

The logo for 'urbanlife news' features the word 'urbanlife' in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with 'news' in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font below it. The text is set against a dark, circular background with a lens flare effect. To the right of the logo is a solid orange rectangular area.

Note From Nastassja:

Imagine back to when you were a child. Remember that Christmas or birthday, when you received your first bike. Remember how excited you were? Remember how happy you were? You couldn't WAIT to get out there and start riding!! So with your new helmet on and your parents by your side, you wheel your new bike out onto the street. Your parents pop you up onto the seat of the bike, and show you where to put your hands and feet. You can hardly contain your excitement, as you are ready to start riding! Your parents start wheeling you along, and you realise you need to move the pedals in order to move. The bike has training wheels attached so you don't wobble too much, and your parents decide to let you go on your own (although they do run beside you in case you fall). And you do it! You ride your first bike all by yourself. Nothing will compare to the feeling to flying through the air!

Not long after, when you have mastered the first step, your parents take off your training wheels, and you go down to a 2-wheeler. This will be easy, you think. And with wide-eyed enthusiasm you jump on your bike, only to fall flat on your face, with your bike, onto the ground. Your bike has betrayed you. No longer is there a stable base, or parents guiding your every move. Should you give up? Should you pack away the gift you once loved? Knowing that, more than likely, you will just end up on the ground in a matter of seconds? Or do you get up, dust off your hands, and learn how to ride your bike?

What is the point of a receiving a gift if you aren't going to use it, or even try and learn how to use it, or even question why it was given?

Spiritual gifts are the Holy Spirit's gifts to us, to enable us to share our faith, serve others, and bring transformation. There is no point us identifying our gifting, or spiritual skew, getting all excited, but not bothering to learn about it, or learn how to use it. Our series at urbanlife on Spiritual Gifts, will prove to be a great time of clarity, as we delve in to learn more about ourselves, and others, our giftings and spirituality, and as we grow in our understanding of our connection to God. But also to learn how these gifts can be out-worked in our everyday lives, to help benefit others.

Nastassja.

Annual General Meeting

As you will be aware, we held our AGM on Tuesday 20th April. We shared a wonderful time reflecting on the past 12 months and how God has been at work with us.

If you were unable to attend, a copy of the Annual Report will be making its way to you over the next week or two. The meeting was recorded, so if you wish to get a CD, please contact the church office.

Missions Update:

In April we collected funds to go towards the costs of our Reflect Project, which provides hygiene products for local SRS residents. So far, \$2095.50 has been raised—with further promises from local business. Keep thinking about whether you or your family would like to provide on-going sponsorship by supporting an SRS resident with hygiene products on a monthly basis. More information, and opportunity to sign up for this will be given during the Packing Day on Sunday May 16th.

In May, our missions offering will assist the 2h Project and their support of Cambodian communities through their Safe Arrivals campaign. This focuses on lowering mother and infant death-rates, along with providing better health care through training Traditional Birth Attendants (TBAs) and providing birthing kits. For more information please see the 2h website at www.the2hproject.com

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Café Cause:

The Café will continue to promote and support the Reflect Project, through to its culmination on the Packing Day. It is exciting to know that some members of the wider community are coming along to be part of that day! Donations of funds (into the black box at the register) or hygiene products (into the basket on the café bench) will be accepted up to Friday 14th May.

And stay tuned for details of a new Café Cause in June...

urbanlife kids:

2/5 – Primary age program from 10.30am; crèche from 11am

9/5 – Special Mother's Day Project upstairs: Primary age program from 10.30am; crèche from 11am

16/5 – Leaders will supervise Primary aged kids so they can be involved in our Reflect Packing day.

Creche program will run upstairs as usual.

23/5 – Primary age program from 10.30am; crèche from 11am

30/5 – Primary age program from 10.30am; crèche from 11am

For further information, please contact Jodie McNair on jodie.mcnaire@optusnet.com.au

What's on at urbanlife: May 2010

The Regulars:

My Dolls Space—every second Monday 10:30am-3:00pm

Chick with Sticks— meet every second Wednesday 12:30-3:30pm.

urbansafe Krav Maga – every Wednesday 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm. \$12, see David Stone for more info.

urbankids Playgroup – meet every Thursday morning. See Katrina Farley if you are interested in enrolling

Prime Timers—for people over 55 who enjoy friendship, company and support. See Bronwyn Dwight for details.

GT's and Life Groups— there are heaps of these meeting every week and there is bound to be one to suit you!



Sunday celebration service—

Join us through the month of May as we continue our new series on Spiritual Gifts.

Speakers and topics are listed below, and copies of previous messages can be purchased from the church office.

Services start at 10:30am and concludes with coffee at 12:00pm.

Week 1

Wed 5th urbansafe Krav Maga: 7:30-9:00pm

Thur 8th urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm

Sun 9th Celebration Service: 10:30am– 12:00pm Special Mother's Day Service honouring Joan Schoefield
(with special morning tea)

Week 2

Mon 10th My Dolls Space: from 10:30am

Wed 12th Chicks with Sticks from 12:30pm
urbansafe Krav Maga 7:30pm 9:00pm

Thur 13th urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm

Wed 12th Chicks with Sticks from 12:30pm
urbansafe Krav Maga 7:30pm 9:00pm
Thur 13th urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm
Sun 16th Celebration Service: 10:30am– 12:00pm Reflect Hygiene Kits packing day (with morning tea provided)

Week 3

Wed 19th urbansafe Krav Maga: 7:30-9:00pm
Thur 20th urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm
Sun 23rd Celebration Service: 10:30am-12:00pm Baby Dedication & Spiritual Gifts: "Wisdom", with Cam
Prime Timers: 1:00pm at the urban - call Bronwyn Dwight for more information

Week 4

Mon 24th My Dolls Space: from 10:30am
Wed 26th Chicks with Sticks from 12:30pm
urbansafe Krav Maga: 7:30-9:00pm
Sun 30th Celebration Service: 10:30am-12:00pm Spiritual Gifts: "Hospitality & Helps", with Annie

In June:

Mon 21st Presbytery Night: 7:30 A night of worship, prayer & seeking God as we wrap up our Spiritual Gifts series

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