

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 Annie:

Recently my grandma died at the extraordinary age of 94, fondly known as Sasha to all her grandchildren & great grandchildren. It always fascinates me that we often learn more about people in their death than when they were alive. This was exactly the case with my grandma. As my mum, my aunt and my uncle sat around the table reminiscing about their mum, my Sasha, I was fascinated to hear about her life. An immigrant from Scotland in 1916, her father was a bookie who ran with underground figures of his time. She was married to my Papa their whole lives. Her life had been full of love, adventure, friendship and faith. For me, my memories of Grandma revolve around Jam Fancy biscuits and a huge garage we as children would play in, and explore like Aladdin's cave. Somewhere in the middle of this she found God and her story extends to a life spent serving in a local church, that her and my Pa Pa were part of for some 45+ years! WOW. She was recently asked what the saddest day of her life was. She reflected and then answered 'The day those mongrels burnt my church down!'. Somehow contained in this place were the memories of her experience with God, her life spent serving him, her friends and loved ones. She was a part of the women's guild and the PWMU (Presbyterian Women's Missions Union). According to my mum, anything to do with the church she was there baking, making, serving extending hospitality. In her latter years I had the privilege of taking communion to her a number of times and my fondest memory is a sense of the presence of God around her life during those times. As I reflect on her life, I think often we want to do something with instant results or start something and see many people affected. But somehow I think my Sasha had it right to just faithfully serve. Just be present, spending our lives giving to others, and a part of ourselves is left and lives on through them. This is a true legacy.

Annie.

Missions Update:

Our August missions offering will go to Pastor Nathan, who is our Solomon Islands National Chairman. Nathan's heart and other internal organs started failing soon after he landed in Australia for our National Conference in May 2008, two years ago. An undiagnosed medical condition had been gradually destroying Nathan's kidneys for over a decade. Nathan has been on hemo-dialysis 3 times per week ever since and as there are no hemo-dialysis machines or medical units to oversee renal patients in the Solomon Islands; he simply had to stay in Australia. An application to bring his wife and children to Australia has been lodged with the immigration Department. Our giving will go towards covering some of Pastor Nathan's medical costs.

urbanlife kids:

A program runs each Sunday for both Crèche and Primary age kids during the church service.

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

Ballarat Christian Fellowship:

Ballarat Christian Fellowship is planning to celebrate 30 years of ministry in the area in October this year. They are endeavouring to trace people who have called 'BCF' their home during that period. If that pertains to you, please contact Gary Coleman, on behalf of the '30th Anniversary Organising Committee'.

Email: gkcoleman@hotmail.com OR Address: 5 Margaret Court, Ballarat North, VIC 3350

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What's on at urbanlife: August 2010

The Regulars:

My Dolls Space— meeting once a month for the remainder of the year. Next Meeting is Aug 23rd, 10:30am-3:00pm

Chick with Sticks— meet every second Wednesday, Aug 4th and 18th 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. Next meetings Aug 15th and 28th.

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—

In August we commence a new series based on 'People's Choice' . If you have any requests for topics in this series, please email these to Cam: cameron.burgess@urbanlife.org.au

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 4th Chicks with Sticks from 12:30pm
urbansafe Krav Maga: 7:30-9:00pm
- Thur 5th urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm
- Sun 8th Celebration Service: 10.30—12.00 pm Series 'People's Choice—The Sabbath' with Annie

Week 2

- Wed 11th urbensafe Krav Maga 7:30pm 9:00pm
- Thur 12th urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm
- Sun 15th Celebration Service: 10:30am– 12:00pm Series 'People's Choice-Raising a Family in a Negative World' with Doug
Prime Timers 1:00 pm at the urban. Call Bronwyn Dwight for further information

Week 3

- Wed 18th urbensafe Krav Maga: 7:30-9:00pm
- Thur 19th urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm
- Sun 22nd Celebration Service: 10:30am-12:00pm 'People's Choice-Reconciling Old & New Testament' with Tony

Week 4

- Mon 23rd My Dolls Space: from 10:30am
- Wed 25th Chicks with Sticks from 12:30pm
urbansafe Krav Maga: 7:30-9:00pm
- Thurs 26th urbankids Playgroup: 9:30-11:30am
Music Practice: 7:30-9:30pm
- Sun 29th Celebration Service: 10.30-12.00pm 'People's Choice-Trusting the Bible's Accuracy' with guest speaker Dennis Prince

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