

WEEKLY WEB CONTACT

Friday 05 March 2010



“Zingers”

“Zingers” are what I call pithy, punchy quotes and sound bites that almost seem to smack you in the face when you read them or hear them. “Zingers” are statements that demand to be pondered. “Zingers” have the power to cause a person to challenge their thinking, motives and behaviours. “Zingers” are a great resource – worth collecting and worth sharing with others.

Here’s a “Zinger” with a real kick that I read a week ago:

“I will not let my public passion exceed my private devotion.”

I don’t know who said this ... and that’s as it should be. I think it indicates that whoever said it first has a good grasp on living in humility. I’m sure that if I’d come up with an original zinger like this one, I would have been tempted to see that my name got attached to it somehow. Which is exactly the point: it’s so very easy to live in the place where public passion exceeds private devotion.

It’s so very easy to get caught up in living out of our own resources, or living through times where we may cut corners and draw from the well without giving the well opportunity to be refilled with fresh water. It’s easy to talk the talk and to live the life in the public sphere and to cover up what really goes on in our personal walk with Jesus. It’s easy to keep up the public passion and neglect our private devotion.

This week I began reading through Paul’s letter to Galatians. I must admit, I found Chapter 1 a little on the dry side until I reached the very last verse (1:24 Msg). Paul recounts his early years of ministry, summing them up with these words: “Their response was to recognize and worship God because of me!”

In this day and age of the cult of Celebrity where anyone can be a Master Chef, Australia’s Favourite Dancer or the Biggest Loser, it’s tempting to want to be recognized for who we are. So much of who we are is on public view.

As I read Paul’s declaration, I found myself asking this zinger of a question: “Does my life and the way I work cause people to recognize and worship God?”

May we, in our private lives, be followers of Jesus, shaped by the rich indwelling of the Word and the Spirit. And may we, like Paul, seek to “... let every detail of our lives, words, actions, whatever – be done in the name of the Master Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.” (Col 3:16-17 Msg).

Tania

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 near that date 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.

KIDS HOPE

Kids Hope is starting at East Vic Park Primary in 2010! We are looking for committed, reliable and enthusiastic people to mentor a child at EVP. Mentoring is a one on one relationship through which the child develops a sense of hope, increased self-esteem and enhanced academic performance. Mentoring is for one hour each week at a time that suits you. Activities involved include reading, helping with class work, playing games, arts and crafts and simply listening to the child. We are also looking for behind the scene prayer partners and people to help organise the Kids Hope program. This is an exciting way we can reach our community and we encourage you all to get involved! Please contact Jessica Gorman for further details and training information. jessica@spcc.org.au / 9313 1600.

Below is an inspiring article written by the KIDS HOPE USA president on his recent visit to the White House. Be encouraged that the President of the United States of America and the First Lady value mentoring and believe in the difference that it is making to children.

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/childrensministry/cupothoughts/whitehousevisitpoliticsofkids.html>



TIME GIFTS & MONEY MATTERS

FACILITATOR: John Bond

7.30pm - 9.30pm @ SPCC

PART 1 3rd March **PART 2** 17th March

This course will equip you to see your life, time and money from God's perspective and provide you some simple disciplines to help you live freely, lightly and out of debt.

CONTACT: Irene (irene@spcc.org.au; 9313 1600)

S.H.A.P.E

This course can really help to empower and mobilize you for life and ministry. David Stanford will facilitate this course which will help you discover your spiritual gifts and how they connect with your heart, passions, abilities, personality and experiences. This can then enable you to be involved in ministry for which you are really 'shaped'. It is on **Thursday nights, March 11 and 18**, from 7pm to 9pm, in the Café area at church. Contact David at the church on 9313 1600 or ds@spcc.org.au, for any more details, or to register.

S.H.A.P.E course reflection

Madhu Panthee, a relatively new Christian who is from Nepal, did the SHAPE course late last year. These are his reflections:

I had lots of confusions around my life about the way of God. I had no idea about Spiritual gifts; the abilities I had; what am I passionate for and what personality I have? After attending the SHAPE Course, I got a more clear understanding of my "shape". During the course there was a lot of time for group discussions, which was the most significant part. Through this course and with the help of friends I got the answers of "Who am I", and what God has for me to do"? I'm a baby Christian and I've to learn more about the step to serving God through Ministry. That was really awesome! Definitely, next time I'll personally ask more friends to attend the Course.

PIGEON HOLES ~ The pigeon holes are still quite full from the holiday break. If you are a regular attender at SPCC can you please check your pigeon hole regularly and when placing letters etc in the pigeon holes can you please ensure that they have both the first name and surname clearly marked on them. Many thanks



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.



Divorce Care is a 13 week video seminar series featuring expert discussion of separation and divorce recovery. The videos also feature people who share personal stories of how they faced the pain of separation and divorce. These sessions include group discussion of the materials presented during the video program. Topics include “Facing My Anger”, “Facing My Loneliness”, “Depression”, “New Relationships”, “Kid Care” and “Forgiveness”.

The course begins on **Monday 8th March, 7:30pm – 9:30pm**. For more information, or to enrol, please call the church office on 9313 1600.



LEARNING FOR LIFE GIANT GARAGE SALE

When: Saturday, 17 April, 8am-12noon
Location: South Perth Church of Christ
Donations: Items may be dropped off on Thursday
15 and Friday 16 April,
1:00pm – 7:00pm

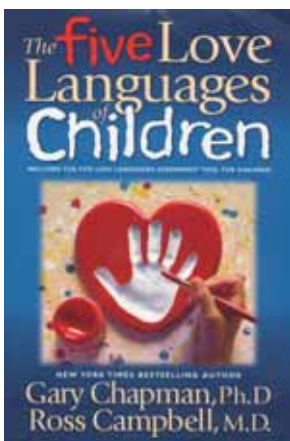
Put the date in your diary and start sorting the items you would like to donate!

Containers of Hope WA

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all those at SPCC who donated supplies, gave their time and valuable funds towards filling and sending two containers of clothing and medical supplies to Zimbabwe.

Over 1,000 boxes were packed with wonderful items, even better than last year. The Containers will leave Fremantle on March 6th and should arrive in Bulawayo by mid-May.

Please pray for favour with Customs clearance and wise distribution by our trusted partners in Zimbabwe. Thousands of people in Zimbabwe will benefit from your generosity.



5 LOVE LANGUAGES OF CHILDREN

Discovering a child's "love language" can help parents communicate positively with their children

Date: Commencing 9 February for 9 weeks

Time: 9.30 - 11.30 am

Facilitator: John Bardsley & Isabelle Gault

Venue: SPCC phone: 9313 1600

It is not too late to join this course at any stage.

Feel free to either phone or turn up on the morning

YOUTH



Wild Life Holiday Program

Who is it for? Youth in Years 8 - 12

Dates: April 12 - 16th

Activities:

Monday	Mountain Biking OR Flying Fox (only 16 places available for each, so be quick!)
Tuesday	Amazing Race
Wednesday	Ski Biscuiting
Thursday	Master Chef & Volunteering
Friday	Trip to the beach

See Display Board or grab a registration form for more details!

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Camp – WHEN:	March 19 - 21 st .
WHERE:	Nanga Bush Camp
WHAT:	A weekend for SPVCC YA's to grow closer to God and each other.
ACTIVITIES:	Low Ropes, Abseiling/Wall Climbing, Ski Biscuiting & more....
COST:	\$130

For more info, grab a registration form from the YA Display Board or see Emily

Snorkelling

There is a group of people who snorkel each Saturday morning and would love to have you join them.

Meet 8.30am at Mettams Pool, off West Coast Hwy near the corner of Lynn St, North Beach.

BYO: snorkelling gear (although there is some spare gear for loan), sun cream, drinks etc.

Contact Ry for more details

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 19 MARCH FOR THE**
APRIL 2010 EDITION

FOR SALE

Rover petrol lawn mower with catcher \$90
Phone: Zelma 9361 3941

2001 Ford Falcon AU 11 Series Auto Sedan 114,000 KM \$5,500
Phone: Chris 9451 1803 evenings for more information.

Nissan Pulsar Sedan 2003 ST. REDUCED for quick sale owner left the Country. Now \$6,000
Phone: Sally 0414 788 779

LOOKING TO RENT

Tidy & outgoing young Christian man looking to rent in the vicinity of Manning, Waterford,
Wilson, Cannington, St James, Como, Beckenham and Willetton.
Rent rates negotiable, preferably somewhere around \$100. Please phone 0403 439 188

SELF CONTAINED FLAT

Available for rent:

1 Large bedroom with walk-in robe & en-suit bathroom.

1 very large living room-kitchen.

Fully furnished & equipped-ready to move in.

Under-cover parking for 1 small car.

Quiet area, close to public transport, shopping, parkland and river.

It would suit 1 or 2 students (non-smokers only)

All this for only \$170 / week for 1.....includes electricity, gas & water.

LOCATION

Alfred Cove-near Canning Hwy & North Lake Road.

Phone: 9330 5937

0419 160 240 or 0419 160 212

The Church inserts advertisements in the Community

Contact as a service to members and friends but does not guarantee the
goods or services advertised

EVERY MEMBER IS A MINISTER

COMMUNION/OFFERING HELPERS

Feb 28
Team 3

Mar 7
Team 4

Mar 14
Team 1

Mar 21
Team 2

Mar 28
Team 3