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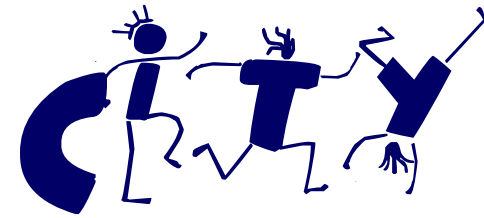


zReach

[www.ozreach.org](http://www.ozreach.org)



[www.pioneer.org.uk](http://www.pioneer.org.uk)



**FEBRUARY**

**SERVICE TIMES**

**City Life - Thursday 1:10pm to 1:50pm**

**City Life - Sunday 9:30am to 11:00am**

(2nd Floor, Cnr Hunter & Watt Streets, Newcastle)

**Pub Church - Sunday 19th February 6:00pm**

(The Great Northern Hotel, 89 Scott Street, Newcastle)

# WELCOME TO



Welcome to City Life

A special welcome to any visitors, if you're wanting to know more about us, who we are, what we do, what we believe, don't hesitate to approach any of our leaders and ask. We're an open book.

We generally won't run after you, because we respect the fact that you know what your looking for in a church. If we're not it for you we can point you towards many other great churches in our city, then again if this feels like your sort of place, then introduce yourself, get to know us and get involved. It's as simple as that. There's lots to do in serving our community and a few things to do with our church meetings and not a lot of protocol or hoops to jump through.

This month we'll finish the series on "Jesus' vision day sermon" in Luke 4:18-19. Burnie Higgins from the Central Coast, great leader, teacher and friend of City Life will share a two week series and to finish the month we will have Steve Clark from the Fathers House in the Blue Mountains share. Steve has a great healing and prophetic gift, and he will also run a seminar on the supernatural, on Saturday 25th February from 1:00pm to 3.30pm.

There's a new age festival in the mall that weekend, so Steve will have his Dream Tent team come to set it up in the mall, to be able to give seekers other alternatives to the supernatural. They will offer prayer for healing, spiritual readings and dream interpretations. The healing rooms will also operate that Saturday in the church building.

We will also be starting our 3rd Soul Cafe site at Mayfield Uniting Church this month. If anyone is interested in serving in this site talk to Nikki.

Last of all, Russell, Brendan (from Wollongong) and myself are heading to the Philippines to speak and minister at a conference and outreach from the 9th to 12th February.



The Wilcock Family—Faith, Tracey, Kevin & Rachel

Maisie is also going with a small team to minister and serve please pray for us.

Kevin  
Team Leader

## OUR GREATEST MISSION

Our most important mission that we are engaged in should be **OUR LIFESTYLE EXPRESSION OF FAITH** among those we consistently find ourselves surrounded by whether at home, in our neighbourhood, workplace, our hangouts and our hobbies.

We have the unique opportunity to be Jesus to these groups. What kind of Jesus are they seeing? Hopefully a loving one, an interesting one, a Jesus that is attractive.

I'll never forget at big Mick's 50th when we all began to share on our appreciation of Mick. His brother, Tom Mooney stood up and said he wasn't into religion, but if he ever was to be, whatever was happening in Mick's life and that room that night, that is what he would want. What was happening in that room and in Mick's life, was a lifestyle expression of faith that was attractive to others, a new picture of Jesus was being painted in minds and hearts that night.

This is the wonderful job and responsibility that lays before us. A couple of principles I have found in this to be effective in this. I have learned from the master lover of people—the true example of pure and undefiled religion—JESUS!

**BE RELATIONAL**—He was, so they went and saw where he was staying and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. (John 1:30).

**BE GENUINE**—He was—*"who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14)

**BE IN THE WORLD**—He was the Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood. (John 1:14).

**BE A SERVER**—He was, just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28).

**BE ATTRACTIVE AND INTERESTING**—He was, by the time a lot of men and women of

doubtful reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. (Luke 15:1)

**GO FISH**—He did, Jesus said to them, *"Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass."* (Matthew 4:19 MSG)

**BRING THEM**—to some event. *"Some men came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them."* (Mark 2:3)

In fact the reality is (Friends bring friends, to some kind of church event and coupled with your lifestyle expression of faith, they will connect or come back to God) and that is how is generally happens. So go for it!



Love  
**Kevin.**

# PUB CHURCH

**@ THE GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL  
89 SCOTT STREET NEWCASTLE  
(FOR 18 +)**



**2 BEER SERVICE  
SUNDAY**

**19TH FEBRUARY  
6:00PM TO 7:30PM**

**ARTIST:  
BILLY OTTO**

## When Life Falls Over

Our lives fell over six years ago. The details are sensational and stir up the imagination but out of honour and respect for those involved I do not feel I can share the story. Suffice to say my pain hit at a level where you feel that you have been betrayed and deserted by the one who is supposed to love you the most. It's pain that:

- Keeps you up all night
- Has no solution, no answer and requires a miracle to change but watches as no miracle comes
- Prays and fasts and watches and waits and believes and knows that having done all stand. And I would if I could just get off the floor.
- Stops you going to church because you feel if you bleed on people one more time they may wash their hands of you completely.
- You know only God can relate too; but why is He so silent
- Watches things go from bad to so much worse beyond what you had even imagined.



I didn't sign up for this kind of Christianity. I would love to say that God has sustained me clearly through all of this and I felt His guiding hand at every turn. I would love to say He met me in my deepest hour of despair...He didn't. That isn't to say He hasn't been my God throughout this time. He just hasn't been the God I thought He should be nor the God I thought I needed.

I know beyond a doubt that we did not deserve what we have been through. We do not have some deep dark secret and are reaping what we sowed. I also know that God loves us and that He is ultimately on our side. A theology that would have at least given an explanation.

There has been a never ending stream of testimonies of how good God is:

*"I was about to end it all and God sent a*

*Christian to the door."*

*"I was down to my last cent and the cheque arrived in the mail."*

All good stuff, but I've noticed as I look around and talk to other Christians who are losing loved ones or businesses or being bullied by churches, that they are having trials that break you. No one is giving a testimony about what it's like when God doesn't show up the way we have been told He will.

One of my anchor points is that I know beyond a doubt that God is in control and requiring more of His church. I don't have a fantastic testimony that says: *"Hey everyone; God came through, I got my miracle."* But what I do have is an understanding of what it truly feels like to be in pain.

Once I may have walked away from people's real pain. Whilst the church has been getting its little socks blessed off and squabbling over who and what we should all conform to, the world has been walking into deeper and deeper and more devastating pain than we were ever saved out of.

I believe God has needed us to know greater pain, not because He hates us but because He wants us to know His love. I'm not sure what love looks like when I don't get my own way. That's the journey I am still on.

I am so blessed to be at City Life because I know I am accepted where I am on my journey. I don't have to 'put on a face' and pretend to you that I am okay. Having a safe place to be in pain where I can question God and everything I ever believed is a tremendous gift that this church gives me. Kevin's preaching does my head in most weeks and shakes my theology loose of its religious ties. I am thankful that Mike and I have been lead here.

**Tracy Hayes**

*Wife to Michael, mother & grandmother.*

## MY MESSY STORY

Here is where it all began, where I met the LIVING GOD! A very short version.



**STEPHANIE PARKER**

At 28, following my brother Glenn's suicide, my 'outward' social, financial and corporate success vanished, as did the control I thought I had over an IV drug habit, and my life turned to heroin addiction, violence and death. Insanity, psychosis, overdoses and suicide. Homelessness, psychiatric hospitals and court initiated financial control. AVO's, psychiatric schedules and judicial removal of personal authority. Rehabs, institutions, cells and prostitution. Physical, mental and spiritual destruction. Beatings, broken bones, mental torment and horror—it sure has been a journey. Ironically, one which I do not regret, for it was the brokenness and desperation that brought me to my knees in a Christian rehab crying out in desperation to GOD.

It was in the beginning here that God used a person, I met a girl there, her name was Kirsty, 'was' you see she's now with the Lord—kiss her for me Jesus. Love you girl x. She knew Jesus, and HE used her to show me Himself, she was HIS hands and feet, she begged me to TRUST Him with my pain, she showed me how to trust Him, so I did, and HE—JESUS, proved HIMSELF to me over and over and over again and healed me from the inside out. Day by day He loved me in my mess, and turned it into a miracle.

I don't tell the horror for horror's sake, I tell it as a testimony of the transforming power of JESUS CHRIST! To paint a real picture of a

life transformed from the pit! ALL GLORY TO GOD!

What is impossible with man is possible with God and HE is no respecter of men, what HE has done for me, HE will do for any person, and I pray for every suffering person who thinks they are not worthy, to know that none of us are—it doesn't matter what you've done—HE CAN HANDLE IT!

**Steph Parker**

*Mum to Bella & lover of R & B music.*

## TWO GREAT NEW PLACES TO EAT RAW CAFE

For those health enthusiasts or those who just like to eat a good healthy meal why not try the newly opened



\* **Food for Healthy Bodies**

\* **High Protein Menu**  
(If you want to bulk up)

\* **Low Carb Menu**  
(If you want to trim down)

**Cnr Hunter & Pacific Sts, Newcastle**  
Open 7 days a week from 6am to 3pm

## OMA'S KITCHEN

For authentic German food made fresh on the premises. With selection of German & Bavarian dishes as well as an extensive range of German cakes & biscuits with an outstanding blend of coffee to accompany these treats.

Open Monday to Friday 7:30am to 6pm  
For Breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea or Monday, Wednesday & Friday for dinner



From 6pm till late

**At 16 Watt Street, Newcastle**



# What's Happening at Life?

## Lifeforce Youth

Youth Collective Space  
For ages 13 to 18  
Starts on 23rd February 2012  
@ 2nd Floor, Cnr Hunter & Watt Street,  
Newcastle  
From 4:00pm to 6:00pm  
Dance groups; music; games; movie;  
homework support or just come and hang  
and talk to someone

Call Mel on 0458 535 476

## Lifeforce Youth for ages 13—30 WALKING ON WATER

Showing @ City Life on  
Thursday 23rd February at 7:00pm

TWO SURFERS. ONE DREAM.  
FINDING FAITH ON THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME.



## FURIOUS LOVE THE MOVIE

**Sunday Night**  
26th February 2012

@  
2nd floor,  
Cnr Hunter & Watt Sts,  
Newcastle

This movie delves into the  
supernatural & miraculous  
moves of Jesus Christ

## Supernatural Seminar

Saturday 25th February @ City Life  
2nd Floor, Cnr Hunter & Watt St, Newcastle

Session 1: "Roadblocks to Healing"  
1:00pm to 2:00pm

Session 2: "Overcome the work of Evil Spirits"  
2:30pm to 3:30pm



feed your soul

### NEWCASTLE

2nd Floor,  
Cnr Hunter & Watt Sts,  
Newcastle (Entry via Watt St)  
Ph 4926 1758

#### Breakfast:

Monday, Friday and  
Saturday  
7:30am to 8:30am

#### Lunch:

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday  
12:00noon to 1:00pm

#### Legal Aid:

Tuesday Only (weekly)  
12:00noon to 1:00pm

#### Soul Clinic:

Tuesday / Wednesday (weekly)  
12:00noon to 1:30pm

#### G.A.

Wednesday (weekly)  
1:30pm to 3:15pm

#### Centrelink:

Tuesday only (fortnightly)  
12:00noon to 1:00pm

#### Ukulele

#### Classes:

Wednesday (weekly)  
12:00noon

### WALLSEND SOUL CAFÉ

Wallsend Baptist Church  
Cowper Street,

#### Lunch:

Monday and Thursday  
12:30pm to 1:30pm

#### Ukulele

#### Classes:

Thursday (weekly)  
12:30pm

### MAYFIELD SOUL CAFÉ

29 Highfields Street, Mayfield

#### Lunch:

Thursday and Sunday  
12:00pm to 1:00pm

### SHOW & TELL COOKING NIGHT

Friday 17th February  
At 26 Hibiscus Close, Speers Point  
At 6:00pm Cost \$10.00  
Meal: **Chicken Parmigiana**  
Call Donna 0413 960 448  
for more information



### GIVING TO CITY LIFE

You can give electronically to

BSB: 032-505

A/C: 299470

Name: City Life Ltd

Or by cash or credit card.

Credit card facilities are located at the back of  
the auditorium every Sunday morning. If you  
need assistance with this please see office  
staff.

### BUILDING FUND

Offerings can be given into  
the building fund electronically to:

BSB: 032-505

A/C: 299526

Name: LifeShapers Family Services

All donations are fully tax deductible.

## PRAISE & PRAYER NIGHT

Wednesday 1st February  
7:00pm to 8:30pm

@

City Life

Cnr Hunter & Watt Sts,  
Newcastle

Come along and join us in  
prayer and praise for our  
God, our City, our nation and  
our church.

### CITY LIFE PRAYER MEETINGS

City Life Prayer Meeting  
Monday's 9:00am—10:00am

All Welcome

City Wide Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday's 7:00am to 8:00am