

Pastor's Pen...

Good morning

As you will be aware today is Father's Day, I admit I struggle with the commercial nature of this day, it seems that it has become all about how much money you can spend on Dad to show him he is valued. If that is the goal then we have lost our way, I believe Father's Day is important because it gives the opportunity to acknowledge the importance of solid, reliable and quality male figures in our children's lives.

Fathers' along with mothers' have the greatest potential to input in a positive way into children's lives. Many of us will be able to tell stories of how our fathers have played a significant role in the development of who we are today.

But I have also witnessed the negative effects of an absent or dysfunctional father during my many years as a youth worker. As followers of Jesus we want to be people of influence for God's kingdom. I believe a strategic area for us to invest our time is in the field of positive male role models. This can happen through things like ICONZ, our Kid's Ministry, our Youth Ministry, or even right here in Church. Can I encourage you that even if you don't have kids of your own, or perhaps your kids may have grown up, you still have an opportunity to play a significant role in helping to support our young people as they grow up. The phrase "It takes a village to raise a child" has a lot of truth, even in the individualistic society we live in today.

Blessings

Mike

About people and happenings...

- **Newcomers/Visitors:** Welcome to Northpoint this morning. We have a newcomers coffee and cake evenings throughout the year - leave a contact address and number @ the office and we'll be in touch with details.
- **Pastoral Care.** If you have any pastoral needs or concerns please contact the office or Terry on 752 0796 or Margy on 755 1966.
- **Tributes for Pastor Robyn Lewis** - There are special pages available in the foyer for you to write any messages or stories about Robyn which will be put in a book and bound for the family.
- **Back to Church Sunday** - 12th Sept - please remember to pass on the invitation that was included in your newsletter last week.
- **Evening Service here @ Northpoint** at 7.00pm on Sunday 26 September. We will have the City Sounds choir here to share their gifting with us. If you have considered joining a choir they would be more than happy to answer any queries you might have and welcome you into the choir. Contact Dellys Cleland for more details on 755 1660.
- **IFG Zumba class** will be held here at Northpoint on Saturday 11 September from 2-3pm. Cost is \$8 each. Come along and have a try or get an extra lesson in.
- **GEM ́s and Mid week Communion Service** coming up on 16 September @ Northpoint.
- **Operation Christmas Child** - do you need some bits and pieces to fill your shoebox? Chris and Errol have some items available in the foyer for sale @ \$3 per item.

Back to Church Sunday

10.00am @ Northpoint

On Sunday 12 September

Have you prayed about who you could invite?

Have you issued an invitation to a friend or family member yet?

Do you need to pick up any extra invitations from the church foyer?



Sept 12 2010

hot tips
events
FOR PARENTS

40 Top Tips for Parents
Tues 28 September, 7pm

Parenting Teenagers
Wed 29 September, 7pm

Cost \$20 single/ \$35 double
per night.

Book online at
www.theparentingplace.com
or tickets available from the
Northpoint office.

If you can help look after the
bookstall or with any other jobs
on the nights, please see Nicky
Joffe or phone 755 2374.

On the noticeboard this week...

- **Community Weight Loss Challenge** - see details on the noticeboard.
- **Life FM have changed their frequency** from 99.5 to 99.6.
- **Flatmate Wanted:** Christian female to share with 3 others in Westtown near the hospital. Call Kelly on 027 314 1309.
- **Organ Event!** Gala recital by international concert organist Carlo Curley on 12 September. See noticeboard for more details.
- **Spiritual Growth Ministries Quiet Day** - "Going on Holiday with God" to be held at St Mary's on Saturday 18 September from 9.30am - 3.00pm. Cost = Koha.
- **Spiritual Growth Ministries Retreat** - "Advent All Year" to be held at New Plymouth Girls' High School Marae Centre on Mangorei Road, New Plymouth on the 30-31 October, 2010. From 9.30am - 4.00pm each day. RSVP for catering purposes. Cost = \$60 with morning/afternoon teas & lunches included.

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