

## **Opportunities for Ministry**

Oasis Sunday 9:00 am

Family Worship Sunday 10:30 am

Delve Bible Study 2nd Sunday of each month 1:30 pm

Koinonia (FELLOWSHIP LUNCH) 4th Sunday each month

Junior Soldiers see Frances Mills for details

PRISM Program Monday 7:00 pm

Ladies Fellowship Tuesday

Morning tea 10:30 am

Home League 11:00 am

Ensemble Practice Tuesday 7:30 pm

Kids at Play Wednesday 10:30 am

Band Practice Wednesday 7:30 pm

Know your Bible Thursday 9:30—10:30 am

Timbrels / Your Group /Life 6:30 every second Friday Night.

(next meeting is Friday 21st)

Please note: Any inclusions in the Newsletter please contact Captain Bill or Susanne or Gail Salmon.

Gail can be contacted on 4733 2401 (leave a message) or email: gail\_salmon@bigpond.com

# Blacktown City Corps Newsletter 9th March 2014



Visitors are always welcome at Blacktown. Please share in a time of fellowship during morning tea following the Service.

**Corps Officers** 

Captains William & Susanne Geracia

2 Kempsey St. Blacktown

Please remember that our BIBLE STUDY DELVE is on TODAY! Bring your Bible and some meat to grill. 1:30 pm. See Susanne with any questions.

KIDS CHECK!! - If Susanne has given you forms to fill out please do so and return to Susanne by the end of March.

A BIG THANK YOU to Mavis Humpreys who has been working on the gardening around the Corps—it looks wonderful!

<u>SELF DENIAL</u> started on 23rd February and will run until March 30th when we will hold our altar service. Please pick up the information on the back table and prayerfully consider giving.

THE CORPS DIRECTORY is close to print—photos are being taken by Major Holley. If you have any alterations or need to submit families please do so today. See Jan Clarke please for any changes.

<u>DON'T FORGET</u> to check out the NOTICBOARD for new calendar information.

#### We Believe (Sermon Series)

Over the course of the next three months (with a couple breaks in between) we as a Corps, as the Body of Christ are going to be looking in depth at what we believe. The 11 Doctrines are the core faith principles of which we stand and believe. These 11 Doctrines printed below is what the worldwide Salvation Army united together believe. These 11 statements of faith will challenge us over these next few months, so I encourage you to read them, get to know them, come with your questions, your thoughts and we will unite together as we seek to go deeper in our understanding of these statements.

May the Holy Spirit guide you! Bill

We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.

We believe that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship.

We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead-the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.

We believe that in the person of Jesus Christ the Divine and human natures are united, so that He is truly and properly God and truly and properly man.

We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocency, but by their disobedience they lost their purity and happiness, and that in consequence of their fall all men have become sinners, totally deprayed, and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has by His suffering and death made an atonement for the whole world so that whosoever will may be saved.

We believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit, are necessary to salvation.

We believe that we are justified by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.

We believe that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ.

We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified, and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgment at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked.

# February Sermon Series "FAMILY WORSHIP"



# Please read and let God open your hearts.

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DIVINE	PRACTICE			
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# **HOME LEAGUE SCHEDULE:**

⇒ March 11th Betty & Envoy Christine Jameson,

⇒ March 18th Major Lyn Whitehouse,

⇒ March 25th Bella Heard,

⇒ April 1st Major Robert Holley.

#### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

A big Happy 21st Birthday to Carly Tomlins Today!!!!

9th Tat Mwanza

11th Alexandra White

# Pray for them and wish them a Blessed Day!



**Happy Anniversary** 

10th March Ivan & Noelene Kelly

What's better than answers to our why questions?

Trusting a good God who has His reasons.

PLEASE NOTE: on Thursdays & Fridays from 9-12:30 the Blacktown City Bowling Club will be using our car park. There will still be 5 allocated spots for Corps use.

#### **WEEKLY GIVING**

Open Plate Giving \$ 122.35 Planned Giving \$ 2,342.50 Cadets Chris & Kay Ford and their children Jessica & Sarah will be commencing ministry with us from March 16th. Please pray for the Cadets as they come to join us. Following is a photo and info from the Cadets.



Hi, we are Chris and Kay Ford and we have two girls, Jessica and Sarah. We moved to Sydney last year to come to college from Calamvale in Brisbane. We are really loving Sydney and the new experiences we are

having. We are really excited to be coming to Blacktown soon and getting to know as many of you as we can.

When we manage to get some family time, we like to explore Sydney. Some of our favourite places are the beach at Brighton Le Sands, La Peruse and the Blue Mountains. Everything seems so close here, it's great!

Chris and Kay don't mind a bit of motor racing, particularly the V8s. Jess and Sarah love being girls and playing with their friends.

THANK YOU to Craig McCready for offering to help put together the Corps website.

We are looking for eager volunteers who are willing to put on their best smile and become a member of our street ministry team on Saturday mornings at Westpoint for a few hours. Please see Susanne or Bill if you would like to help in this way.

## PRAYER LIST

Pray for our Young People's ministries and ministry opportunities.



Continue to pray for Peter, Gail & Alex in Africa

Please pray our Officers, Captain Bill & Susanne and their family as they minister to us.

Pray for Rena with continued serious health concerns.

Pray for Lavender Freeman and the family at this time.

This week pray especially for: Bruce Parker, Leesa & Mitchell Parker, Heather Pearce, Muriel Pethybridge, Cherylee Reeves, Wayne & Janine Robins, Nigel, Linda, Joshua & Samuel Robinson.

Give thanks to God for the answers to prayers and for the many blessings he gives us daily.

Write your plans in pencil and remember that God has the eraser.