

Programmes

YOUTH / STUDENTS

High School (GRIP)

Events, activities and life groups for high-school youth, meeting on Friday nites. Talk to Melvin for more info. www.bebo.com/gripyo

What's next

GRIP will recommence on Friday 5th February. Contact Melvin Tang 0403 865 013

Tertiary (FRESH)

Events, activities and life groups for tertiary aged young adults, meeting on Sunday nites for church. Talk to Ps Steve for more info (0424 181 007).

What's Next

FRESH will recommence on Sunday 28th February.

INTERNATIONAL (ISM) STUDENTS

Making lasting friendships in Australia and feel at home with us. More info on activities talk to Tuck Yean or visit ism.aacc.net.au

What's Next

WELCOME DINNER. This will be held on Sat. 13 March at 6pm at various locations. Tuck Yean Yong (8344 5619)

BUBS/TODDLERS/PRE-SCHOOL/PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Sundays)

Church designed just for Kids (Toddlers to R to Y8)...GAMES, CRAFT, SONGS, STORIES, DRAMA...Please go to the Chapel for assistance on room allocation.

Today—9.15am to 10.30am

Contact Mei Ling Soo (0416 188 884)

MUMS AND BUBS (Wednesdays)

Mums and Bubs Group—This is a playgroup for kids and for mums to have fellowship, prayer and afternoon tea together every fortnight Wednesdays at 2pm. For more information, contact Rebekah (7127 5141)

LADIES' LIFE

Gathering for all ladies for a time of social and recreational activity, support, prayer, dining together...

Next Meeting:

Thursday 25th February.

For more information, contact Linda (8379 0001)

MEN'S LIFE

Next Meeting:

Contact Alan Teo for more details (8274 1992)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robyn Annell's mum passed away peacefully last Saturday morning. The church offers it's condolences to the Annell's family. Please keep them in your prayers.

AACC CAMP—6-8 MARCH 2010

There will be lots of fun and activities and great teaching from Ps Steve Hwang, our new Senior Pastor.

Going Bananas would like to say thank you to everyone who have helped in so many ways and all who have extended invitations to families and friends. "Going Bananas" attracted an average of 45 children each day, with more than half the children not from AACC. We would like to thank God for the smooth running of the 3 days program and for the protection of each child that came through the door. Thank you for your prayers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Audio version of **past sermons** can be accessed from our website www.aacc.net.au, click on "Sermon Series" OR go direct to sermons.aacc.com.au

PRAYER AT THE END OF THE SERVICE

Come to the Prayer Room located at the front left of auditorium if you would like someone to talk to or pray with. Life Group leaders or prayer ministry members will be there to support you.

Enquiries Henry Lim 0423366153 & Toh Sang (0407393484)

DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

Austral-Asian Community Church

BSB : 085-458, Acc No : 52733 2634

Should the funds being transferred be intended for a specific ministry like missions then please note this in the remarks / description field of the transfer.

More info: Rick Tan (0424 953 469)

You know, I agonized over this last pastors page for many hours. I started and restarted it so many times, only to discard each attempt. What I wanted to say here just wouldn't come out straight, no matter how hard I tried. Then I realized why.

I was trying to write a final pastors page. I was trying to write the end of the story, a fitting conclusion to honour the church here at AACC and those individuals who have given so much to us over the past 3 years. I was trying to write the happy ending. But then I read this quote from Peter S. Beagle, an American author. He said "...a happy ending cannot come in the middle of the story."

This is not the end of the story. This is somewhere in the middle. The end is somewhere off in the distance, far beyond our seeing, but right now is where we are today. Right in this moment is where we live, and we cannot imagine what the future holds.

Today, we walk out of the doors and go to the food court for lunch for the last time. Today, I hand in my keys, hand over my responsibility, and resign my membership. This is the last hurrah, and today as we walk through those doors, we may feel a sense of loss. We may feel like something is coming to an end.

But it's not.

Today is the middle of the story, not the end. You will continue to grow and to serve the Lord. The seed I planted someone else may harvest. The things I taught or imparted or showed will be a part of you forever. The love and friendship we share with you will not stop just because I am no longer a pastor at AACC, because this is not the end.

This is not a "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race" pastor's page. This is a "continue in what you have learned" until we meet again' pastor's page. I consider it an honour and a huge privilege to have served here and I have grown immensely over the past 3 years. Thank you for being a part of our lives over the past years.

My prayer as we come to this point is that you, individually and as a church, will continue to grow from strength to strength. Continue to follow the example of godly men and women. Drink only good coffee.

To the youth and young adults, I want to thank you for your love, support, encouragement, constructive criticism, patience, endurance, and commitment over the past 3 years, through the good times and the bad times. My prayer for you is, in the words of Spock, "Live long, and prosper". My prayer is everything written above, and that you will see God work in your lives throughout the coming years. I hope we will meet again. You will always be welcome at my table and in my home. May you always be blessed in all your endeavours.

And finally, may the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Grace, peace and love from us all.

Phil, Alison, Josiah and Rebekah.