

May 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.

May 2010	Contact Person	Phone Number
3 rd – 9 th	Colin and Enid Shedden	9525 2502
10 th – 16 th	Wally and Joy Wood	9542 3921
17 th – 23 rd	Arthur and Ruth Watterson	8539 7990
24 th – 30 th	Colin and Enid Shedden	9525 2502

Service Times

May	8.30am & 10.30am	6.30pm
2 nd	Great Expectations Isaiah 58: 1-14	The Advance of the Gospel Acts 10:1-11:18
9 th	Mother's Day Stories of faith and mothering	The Advance of the Gospel Acts 12:25-13:52
16 th	Great Expectations Isaiah 59:1-21	The Advance of the Gospel Acts 17:16-33
23 rd	Great Expectations Isaiah 61:1-11	The Advance of the Gospel Acts 19:1-22
30 th	Great Expectations Isaiah 65:17-25	The Advance of the Gospel Acts 28:11-31

Church

All church volunteers rosters are located on our website at

May Mission Month

Target for May Mission Month 2010 - \$160,000.00

Projects:

- **Homes for the Persecuted (India)** – TEAR Australia
facilitate rehabilitation for families affected by communal violence through shelter reconstruction
\$39,000 (Tax Deductible)
- **Girls off the Street (Bangladesh)** – SIMaid
care, counsel and equip girls who are trapped in prostitution, slavery and abuse
\$52,000 (Tax Deductible)
- **Kids Hope and Counselling Care (Sydney)** – Southern Community Welfare
support families and children who are experiencing financial distress and need access to counselling and community education services
\$33,000 (Tax Deductible)
- **Packages for Pastors (Africa)** – SIM Australia
provide pastors and evangelists in extreme poverty with bible study resources
\$18,000 (Non Tax Deductible)
- **GBC Frontline** – Gymea Baptist Missionaries
ongoing financial support to our church missionaries who are serving in various countries
\$18,000 (Non Tax Deductible)

Donations to May Mission Month can be made by credit card and EFT-electronic funds transfer (forms available at the mission desk at the back of church or on Gymea Baptist website) or by placing donation envelopes in the offering bags.

Morling Public Lecture Series

The second elective in the Morling Public Lecture Series, "What Makes the Old Testament Tick?"



begins May 17th and runs for six consecutive Monday evenings (7:30-9:30pm) at Inaburra School, Bangor. This elective will provide you with the knowledge to deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Old Testament. Key events, themes, concepts and people will be some of the topics covered. Marc Rader will be conducting the lectures and will bring his infectious love of the Bible to bear in this 'not-to-be-missed' opportunity.

The cost of the elective is \$40 and registrations can be made at www.morling.nsw.edu.au under Upcoming Events.

Note of Appreciation

A big thank you to all our helpers for Kids Activity Day on Monday 19th April. It was a fantastic day with many new faces coming along. Please prayerfully consider if you could join us for our next day, Monday 19th July! The more help we have, the more kids we can accept for the day!

Playtime



Playtime now runs 5 mornings a week Monday – Friday from 10am - 12 noon. It is a wonderful time to connect and build relationships with church and community parents and children 0 – 5 years. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, come as a helper or are considering being a leader please contact Leanne Carter through the church office.

Men's Lunch

Southern Men's Christian Fellowship invites you to their senior men's lunch. It will be held on Wednesday 26th May 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.

Retired photographer Gordon Smyth's ministry offers information and encourages prayer for Israel. His presentation, "Pilgrimage to Zion", visits briefly the pyramids in Cairo and the carved buildings in Petra before crossing into Israel and concentrating on Jerusalem. The Temple Mount and God's purposes for Israel are considered. There will be an opportunity to sign up for occasional urgent prayer emails. Gordon would appreciate any donations towards the costs of his ministry.



To help the café prepare the lunches, please ring John Ansell on 9528 2481 or Arthur Watterson on 8539 7990 by Monday 24th May to advise us of your attendance.

Valiant Men's Conference 2010

Put it in your diaries now...

Why not set aside 1 day of the year to be with other Christian men to worship God together and Dare to Be Courageous!

Date: All day Saturday, 24th September

Where: GBC auditorium



Valiant Men's Ride Against Poverty 2010

Join the bike ride this year by signing up at the back of the church, grabbing a sponsorship booklet and gaining sponsorship. Bring your sons and daughters.



This year we will be supporting a project of TEAR in partnership with the Evangelical Fellowship of India Committee for Relief (EFICOR) in India following the occurrence of civil violence which drew national and world-wide media attention in 2008-09. On the 23rd August 2008, 20,000 people became homeless and were displaced to 14 relief camps set up in Kandhamal district (Northern India). Many of the affected families have not yet been able to re-build their houses. In responding to the continuing hardship, the district administration has formally requested EFICOR to take responsibility for shelter reconstruction. This project is aiming to rebuild homes for 338 families.

Date: Sunday, 23rd May at 1pm for a 1.30pm start

Details: We will depart & return for a BBQ at Sans Souci Park (take the first left into the parking lot on the other side of Captain Cook Bridge - next to the Cruise Wharf). The ride is approximately 16kms long.

Parties with a Purpose

Parties with Purpose are happening again throughout May Mission Month. Have you thought of ways you and your friends can be involved this year? Keep watching the Vigour page on the GBC website and Vigour Facebook for information.

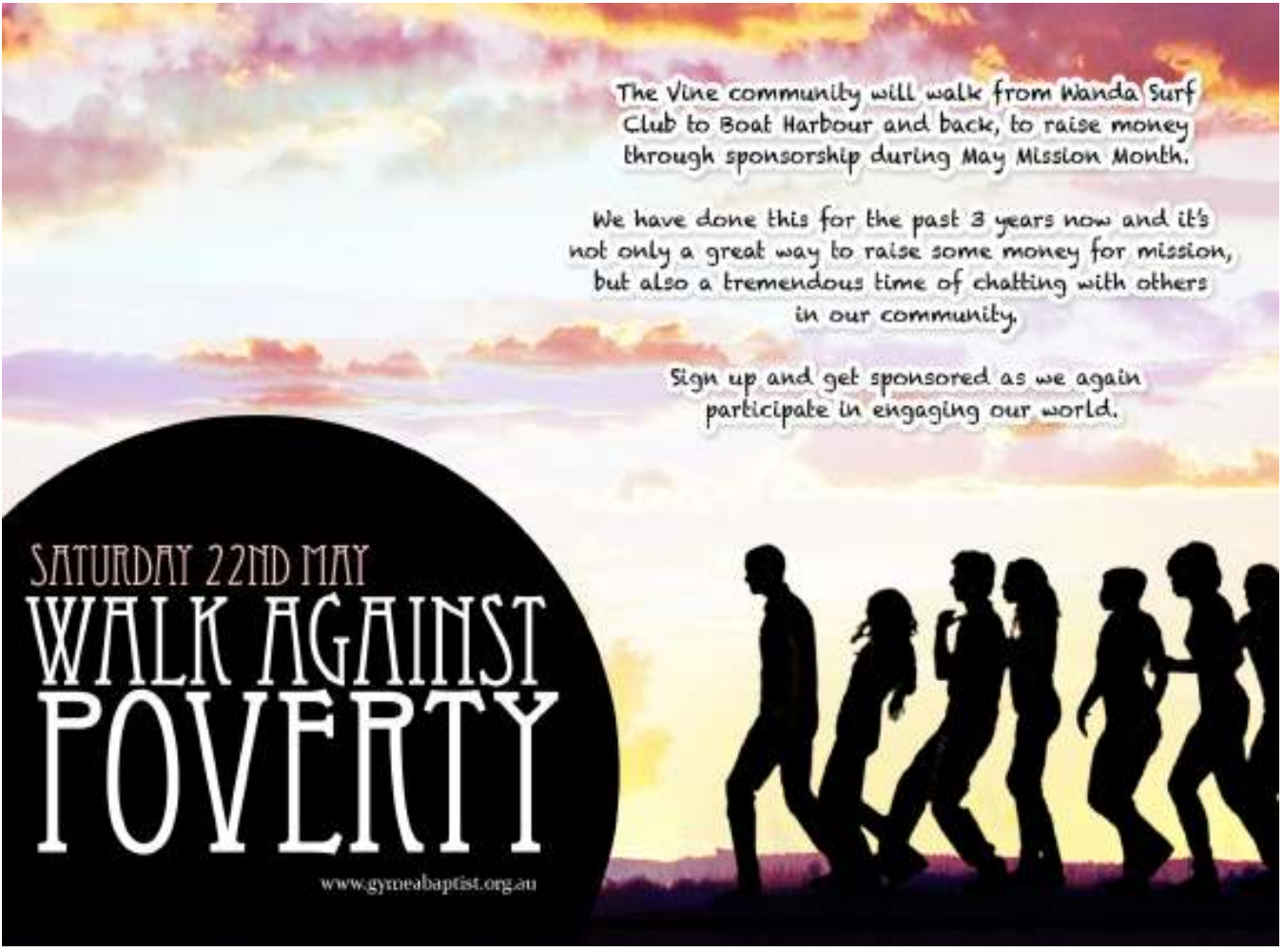


Register after the church services at the 'Parties' desk.

MAG May Mission Month Event

Taka for Tucker - On Saturday May 22nd, MAG invites you to join us at GBC as we are transported to Bangladesh for a night of curry, culture and confrontation. This will be an interactive night where you will earn Taka in Dhaka, brave beggars and dodge disease. Bring your whole family as there will be activities for all as we learn more about life in Bangladesh.

Tickets are available now - \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (under 3's free). There will also be a "talent" auction on the night so have a chat to a MAG member if you are interested in auctioning off that hidden (or not so hidden) talent! All proceeds from the auction will go to the GBC Frontline project supporting our missionaries.



The Vine community will walk from Wanda Surf Club to Boat Harbour and back, to raise money through sponsorship during May Mission Month.

We have done this for the past 3 years now and it's not only a great way to raise some money for mission, but also a tremendous time of chatting with others in our community.

Sign up and get sponsored as we again participate in engaging our world.

SATURDAY 22ND MAY

WALK AGAINST
POVERTY

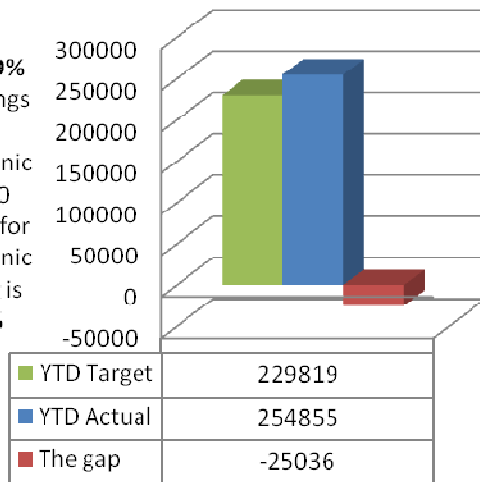
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Finance Update

Weekly Offerings

@ 25 April 2010

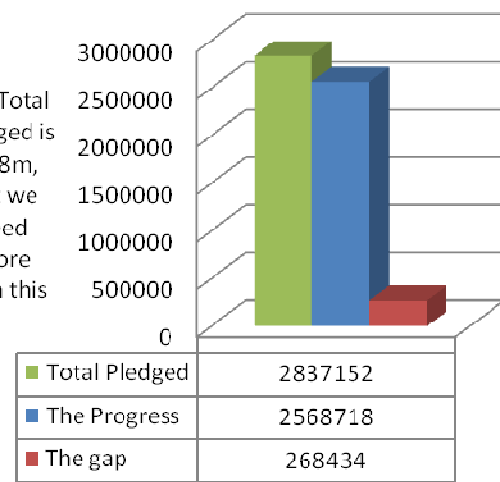
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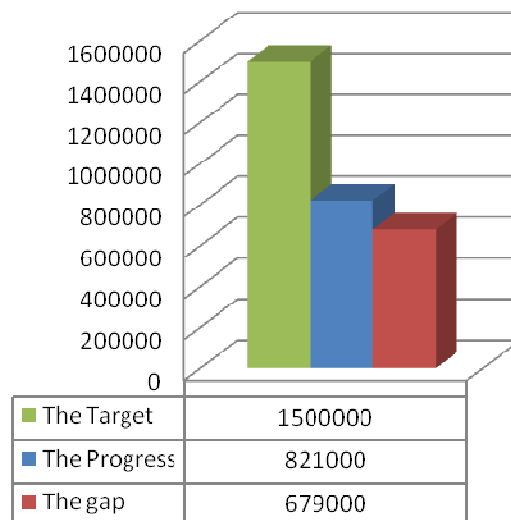
A time to Build

**NB: Total
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but we
need
more
than this**



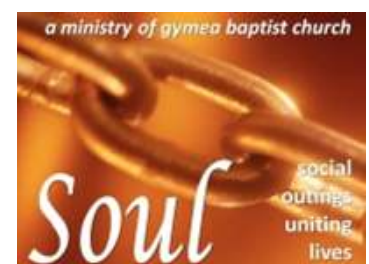
Ministry Bonds

@ 25 April 2010



SOUL – Historical Tour

Saturday 15th May, 2010



Join us for a tour of “the finest house in the colony”, beautiful Elizabeth Bay House, built between 1835 and 1839 for the colonial secretary, Alexander Macleay. The house is a superb example of colonial architecture, elegantly furnished reflecting the lifestyle of the Macleays and originally surrounded by a 54 acre garden, described as a “botanist’s paradise”.

We will meet at Jannali station at 9.55am and travel by train to Martin Place, and then catch the 311 bus to Elizabeth Bay. For those who would rather drive, parking nearby is all one hour maximum, including Saturdays, so be prepared to park and walk! Lunch together afterwards will be organised for those who are interested. The tour is booked for 11.30am and will last for one hour.

Please contact Diane Kirkman on 9525 6592 or 0410 426 592 or

Email: dianekirkman@yahoo.com.au

Baptism



Jesus said part of our discipleship is being baptised - a public declaration of what God has done in Jesus by giving us new life and a new family. On the Sunday night of June 27th, as part of our upcoming series looking at a variety of Christian spiritualities, we are having our next baptism

service. Please be praying about whether this is the time for you to be baptised and if so, let your life group leader know, email the office or chat with one of the pastoral staff.

Heading out for hair and beauty?

Like a new hairstyle created especially for you by hairdressers from our church?

Monday 10th May 2010

9am—6pm

(appointments preferred)

**Men's, women's style cut and blow wave
and children's cuts**

**@ DE FRENZA Salon
10 Gymea Bay Road
Gymea**

**all
money made
on the day
will go to**

**May
MISSION
Month**

**call Karlyn Johns
for your appointment
on 9520 6682**

Hairdressers on the day are
Karlyn Johns, Billi Rettig, Cathy Mullins,
Nola Brooke and
Salon owner Anita De Frenza



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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

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 for details of what's coming up or email us at 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