

JUNE 2010

Welcome to South Perth Church of Christ. If you are a visitor with us today, we would like to invite you to enjoy a free cappuccino, hot chocolate or cool drink at our café

OUR SPACE

Many of us think that intimacy is the ultimate goal of life and the essence of belonging. We want intimate marriages, intimate friendships, and intimate small groups. But we may have misunderstood our basic wiring as human beings.

In the 1960s, Edward T. Hall concluded that our sense of belonging - feeling connected to others - requires that we comfortably fill *four* different spaces in our lives: public, social, personal, and intimate.

Each space has its own characteristics and implications for the church and our walk with Christ.

Public space speaks to the broadest connections we have with people. We may not know them by name but their presence (worship service, sporting event, shopping mall) is important. Imagine the strangeness of always being alone in worship centres, sporting arenas, or department stores.

Social space represents the next level of belonging. It's where we actually chit-chat with folk about life, hobbies, weather, work, and other generic topics.

This space, too, is invaluable to us feeling connected to others. We need it, and plenty of it.

Joseph Myers (*The Search to Belong*, 2003) writes: "We denigrate social belonging as superficial. We surmise that nothing significant takes place in social relationships. However, if you don't think much of small talk, try living without it for a while".

Personal space involves more vulnerable and transparent conversations. It's where we share our private experiences, feelings, and thoughts. And the number of folk in this group of our lives is usually quite small. It's our "close friends" space.

Finally, **intimate space** refers to that closest space where we can be "naked and not ashamed", metaphorically speaking. Indeed, shame is the experience of the intimate self exposed in an inappropriate space. This space includes perhaps just a spouse and one or two others in our lives.

What does this mean for us?

Even marriages don't function at the

intimate level all the time. That would be oppressive. They also involve personal space (sharing how we felt about the day), social space (chatting about the kids, house, and home), and public space (sitting comfortably across a room from each other).

Apart from the time that we need alone (sleep, privacy, and solitude), the ratio of time we spend healthily in each space is perhaps 50:40:8:2.

Most church small groups function between the social and personal space -

and appropriately so.

Perhaps we could helpfully frame even our walk with Christ in these terms. It might help us to realise that intimacy with Christ in every moment is neither likely nor necessary. Our walk with Him involves all four spaces, too.

What do you think? Here's my musings explaining this is where I'm at! How about you?

Thoughtfully Yours



Beautiful

SPCC is starting a

new ministry for women called Beautiful. Through this ministry we aim to see a Christ centred community of women passionately committed to transforming our world.

Our dream is to see an intergenerational community of women who share a deep love for God and are motivated to serve Him and others; a community of women who walk together, encourage each other and accept each other as they grow in their identity and beauty in Christ; and a team-lead ministry that goes beyond events and activities to growing disciples.

The first Beautiful event will be a "Ladies' Night Out" on **June 29**. This will be a night that launches the ministry, as well as being a time of encouragement, fun and blessing. We will also be launching Heart Sisters, a prayer and encouragement network that aims to bless and connect the women of SPCC.

More information on both the event and Heart Sisters is coming soon, as well as ways to get involved!

To learn more about Beautiful, please head to the SPCC website and click on the 'Women' under the SPCC Ministries tab.

OUR CHANGE OF NAME – FROM SOUTH PERTH CHURCH OF CHRIST TO "LIFESTREAMS CHRISTIAN CHURCH"

Just a brief reminder that the process is underway, on schedule for 1st July 2010. We will be having an official celebratory event on 4th July when we will launch our new name, logo, street signs, letterheads, media releases etc.

It is such a significant step that we are taking as a church, we didn't want to do it by degrees. The result we believe will reflect a well thought out, thorough and successfully implemented process.

BODYLIFE CLASSIFIEDS

NOTE: ALL ADS WILL GO IN FOR A MONTH. DON'T FORGET YOUR \$4:00 PER MONTH DONATION. ADS MUST BE IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 18 JUNE FOR THE JULY 2010 EDITION

THE HONEY IS STILL FLOWING!!

1kg. tubs unprocessed honey for \$10.50. Fundraiser for Chaplaincy in Como Secondary College, Collier, Wilson, South Perth & Curtin Primary Schools. Available from Barb Mellor on Sundays or the Church Office during the week

The Church inserts advertisements in the Community Contact as a service to members and friends but does not guarantee the goods or services advertised

FAMILY NEWS

ENGAGEMENT ~ Congratulations to Ben Bell & Alex 'Lexy' Wright and Reg Rintoul & Katrina Wyatt on their engagements. We pray you will all experience God's richest blessings as you prepare and plan for your lives together.

IT'S A GIRL ~ Congratulations to Katherine and Luke Smith on the safe arrival of Olivia Grace, born on Thursday 6 May, weighing in at 8 lb 4.5oz.



CONDOLENCES ~ Our love, prayers and sympathy to Lou Lou Roberts, her father passed away recently in Geraldton and to Elaine Wallam for the loss of her brother.



Also our love, prayers and sympathy to the Mallis family. Mike's mum passed away on Tuesday 25 May at the wonderful age of 92 years old. The funeral will be on Monday 31 May.

OPPORTUNITIES TO DIVE DEEPER INTO LIFE & FAITH ...



“Grandfather’s Forum”

Grandfathers play an important role in family life. This is a great opportunity to meet with other Grandfathers to talk about the challenges and joys of being a Grandfather.

Date: 8 June 7:30pm @ SPCC

Facilitator: David Stanford (davidstanford@spcc.org.au)



“Worship”

Discover & Deepen, Expand & Enrich your Understanding and Experience of Biblical Worship

Date: Commencing 8 June, 7:30pm - 9pm
(4 Tuesday nights)

Facilitator: Daron Crothers

Please register your interest to Daron via email or phone
(daron@spcc.org.au / 9313 1600)



What do I say after I have said “Hello”?

Interested... then you are invited... to a night which can help free you up to engage with people in church or any situation.

Sometimes it is difficult to initiate a conversation with someone we don't know or, continue a conversation with a person we have just met.

Date: Monday June 21 in the Café area.

7:30pm to 9:15pm

Facilitator: David Stanford

This is intended to be a releasing, encouraging, empowering and fun evening for you. Please rsvp via a care card on Sunday, phone 9313 1600 or email David at (davidstanford@spcc.org.au)

NEW FRIENDS MORNING TEA

Each Sunday morning at 10:00 am & 12 noon there is a special morning tea in the café for newer people to SPCC. This is an opportunity, if you are new to SPCC, to chat to some of the SPCC team, so please join us if you can.



EXPRESSIONS FESTIVAL

“LOVE EXPRESSED”

Is the 2010 theme for Churches of Christ Sport & Recreation Association (CCSRA) & the Baptist Churches of WA Arts Festival

Artists of all ages (10+) and abilities are encouraged to display the theme

Love Expressed

in their work. There are many categories of art form to choose from namely photography, poetry, film, painting and sculpture.

This is a wonderful opportunity for artists to display their art works in a community project.

When: Saturday 19 June & Sunday 20 June

Time: From 12noon - 4pm

Where: Warwick Leisure Centre

Presentations will be made at 3pm on Sunday 20 June

For further details including registration forms and conditions of entry please refer to the following website www.sportandleisureministry.com.au

Youth Vision WA United



“Declaring to the World, WE ARE ONE!”

YOUTH



STATE YOUTH GAMES - YOUNG ADULTS

A weekend of sport with young people.

June 4 - 7 in Bunbury.

RIOT YOUTH GROUP

There will be **no** Riot on Friday 4th June due to State Youth Games.

Friday 11th June Riot Youth Group will be the *Youth Vision United Rally*. We will take a bus to Warnbro Church of Christ to attend the rally. No dinner will be provided, so please ensure you eat beforehand.

Meet at church by 6:30pm for departure. Will be back by 10pm

Cost: \$2

For more information please contact Rod Thom on 9313 1600

WILD LIFE HOLIDAY PROGRAM- for High School students

Date: 12 - 16th July.

Activities include outdoor laser tag, ice skating, swimming, ten pin bowling & a party day!

For more information, grab a registration form from the display board or contact Emily Dickinson via email emily@spcc.org.au or at the office on 9313 1600

YOUTH LEADER FEATURE ~ Jered Masters



How long have you been a Youth Leader? *For a year in EVP & Wild Life. Now I'm a leader at RIOT.*

What is your favourite youth group memory? *Redfern's nougat wars – got kicked out of former prayer chapel – oops.*

Favourite Food? *Rogan Josh*

What do you do with your time? *Studying Computer Systems Engineering at Curtin Uni*

What is your passion? *Music, full stop.*

If you could have a super power, what would it be? *Be able to turn trees upside down by looking at them.*

Thanks Jered!

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED - Riot Café Assistant
Food preparation and clean up: Food service skills an
advantage. Must have (or be willing to obtain) Working
with Children Card

Friday evenings: 2-2½ hours: Fortnightly: Term time only
Please submit applications to SPCC Reception during office
hours



*For further information for this position please contact
Ellen Morrow 0402 859 677*

NEW PLAYGROUP LEADER NEEDED ~ If you are interested in
being involved in this important ministry we would love to hear from you.
The Monday playgroup is looking for a leader

VOLUNTEERS ~ Needed for the Beamers, Twinklers and Sparklers
Departments. We also need someone to take over the maintenance of the
Resource room for the Pre-Primary Department.

NEEDED ~ If you have any unwanted *match box cars* they would be
much appreciated for the children's ministry

ANY GIFTED PEOPLE OUT THERE!!!! ~ The Pre-Primary
Department are looking for someone willing to make a scale model wooden
Ark

TWINKLERS LEADERS ~ Please could you return your shirts to
the Twinklers cupboard. We do not have enough for the team to wear.

***For any further information and/or to volunteer on any of the above
please contact Amy on 9313 1600 or via email amy@spcc.org.au***

"EXILES Website

Churches of Christ in Australia have launched a website for people who
are not currently connected with churches called "Exiles". You may have
family members or friends in your circle of influence who might connect
with such an online forum, which can be found at...

<http://www.exiles.net.au/>

SUNDAY CELEBRATION TIMES
8:30 am, 10:30 am
7:00 pm Hour of Power Prayer

FRIDAY NIGHT RIOT / YOUTH CHURCH
7:00 - 8:00 pm 8:00 - 9:30 pm

WHAT'S ON IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PLAYGROUP Monday & Thursday Mornings - Contact Amy Fletcher 9313 1600

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Alt. Tuesdays - Contact Jodie Ingrey 9457 9902

SMALL GROUPS - Contact David Stanford 9313 1600 groups@spcc.org.au

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesday Nights - Contact Anne Dawkins 9450 3671

Thursday Mornings - Contact Carla Redfern 9451 9885

OPEN HOUSE - Thursday Mornings (For the over 50's) - Contact Marion Harding 9472 5666

PRAYER - Sunday Nights - Contact 9313 1600

YOUNG ADULTS - Contact Emily Dickinson 9313 1600

YOUTH STUFF - Contact Rod Thom 9313 1600

TREK - 7 pm - 9 pm Friday Contact Lynette Dewing 9367 5414

RETHREADS CLOTHING OUTLET - Fridays 10 am - 4 pm - Contact Maxine Bown 9259 6221

CRAFT GROUP - Friday Mornings - Contact Jan Barnard 9458 3443

KIDS STUFF - Contact Amy Fletcher or Jess Gorman 9313 1600

MEN'S MATTERS - Contact David Stanford 9313 1600

C2C MINISTRY (MISSIONS) - Contact Daron Crothers 9313 1600

THE SHED - Each weekday morning except Thursday - Contact Bob Barnard 9458 3443

COUNSELLING SERVICE - Confidential, caring & supportive counselling offering help towards wholeness, through a holistic approach encompassing spiritual, emotional & physical needs 9313 1600

EVERY MEMBER IS A MINISTER

COMMUNION/OFFERING HELPERS

May 30	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27	July 4
Team 4	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1



TAPE & CD MINISTRY - You can place orders for any of our Sunday messages at our Info Counter which is located on the left hand side of the foyer as you enter the building. Tapes & CDs cost \$4:50 each. Payment ***must*** accompany orders. Copies will NOT be made prior to payment being received. You can also listen to messages on the web: www.spcc.org.au