

## WANTED – DISTURBED PEOPLE

We generally associate the word “disturbed” with someone who is troubled mentally or emotionally. But in the bible and throughout history we can see many examples of people who were disturbed in a different kind of way. Men and women who allow God to disturb them by showing them things as he sees them, and by putting a compelling desire in their hearts to do something about what they see.

These are the people who become world-changers, not because of their outstanding gifts, but because they said “yes” to God, even before they knew the full implications of what that “yes” would mean. Their ordinariness, surrendered to God, allowed him to make a miracle of their lives in the same way as when he fed thousands of hungry people with a young boy’s packed lunch.

Are we willing to allow God to disturb us? As we approach our week of 24/7 prayer, let’s begin to prepare ourselves by saying “Lord, help us to see You, the world and ourselves as they really are, and to have our hearts changed”. The 24/7 week of prayer is an opportunity to call upon heaven’s resources for our church, community and nation. It’s also about giving time to God, to let him disturb us. As a church, let us open our hearts to the Creator of the Universe in a week completely devoted to God.



## 24/7 – The details...

The vision behind this week of prayer is that we're aiming to touch heaven and in doing so, change earth. We recognise that as a church, we do a lot, when we do a lot, we need to pray a lot!

So we're devoting a whole week to praying that God would move powerfully and bring about change in our church, community, nation and world. Did you know that we can actually change God's mind?! How amazing is that! Imagine what 150 people praying for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week can do!?

As part of the full week of prayer there are hourly slots for each of us to sign up for covering 24/7 as well as nightly gatherings where we're inviting the whole church to come and pray together. Each evening will include a time of worship followed by prayer, below are the themes for each evening.

Sunday 25th am	-	Launch of week of prayer
Sunday 25th pm	-	Praying for Gateway ministries
Monday 26th	-	Reflective prayer, opportunity to be quiet before God
Tuesday 27th	-	Praying for one another
Wednesday 27th	-	Praying for our community (Acomb & York)
Thursday 28th	-	Praying for healing
Friday 29th	-	Praying for our nation
Saturday 30th	-	Praying for our world
Sunday 31st am	-	Celebration and testimonies

## BEN and ANNA STORY

Ben and Anna Story are members of Gateway Church, serving with YWAM Vanuatu. Their baby Simon was born prematurely this summer. Because Simon's condition was critical he was sent to hospital in Brisbane, Australia where he will most likely be until November. Anna has been with Simon the whole time and is staying in Brisbane while Ben has had to travel back and forth between Vanuatu and Australia which is very expensive.

Simon now weighs 1.8 kg, which is enough body fat to keep him warm. The doctors had been reducing his air / oxygen supply, and for nearly 2 weeks, he's been breathing on his own.

He is now in an open cot, which means Ben and Anna can now hug and cuddle Simon, and feel close to him. They managed to help give him his first full bath, and he's started to wear clothes, even though the smallest size is still a little too big for him.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> October, we are holding an offering for Ben, Anna and Simon. Faith is going over to visit them in Australia, taking our gift and a card, which you are invited to write your message in. You can find the card on the information table. Thank you for your continued prayers, letters and messages for Ben, Anna and Simon, they've really made a difference, in the situation and for their peace of mind.



## CHRISTMAS IS COMING . . . . .

Here are a couple of things for your diaries and to get excited about! **Saturday 19th December** we are hosting 2 great events that we hope will bless us and our community.

During the day we will have our **Christmas Fun Day** when we open the centre up for seasonal festivities then in the evening we are hosting a **Riding Lights performance 'On Christmas Night'**. The performance lasts for 1 hour and is suitable for all ages. The event will be ticketed (price to be confirmed) and ideal to invite friends and neighbours to.

Traditionally the local church supports Riding Lights in offering hospitality in the form of providing bed & breakfast etc for the actors involved. If you are able to accommodate one or more of the actors involved please let us know at the info table asap. This can be for 1 night or up to 5 weeks!



The 2nd 'blue bag' collection is scheduled for 17th November so please save all clothing, bedding, curtains, shoes, bags and soft toys and bring them to Gateway for the collection. Bags will be available soon although you can use black bags too. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser which will support the work of CAP, Youth Outreach & the Actsix fund. If space is a problem you can bring your bags into Gateway earlier!

**ALPHA** - We are enjoying getting to know our guests on the Alpha course and they seem to be enjoying the course so far. We have approximately 14 adult guests and 8 young people so please pray that over the coming weeks they will hear and respond to the Gospel. On 17th October Martin Ruddick will lead us through the Holy Spirit Day, this is often a very significant time for folk so please pray for all concerned.

## Month at a Glance - October 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2 Oasis Café 10.00 - 12.00	3	4 Worship 10.30 Service Communion
5 Keep Fit 6.00  Gateway Community Choir 7.30	6	7 Gateway Toddlers 9.30- 11.00  College Curve 7.30	8  Gateway Kidz Club 6.15-7.15	9 Oasis Café 10.00 - 12.00  Curve 7.30-9.30	10	11 Worship 10.30 Service
12 Keep Fit 6.00  Gateway Community Choir 7.30	13  Alpha 7.15	14 Gateway Toddlers 9.30- 11.00  College Curve 7.30	15  Gateway Kidz Club 6.15-7.30	16 Oasis Café 10.00 - 12.00  Curve 7.30-9.30	17	18 Worship Service 10.30
19 Keep Fit 6.00  Gateway Community Choir 7.30	20  Alpha 7.15	21 Gateway Toddlers 9.30- 11.00  College Curve 7.30	22  Gateway Kidz Club 6.15-7.30	23  Oasis Café 10.00 - 12.00	24	25 Worship Service 10.30  <i>24/7 week of prayer launch</i>
26 No Choir  <i>24/7 week of prayer 8-9.30</i>	27  <i>24/7 week of prayer 8-9.30</i>	28  <i>24/7 week of prayer 8-9.30</i>	29  <i>24/7 week of prayer 8-9.30</i>	30 Oasis Café 10.00 - 12.00  <i>24/7 week of prayer 8-9.30</i>	31  <i>24/7 week of prayer 8-9.30</i>	1 Worship Service 10.30  Unite

### REQUESTS FROM OUR STAFF

If you have used a room in the centre please make sure you have cleared up all dishes, papers, etc. Furniture needs to be put back to its original place.

On Sundays if you have a church or centre enquiry please direct those questions to the person at the information table. If the person at the table is unable to answer your question, please leave a message in the blue book which you can find on the table.

Thanks for your consideration.

**“HOW CAN I GIVE TO GATEWAY?”** The work of Gateway Church is supported entirely by the generous giving of its members. If you would like to give regularly to the church you can do so by filling out one of our standing order forms together with a Gift Aid declaration if you are a UK taxpayer. Both forms are available at the Information desk on a Sunday or from the office. For more information please call Wendy on 781983.

## Notices

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE!!** - We are in need of volunteers who can consistently work cafe shifts, especially on Saturdays. If you would like to join the team please email [wendy@gatewaychurch.co.uk](mailto:wendy@gatewaychurch.co.uk) with details of when you can help.



**SUNDAY TALKS** - A reminder that these are available to download from our website [www.gatewaychurch.co.uk](http://www.gatewaychurch.co.uk). We don't include testimonies etc on that but you can order a CD from which does include those from the info point.

**NEW FRONTIERS** - There will be a Regional Celebration Saturday 7th November, 7.00 pm at Gateway, Leeds. The guest speaker is Joseph Mwila, who leads "Dayspring Ministries" in Zambia.

**NORTH '09** - Many of us found the talks at North to be a highlight of the conference and very encouraging. They are now available on iTunes. You can subscribe to them on <http://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=330236999>

**KEEP FIT** - The Keep Fit exercise class has started back up at Gateway, Monday evenings 6.00 -7.00 pm. The cost is £2 per class. Join for a fun way to get in shape.

***A HUGE 'thank you' to everyone who helped with Paul and Susanna Coleman's wedding. It was much appreciated.***

**MAKE SOME TIME FOR YOUR MARRIAGE** - Gateway's 2nd Marriage Course starts with a free taster evening in the Centre on Thursday 19th November. For couples who sign up there will be a further 2 sessions before Christmas and 4 in January and February. The course is for any couple who wants to invest in their relationship, whether you have been together 1 or 61 years and whether you have a strong relationship or are struggling.

The atmosphere is relaxed, you will be served with a candlelit meal at a romantic table for two while listening to practical talks that are informative and fun. There is no group work nor will you be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner.

Over the 7 sessions of the course you will discover practical tools to help you:

- \* understand each other's needs
- \* communicate more effectively
- \* grow closer through resolving conflict
- \* heal the ways you've hurt each other
- \* recognise how your upbringing affects your relationship
- \* improve relationships with parents and in-laws
- \* develop greater sexual intimacy
- \* discover each other's love languages and much, much more!

For further details contact Tom and Jill Ross (331238) or Dave and Sue Coward (782094).

**GATEWAY CAR PARK ON SUNDAYS** - We have a number of Disabled Badge holders and infirm people at our Sunday meetings so please use an alternative parking space eg the car park at Morrisons to free the Centre car park for these vehicles. We also need to ensure we maintain access for emergency vehicles such as ambulances so should not park outside of the marked spaces.