to help the poor.
- That all the people who have attended my seminars on Getting Mission Happening would actually do it.
- For His direction regarding new possibilities for future ministry in SIM.

## Men's Lunch

Southern Men's Christian Fellowship invites you to their senior men's lunch. It will be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 12.15pm for a 12.30 start, at Donald Robinson Retirement Village café at 81 Flora St, Kirrawee, for a \$10.00 light lunch.

It is good to have the Rev. John Farr back in our shire again. I worshipped under John at Cronulla Baptist in the mid 60's, and can testify to him being an outstanding evangelist. His talk will be on "Dealing with the Occult", as many people in our shire are joining covens.



To help the café prepare the lunches, please ring John Ansell on 9528 2481 or Arthur Watterson on 8539 7990 by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March to advise us of your attendance.

## Church Market Day

Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> in the car park from 9am-2pm. Lots of stalls selling craft, books, toys, jewellery, cakes, BBQ, trash 'n' treasure and more.

Have you got some preloved, sellable, household items, kitchenware or books in good condition (no furniture or computers) that you would like to donate to the church trash 'n' treasure stall? Leave it on the stage in the old auditorium. Profits from the day will go towards the church building fund.

No more available spaces for stalls sorry.



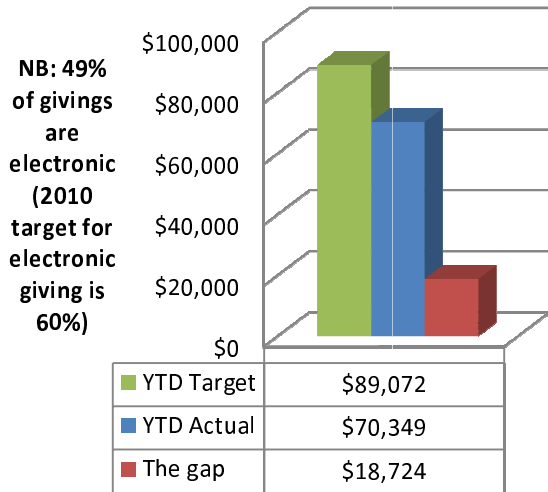
Pick up a flyer from the information desk and tick the ways you would like to help. Enquiries: Sonia Beresford 9528 9327

## Wanted

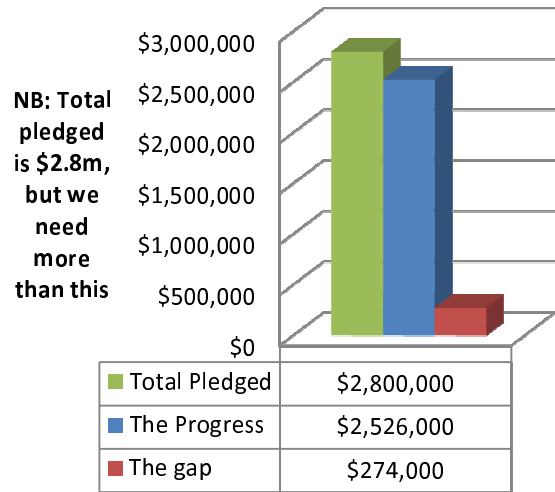
Market stall gazebos to use for our Market Day in the car park. If you have access to any please contact Sonia Beresford 9528 9327 or the church office on 9521 4611.

## Finance Update

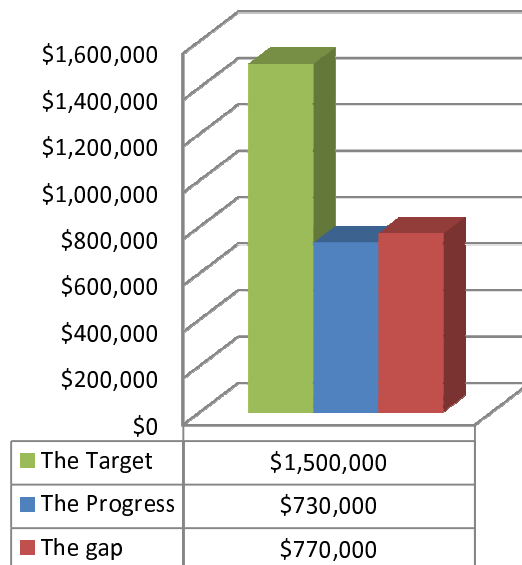
**Weekly Offerings  
@ 14th Feb 2010**



**Building Fund  
A time to Build**



**Ministry Bonds  
@ 14th Feb 2010**



## Prayer Calendar

The Church Prayer Calendar for the next 3 months is available now from the information desk. This helps us all pray for ministries of our church, the people and the activities that are going on in our church. It is a truly valuable resource in the life of our church.

## Community Ministry

Southern Community Welfare will be holding a training session on Wednesday 17th March from 9am to 5pm for anyone interested in becoming a Rainbows facilitator.



Rainbows is a peer support group running weekly for children aged from 5 to 15 years who have suffered a loss through death, divorce or separation. Through the groups, we hope to assist children in expressing and understanding their feelings, to feel acceptance for what has happened, and to feel a sense of belonging and love. Rainbows is not counselling or therapy and we do not claim to have all the answers to all problems, we plan to help children sort through their sense of loss through the channels of peer support, nurturing adults to guide them, and a secure place to share themselves.

After the training facilitators would be expected to commit to 1 hour per week on Tuesdays afternoons during school terms.



The program has been running at Interrelate for 20 years and last year moved over to Southern Community Welfare. We are in need of caring Christian people to support these children through the hard times and give them hope for the future.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in or for more information, please contact SCW Business Manager Susan Foyle on [admin@scw.org.au](mailto:admin@scw.org.au) or phone 9545 0299 (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday).

NB: Prohibited employment declarations would need to be completed before commencement of facilitator role.



Welcome to Gymea Baptist Church. Thanks for joining us today for worship, we trust that you meet with God and experience community as part of our church.



As a church we are looking forward to 2010 as we expand into the facilities that we opened in November 2009. You will notice that we are using the motif of a starfish on this bulletin. We have used the starfish because of its unique ability to regenerate from just one leg. This is because the DNA of the starfish is found in each leg and is able to multiply and regenerate from one small part. Our theme for the year is to become a “movement” rather than an organisation. We want each member and attender of our church to be a part of what God is doing rather than just be led from the top and built as an institution. We want to invite you to be part of this movement in 2010 and beyond as we build Gods kingdom together.

If you are looking for a church home please chat to those on the information desk in the foyer and find out how you can become part of what we hope will be a powerful movement for the kingdom of God.

**Karl Faase**  
Senior Pastor

### **CRECHE**

Crèche is available during the morning service for children under 3 years old. Please contact Leanne Carter at the church office for more information.

### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

We have a Sunday Morning Children's Program during school term time for 3 year olds to Year 8 students at school. This program runs during both the 8.30am and 10.30am services. For more information call the Children's Ministry Coordinator at the church office.

### **REVOLUTION**

'Revolution' (Gymea Baptist Youth Ministry), runs on Friday nights during the school terms: 5:30-7.00 for 'Across the Way' (years 5-6), 7.30-9.30 for years 7-12. Contact Steve Dixon at the church office or visit [www.revolutionyouth.org.au](http://www.revolutionyouth.org.au)

### **LIFE GROUPS**

In a large church like ours it is vitally important that people be connected with others for mutual support and encouragement. To facilitate this, our church has a Ministry of "Life Groups" where everyone is encouraged to grow in their faith, be connected in genuine relationships with others and be supported and cared for. If you would like to join a Life Group, please fill in a form (available at the Information Desk) and give it to one of the Stewards or Angelo.

### **VINE**

Vine is the community of young adults at Gymea Baptist Church and is made up of those who see their primary community being our evening service. It's about loving God and living the life of faith wherever we go. It's about using the gifts God has given us to build up His church. It's about being connected in one of our life groups and it's about helping others to come to know Jesus for themselves. Please visit the vine website at [www.vine.org.au](http://www.vine.org.au) for details of what's coming up or email us at [vine@gymeabaptist.org.au](mailto:vine@gymeabaptist.org.au)

### **Banking Details**

Tithes and Offerings only

Bank Name: Baptist Investments & Finance Ltd

Account Name: Gymea Baptist Church

BSB Number: 704 922

Acc Number: 100 006 024

A Time to Build only

Bank Name: Baptist Investments & Finance Ltd

Account Name: Gymea Baptist Church – A Time to Build

BSB Number: 704 922

Account Number: 100 007 907

**Southern Community Welfare: Counselling/Support Groups**  
**Phone: (02) 9545 0299 Website: [www.scw.org.au](http://www.scw.org.au)**