

# Focus on Service in **2012**



The **Lakes**

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Dear Church Family,

Once again we come to the last quarter of the year and it is time to plan for next year.

God has revealed a plan for all those who have a heart to know him better and be one of his family. So he calls people from every national, political, social and educational grouping. He has no prejudices. Such people need to be rescued from their sin and its consequences, which he achieves through Jesus Christ. Jesus calls them my 'people', my 'family', my 'bride', my 'church' and foreshadows the day in a new creation where we will be gathered together as one – his mission complete.

Our local gathering at The Lakes Evangelical Church is a sign that Christ is progressing with his mission. It shows signs of being his new creation while still existing in the old creation.

The amazing thing is that Christ has a purpose for us, his family here. **"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"**. Ephesians 2:10

Our church's goal for serving is that as people grow in their knowledge of Jesus, we will challenge, facilitate and help resource them to serve one another and the community with love.

The purpose of this booklet is to encourage us in such acts of service through The Lakes. Of course we serve our Lord in many ways, some of which do not occur at The Lakes. However, Christ calls us to serve especially the members of his body that he has already gathered here and to take his call to those who have not yet responded and who are within our reach.

Please use this booklet to consider how you might serve in 2012



Ian Mears

Serving Pastor

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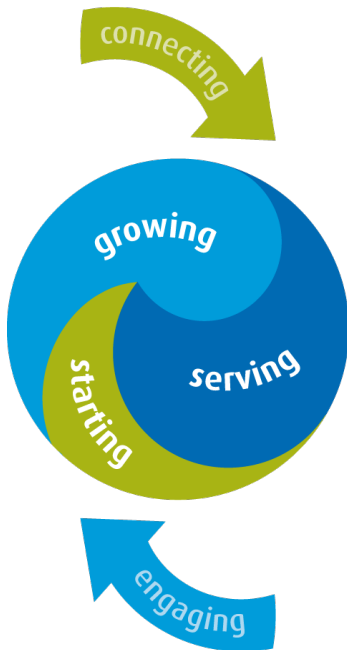
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The following is a reference booklet. Its aim is to help you understand needs at The Lakes which you may be able to meet with your unique talents.



## Introduction

### How is Christ's church being built at The Lakes?



We provide opportunities to help participants:

**Engage** with the community;

**Connect** with people who are already Christians;

**Start** the Christian life by hearing the gospel of Jesus and learning how to become new people in him;

**Grow** in their love and knowledge of God;

To be equipped to **serve** one another.

*The purpose of this booklet is to help the reader identify how he or she can serve Christ better at The Lakes (knowing he/she serves Christ in other areas too).*

Each member of the church has been called to belong and fulfil God's purpose for his church

*"It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-13*



## A. REVIEWING YOUR POTENTIAL

**An important part of determining how you might serve the Lord is to assess your potential for service.**

1. What do you consider your gifts? (Modesty sometimes makes you hide what you actually find you can do relatively well and easily – they are gifts so acknowledge what God has given you.)


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2. What training (work or hobby related) have you done that you could possibly use in service at The Lakes?

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3. Have you some particular interest or passion? Do you wonder whether it might be used in service at The Lakes?

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4. What about some experiences that could be used? (It is amazing how God uses experiences even when they seem remote)

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5. Each personality is unique and valuable. What service at The Lakes do you think your personality suits you for?

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6. What might you find it a hindrance for?

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## B. ASSESSING THE NEED: INFORMAL NEEDS

Having assessed the gifts, training, interests, experiences and personality that God has given you, it is appropriate to assess what the needs are. Some ways that you can serve Christ and each other at The Lakes are informal. It is a matter of observing the need and stepping into the breach.

Write names of people you may consider or things you may do.

- Encouraging someone

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- Reading the Bible and praying with someone

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- Visiting others to build friendship

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- Inviting someone to a shared interest

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- Offering hospitality

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- Giving others a phone call to see how they are

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- Writing a letter, sending a text or an email

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- Offering help of some kind (a meal, labour, child minding etc)

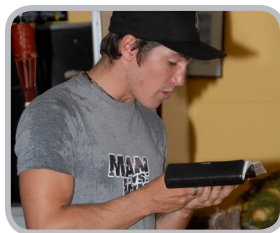
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## C. ASSESSING THE NEED: 'GROWING' MINISTRIES

There are several 'Growing' ministries at The Lakes: some targeted to specific ages or gender. Usually leaders are selected by invitation but we can all support this group of ministries through prayer, encouraging the leaders, and promoting the programs.

### 1. Ministry of the Word

Christ reveals in Ephesians 4:11-13 (see p4) that he will prepare every one of us for works of service through the ministry of the Word. Those who serve the people of God with the Word of God need particular qualifications and have responsibilities which the Bible sets out.



At The Lakes the Senior Minister is appointed under the Church's constitution. He is given responsibility to oversee the ministry of the Word, a ministry he also delegates to suitably qualified people.

All of us can contribute to this ministry by encouraging these teachers, preparing ourselves for learning at church, and encouraging others in their listening by informal discussions of points raised in the sermon.

David Sheath is our senior minister: 4389 1660.

### 2. Kids' Church (Sundays at 8.30 am and 10.30 am)

We want our children to grow spiritually, having a deep love and trust for their Lord Jesus. During Kids' Church, the children are taught from God's Word in a fun and interactive way, appropriate for their age. Robyn Kingsland oversees this ministry and is always looking for people who like encouraging kids and teaching them about Jesus.

She is seeking people to assist in a variety of ways: teach, assist other teachers or help with activity work. Although she is seeking teachers in particular to be involved for a whole year or at least a term, the need is such that some can be accommodated who can only contribute a shorter time. She will try to match your preferred age group. We recommend that when people teach Kids' Church during one service that they attend another, so they are not missing out on church themselves. Kids' Church is divided into.

**Crèche:** caring for children under the age of 2.

**Tiny Tots:** looking after children aged 2 – 3 yrs.

**Pre-school:** Caring for and teaching children aged 3- 5 yrs.

**Years K-6:** Teaching children aged 5-12 about God and salvation through Jesus.

All responsibilities are during church times only.

Training in Child Protection is mandatory and will be provided. Other training in "Faithfulness in Service" and support are available.

People who feel capable of preparing and delivering lessons, or can be helpers in the classroom, should let Robyn know of their interest.

Robyn Kingsland 4329 7018

### **3. Sunday Meetings Support (Stewart Kingsland 4389 2006)**

It takes a lot of energy to coordinate and conduct our Sunday meetings. Consider the service areas below. These activities are also required for non- Sunday meetings such as Church Camps – Evening, Morning and Men’s camps, topical evenings and periodical church outreach events, such as outreach dinners, games nights and Gingerbread House. Contact Stewart except where another name is specified.

#### **3.1 Bible Reading and Prayers**

Our public meetings need people who read the Bible well and speak clearly, and also people who are able to lead in prayer. Preparation would be required and a roster is operating.

#### **3.2. Lord’s Supper Servers**

Servers are required from each of our weekly church meetings to serve in their congregation about once every six weeks.

#### **3.3 Offertory counting and banking**

Counters and checkers are required to maintain our financial management and integrity. This is normally completed thirty minutes after the meeting, placed in a sealed bag and then dropped into the bank during the week.

Russell Windon 4388 4138

### **3.4. Bookstall**

A bookstall is available at Sunday church, with books to encourage Christian understanding.

What can you do?

Use it yourself, buy a book for a friend. Recommend books that could be ordered. Help with setting up or packing down.

Rhonda Richter 0466 887 599

### **3.5 Hall Set up and Pack down**

This requires a roster of dedicated people who are willing to do a physical workout either before or after church! Set-up starts by 7.30am and pack-down is usually completed by 1.15pm. There is a separate set-up and pack-down roster for Church@5

### **3.6 Lock-up**

A roster of up to four people would be ideal to share this role at the conclusion of the 10.30am meeting. Someone is needed each week to lock up the school buildings and gates between 12.50pm and 1.20pm. Living close to the school may be an advantage.

John Eves 4389 2742

### **3.7 Music**

Singers and Musicians are required for this important area of service. A willingness to arrive an hour before the start of a meeting is required. Some administration of song words is also required by the music leaders.



AM churches: John Hedley 4356 1250 or 0409 128013

PM Church@5: Tim Ham 0406 678 293

### **3.8 Sound Desk**

Work with the music and the multi-media team. Sound involves set up or pack down and running sound each week. Training provided. You don't need to be an expert to get started on sound. Set-up for 8:30am church starts by 6:30am and pack down for 10:30am church is usually completed by 1:15pm.



### **3.9 PowerPoint Presentation**

We require people interested in design, development and running PowerPoint presentations. This involves being able to handle computers, projectors, and simple Multimedia presentations.

### **3.10 Morning Tea/Supper**

We require people to help with set up and pack up of morning tea benches, or similar set up and pack up for Church@5 supper. We encourage members to stay after services and talk to one another over a cuppa and discover opportunities for encouragement and prayer.

John Beaman 4362 1545

## **4. Small Groups**

There are many small groups that meet weekly or fortnightly to study the Word, pray, and encourage each other. David has delegated to Darren Box, an honorary member of staff, oversight of this particular ministry. He also appoints, after consultation, leaders for each group.

We can serve by both participating as a member of a group and encouraging others to join one also. We devote a Sunday at the beginning of each year to give more details, but people can join anytime.

Darren Box 4389 7431

## **5. SALT (youth groups)**

The youth ministry of The Lakes Church meets on Friday evenings. SALT aims to build up and encourage young people (from school yr5 to yr12) by hanging out, having fun and seeing what God has to say in the Bible. Tim Ham, a part-time staff member, leads a team to do this. Enthusiasm and energy are required.

Tim Ham 0406 678 293



## **6. WOW (Women Of the Word)**

Women meet in various groups throughout the week to study God's Word, pray and encourage one another. In 2012 the meeting on Tuesdays will include child minding. See p.18 Kidz Biz.

Ruth Sheath 4389 1660

## **7. Glengara Monthly Service**

A team from the Tuesdays at Ten small group hold a service at Glengara Retirement Village to present the gospel and provide a church meeting for the residents. Members of The Lakes attend to encourage the growth of the congregation.

Russell Windon 4388 4138

Ian Mears 4388 9247

## **8. Ministry to Chinese Speaking Peoples**

The Lakes runs a weekly Chinese/English Bible Study.

Once a month we also hold a Chinese/English church service. Anyone interested in helping with logistics of this service or following up Chinese Christians contact Suzie Schubert 0414 510 866

## **D. ASSESSING THE NEED: 'ENGAGING' MINISTRIES**

The Lakes members are encouraged to engage with the community and invite friends to church services and special events. In addition we ask you to support the following 'Engaging' events.

### **1. School Scripture**

Special Religious Education (SRE) gives us access to public schools each week to conduct a short lesson to teach children about God and salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. Half-hour slots at Primary Schools and one-hour slots in High Schools are available. Training, resources and support are provided. We need teachers and also teachers' assistants who help prepare and distribute resources.

Primary School: Glenys Sheath 4385 9792 Secondary School: Tim Ham 0406 678 293 Michael Plaege 4388 3337

### **2. Door Knocking**

A team has been chosen to do door-knock visits, about once a month, in particular areas. Pray for this strategy.

Michael Plaege 4388 3337

### **3. Letter Box Distribution**

Once a term we distribute leaflets to promote upcoming activities in church life. We need a team of people willing to distribute the leaflets. It takes three to four hours each term (depending on the area) . A map of the precise section you choose to cover is available. We also offer an opportunity to members to engage with an area by adopting it for letter box distribution.

Russell Windon 4388 4138

#### **4. Ourimbah Christian Students**

Ministry to university students on the Ourimbah Campuses: Outreach events, teaching times and social gatherings are conducted throughout the year. A "must attend" group if you are a student at that campus.

Adam Gregory 0411 440 404

#### **5. Women's Events**

Women's events are conducted throughout the year, like Mothers' Day Breakfast, Craft and Ginger Bread House events, to connect and engage women in our church

and our community.

Assistance is required to organise, purchase, clean, provide supper, set-up, pack-up and assist work decorating. Men can also assist with ushering and car park attendance.

Ruth Sheath 4389 1660

#### **6. Men's events**

BOBBS holds several events throughout the year, including Katoomba Men's Convention, and GNW BOBBS night, to make it easy to engage – see BOBBS p.15

#### **7. GOOD NEWS WEEK 9th-13th Jan. 2011**

Good News Week (GNW) is our biggest event of the year. In January we run a huge holiday program for the community. You can't miss it!

It is all hands on deck as we raise a banner to the community, introducing ourselves to them, and them to the truth about Jesus.

Michael Plaege 4388 3337 - [www.gnw.net.au](http://www.gnw.net.au)





Following are details for GNW

### **7.1 Infants, Primary, & High School program – LOST TEAM**

Each year we are joined by a committed group of mainly young adults from other churches, who join us for GNW to run the children's program. They are known as the LOST TEAM – Living On Site Team. The LOST team recruits members and prepares the program throughout the year. Many members of The Lakes join the LOST Team for the week. Get involved in GNW now and consider your involvement with the LOST Team.

### **7.2 Crèche: Caring for 0-3 year olds 9:00 - 11:30am, Mon – Fri.**

The Crèche provides a safe and fun environment for the little ones while freeing up parents to attend the Adults Tent and the older children to attend their programs. A loving heart and a willingness to sit on the floor and play is required.

### **7.3 Pre-school: Caring for 3-4 year olds 9:00 – 11:30am, Mon-Fri.**

The Pre-school provides a safe and fun environment for the little ones while freeing up parents to attend the Adults Tent and the older children to attend their programs. A loving heart and a willingness to sit on the floor and play, as well as singing and craft is required.

### **7.4 Cooks**

Our cooks are a highly valued part of our GNW Team. They provide all the meals for our LOST Team (Sat 8th-Sun 16th Jan). We need people to assist in preparing meals, picking up food orders or cooking a slice!

### **7.5 Young Adults**

The Young Adults night seeks to reach Gen Y for Jesus in a relaxed and informal way. If you're not part of the LOST Team or Adults Tent consider helping out with this hip section!

## **7.6 Adults' Tent**

Hosting the community in a Marquee 9.00-11.30am, Mon – Fri, plus Fri night.

A comprehensive adults' program is run to a different theme every year during the children's programs. A team to serve and converse with adults in the big tent is required, a large crew for kitchen work and those with all manner of technical skills to assist with production.

## **7.7 Logistics, Set up and Pack Down**

The Logistics team creates a safe, welcoming and workable platform for GNW.

Handymen and strongmen, owner drivers, gardeners, lighting, lifters, cleaners, security, parking attendants, etc! If you can't come the full week, here is a great way to assist the Mission on the weekends.



## **7.8 Registration**

The registration team is the face of GNW, welcoming and directing visitors as they arrive each morning. The team assist with and complete administrative tasks such as recording visitor details, collecting money, data entry and other secretarial tasks.

## **7.9 Soul on the Grass- Friday 13th Jan**

A relaxed Friday evening on the oval. BYO Picnic dinner and a great band. Assist with soft drink sales for one hour or help with pack down following the event.

## **7.10 Family Fun Day- Sunday, 15th Jan**

The Good News Week Finale! Outdoor celebration service, followed by great games, a gourmet BBQ lunch and loads of fun on the oval. Supervise an activity for one hour or help pack down following the event.

## **E. ASSESSING THE NEED: 'CONNECTING' MINISTRIES**

### **1. WISE (Women Inspiring, Supporting and Encouraging)**

It is a warm, casual and friendly place to get to know other women from our church. It is also a great place to bring along a friend and introduce them to other Christian women. Every month we enjoy having a cuppa and delicious food whilst having discussions, movies, games and fun theme nights.

There are many opportunities to assist this ministry in helping with catering, set up, pack up, and we would welcome any ladies who would like to be part of the team. Fresh new ideas are always welcome.

Wendy McIntyre 4332 4013

### **2. BOBBS (Men's Ministry)**

Men's Events are conducted throughout the year to connect and encourage men in our church and the community; Men's Breakfast, Camp, Rib and Roast Night, organisers, administration, cooks, multi-media, logistics required.

Peter Linnet 4388 3144 Sel TeWani 4388 1867

### **3. SKI (Sharing the King's Inheritance)**

SKI is about people getting together enjoying fellowship, company or a helping hand. This could be over breakfast, BBQ, picnic, a cruise, bushwalk or community cultural event.

SKI provides connection and interaction with others and a venue for encouragement, friendship and a social outlet. We can offer assistance, resources and mentoring through and from the gifts and talents that God has given us either individually or as a group.

John and Lola Beaman 4362 1545

### **4. FUN team (Follow Up Newcomers)**

The Follow Up Newcomers (FUN) Team is a team committed to welcoming and looking after newcomers, from the time they walk through the door until they are warmly settled into our Church family. Involves initiative, boldness and hospitality!

Stewart Kingsland 4389 2006

## F. ASSESSING THE NEED: 'STARTING' MINISTRIES

Michael Plaege 4388 3337

### 1. Simply Christianity

The Simply Christianity course is a terrific opportunity to investigate Christianity. It runs for five weeks and focuses on Luke's ancient biography of Jesus' life found in the New Testament part of the Bible.

Encourage people you think would benefit from joining.

### 2. Just for Starters

Perfect for those who have recently made a commitment to follow Christ. This course looks at what the Bible teaches on seven fundamental topics: salvation, faith, living God's way, prayer etc. Helpers are needed who are willing to befriend and disciple new believers.

### 3. One-on-one Discipling

Try to meet with someone for prayer, to read the Bible together, and to encourage each other. Aim to help them take the next step in their Christian growth.



## **G. ASSESSING THE NEED: 'SERVING' MINISTRIES**

All the activities the Church runs encourage people to serve. Where possible the different ministries offer training to equip people for that service. Ian Mears helps to identify the 'equipping' that is already provided, identify gaps and where possible facilitate provision of training.

### **1. Theological Seminars (PTC)**

The Lakes runs weekly seminars based on Moore College's correspondence courses. Each term we focus on a different subject such as, Introduction to the Bible, New or Old Testament, or Doctrine. In serving it is desirable to deepen one's understanding of God's purposes and his revelation to us. Contact Ian for more details. Potential leaders and Bible Teachers are encouraged to enroll.

Ian Mears 4388 9247

### **2. Helping Hands**

Helping Hands seeks to co-ordinate practical help through crisis care, home care, maintenance, meals, visitation at hospital or home, hospitality, and support for the unemployed and struggling.

Janette Taylor 4393 2937

Who and what is needed?

What we need is a group of people who are willing to make their time, skills or equipment available. As needs arise, Sue Love will give you a call to see if you will be able to help. The sort of people we are looking for are: electricians, builders, plumbers, mechanics; practical people to mow lawns, do gardening, household repairs and cleaning, preparation of meals to give to people, providing hospitality, driving people to places... you name it and our Lord can use it!



### **3. Private help**

See a need? Can you meet it? Is there a small group that can help? If the answer is Yes! No! No! to these three questions then contact the Helping Hands co-ordinator.

What Can You Do?

Volunteer your name and contact details, and what you can do to go on a list. You will be contacted when a need arises to see if you are free to help.

Janette Taylor 4393 2937

### **4. Administration - church office**

There are numerous administrative tasks that need to be undertaken during the year on a regular or one-off basis. These tasks range from data entry to preparing Page 18

and folding news letters for weekly meetings and upcoming events to graphic design and sermon uploading. A dedicated team is required for behind the scenes work. The need is particularly during office hours and on a regular basis (e.g. 3-4 hrs each week). Fortnightly office cleaning is also appreciated.

Stewart Kingsland 4389 2006

### **5. IT/Web/Multimedia Ministry**

Do you have web and productions skills? Has the Lord gifted you in understanding technology? If so, then consider reaching our community by working with the IT/ Web and Multimedia team. We need people to help us produce radio and video productions, enhance our website and connect our members. To register see:

Stewart Kingsland 4389 2006

### **6. Catering**

The Lakes has many events where catering help is vital: After church BBQ's, men's and women's events, camps, Good News Week. Cooks, administration, servers and workers are required.

## 7. Kidz Biz

Supervising and teaching children not yet at school. Tuesday mornings from 9am-12am, during WOW (Women of the Word) Small Group time.

People with a willingness to work with children, helping them with various activities, and playing safely, are needed. Please contact Lauren MacIntyre.

Note: Training in the Child protection legislation and the "Faithfulness in Service" Guidelines will be provided.

Lauren McIntyre 0424 026 417

## 8. "Try me" tasks

Sometimes there are tasks for those who are available and willing to try anything, no matter how small. You don't have endless time available, but just a willingness to talk about what is required and to see if you can help when the time arises.

Stewart Kingsland 4389 2006



## **NEW MINISTRY ENDEAVOURS**

At The Lakes we are committed to the Biblical principle of "every member a minister". That is, each one of us as God's children has a part to play in serving one another as we together build Christ's church. We do not want our members to feel that new ministries need to be initiated or run by the staff team.

We want all our members to be creative and entrepreneurial in initiating new ministries. Sometimes you will see opportunities and needs when they present themselves. We want to foster members' seeing these opportunities and turning them into reality!

If you see a need or opportunity let us know.

## **PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT**

One way to serve each and every ministry is to pray for it and its leaders. Be informed. Pray for wisdom, protection, love. Encourage the leaders in their endeavour to reach their goals.

## **QUALITIES**

Essential qualities for effective service are generosity of attitude, flexibility, reliability and love towards the people you serve.





**FOR FUTHER INFO CONTACT**

**Engaging and Starting**

Michael Plaege 43488 3337

**Connecting & Growing**

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**Serving**

Ian Mears 4388 9247

**IDEAS FOR MY "SERVICE" IN 2012**

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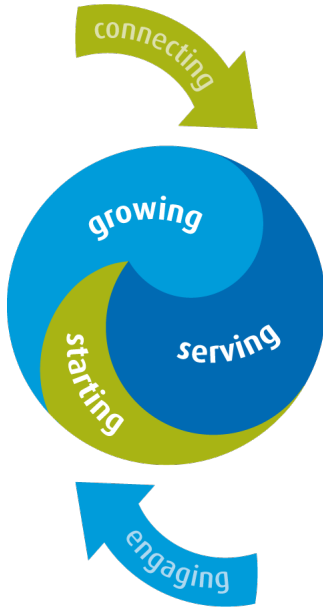
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