

WHAT'S UP?



A newsletter for people in ministry with children and their families

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UNITING CHURCH UNITING PEOPLE

From Sarah Urmston, Communications Project Officer, Uniting Church SA:

A big thank you to everyone involved with Uniting People's parenting focus in May. Whether it was giving away magnets, promoting the website, displaying a banner or holding a seminar, your efforts are certainly appreciated by the *Raising our Profile* team.

We will again be running the parenting focus of the Uniting People campaign during **November 2010**. If you didn't run a parenting event in May, now is your chance to start planning. We're encouraging congregations to run parenting events from 7th - 20th November.

We are considering turning the '100 ways to spend quality time with your kids' booklet into an A2 size poster. Would you be interested in such a resource for your congregation? Let me know - surmston@sa.uca.org.au.

Thanks for your time and efforts in supporting this campaign. For any queries, comments or feedback, please feel free to contact me.

SMG CONFERENCE EXPO

Involved in children's or youth ministry?

You're invited to the **SMG Conference EXPO**
Monday 28th June, 5pm - 8pm
at 'The Shed' at Seaton Christian Family Centre,
185 Frederick Road, Seaton. **Free entry!**

See and hear about many of the best programs, resources and people available in SA. A whole range of mission agencies, ministry networks, denominational youth and children's departments, Christian training agencies, Government service providers, plus displays of all the latest resources and books.

Mix and chat with others who share a passion for reaching and empowering today's children and young people.

RSVP by 21st June to 8378 6800 or
training@smg.asn.au

EVENTS



**QUIZ NIGHT
FUNDRAISER**
3rd July @ 7.00pm

Come and join us at the Tea Tree Gully Uniting Church Hall for a night full of QUIZ-COOL FUN!

And help raise money to send Kerry, our Children's Ministry Coordinator, to England for training in the Godly Play Programme.

This is a fantastic opportunity to further the Children's Ministry in TTG & in South Australia!

Tickets are \$10 each & are available from the Church Office **NOW!**

Invite your friends & family!! BYO Nibbles & drinks!



To purchase tickets contact **TTG Uniting Church office** on 8396 3252 or email office@ttguc.org.au or go to 592-600 Milne Rd, TTG between 10am-3pm.

WOW! WORSHIP WORKSHOP

The RCCFM is facilitating intergenerational (or 'all age') worship workshops during Term 3. The workshops are based on their resource **Worthy of Worship (WOW!)**. The 3-hour workshop looks at a range of issues, including:

- Why make the special effort needed for all-age worship?
- How do visuals, music, movement and hospitality support the flow of worship?
- How can we maximise the participation of people of different ages and people with different ways of processing information?

The workshops can be extended an additional three hours to allow worship planning teams to plan an actual all-age worship service for their congregation.

Currently a **WOW! Workshop** is scheduled for: **Saturday, 4 September, 9am-12noon at Maughan Uniting Church, Adelaide.** If you would like to attend please email:

kathryn.mcdonald@ucwesleyadelaide.org.au

If you would like to arrange for a **WOW! Workshop** at your church or for your mission network, please email rccfm@bigpond.com

RESOURCES

SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT

We have just received a supply of 2010-2011 **Seasons of the Spirit** catalogues. With them came the reminder that early order discount applies to orders received by MediaCom before **August 2, 2010.**

Seasons of the Spirit (SoS) is the endorsed curriculum of the Uniting Church and provides a range of inter-related materials for ages 3-5, ages 6-8, ages 9-11, ages 12-14, ages 15-18, adult, multi ages (5-12) and for congregational life. The intention of SoS is to combine the strands of learning, worship and service into a unified approach.

SoS materials are lectionary based and produced by an international, inter-denominational team with the chief editor based in Adelaide.

You can view sample **SoS** materials or pick up a catalogue here at RCCFM or at MediaCom (14 Eton Rd, Keswick, phone (08) 8371 1399).

CAR PARK PARABLES DVD

Car Park Parables was launched last year and was the best selling Christian children's resource for months. It tells the Gospel in child-friendly language. The animated DVD is now accompanied by two books, *The Prodigal Ute* and *The Strange Car*.

Visit: www.carparkparables.com to read more about them and their author, Rev Paul Clark. You can order them from [Vision Books](#) (located in Mansfield, QLD).

TRAINING -SA

YWAM TRAINING SEMINARS

Transforming a nation from the inside out

Date: Sat. June 12th

Where: YWAM, 197 Norton Summit Rd, Norton Summit.

The role of individuals and families in bringing change to their neighbourhood and nation.

Speaker: Christoph Leu - International Director for Kings Kids International

Cost: concession at \$55, includes morning & afternoon tea, and lunch.

Destiny by design

Date: Sat. July 31st & Sun Aug 1st

Where: YWAM, 197 Norton Summit Rd, Norton Summit.

Speaker: Joylynn Landshut from the International DTS centre in Cape Town, South Africa. This seminar helps participants understand more fully their life calling, and equips them to help others do the same. Six life-coaching keys are explored: dreams, experiences, soulprint (personality), identity, gifts, and network. The seminar focuses on applying biblical truth to everyday life by using a combination of lectures, interactive exercises, PowerPoint presentations and a workbook, leading students on journey of discovery concerning their identity and the purpose for which God created them.

Cost: includes all meals and refreshments - for two days. Concession rate is \$75.

To book or for more information contact:

Youth With a Mission SA base 8390 1040, ask for Ray or Natalie, or email focus@ywamsa.org.au

SPIN KIDS CONFERENCE TURN YOUR WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

This is a great ministry training conference for kids in grades 3 - 7 on **July 3rd, 9.30am - 3pm** at Paradise Community Church, 57 Darley Rd, Paradise. Organised by *Kids R Us SA*.

\$10 per person, includes lunch and a show bag.
(Please provide leaders for your kids.)

Electives include: Make a difference; Dance; Art; Prayer; Sharing your story and Praise Dayz.

For more info. visit: www.kidsrus.org.au/sa

For further information and rego. forms contact: Melissa at the RCCFM on 8285 7104 or Damien on 8336 0077 or damien.beaumont@paradise.asn.au

CHILDREN FOR CHRIST TRAINING DAY

When: Saturday August 21st: 10 am - 4 pm

Where: Children for Christ Resource Centre, Unit 4/644 Port Rd., Beverley (First driveway on left past Bus Stop 16 driving away from city).

Cost: \$20 (includes notes and resources). This training day will help equip you to run children's outreach, holiday club programs and children's church. Topics include: Evangelism of children, Leading a child to Christ, Story telling, Visual aids, Worship, Memory verses, Games, Discipline and How to plan and run a program.

To register: Phone 82448746 or email childrenforchrist@bigpond.com

Warm Fuzzies



This year, several people from the Parafield Gardens UC are running a breakfast club at a local primary school, three days a week. It's part of the church's

effort to reach out to kids beyond our church walls and demonstrate Jesus' love and care. Last week the kids in the breakfast club presented this delightful poster to the volunteers. It was a real encouragement.

Later in the week at the end of a short course, a couple of the 10-year olds came up and thanked me for teaching them. I felt valued, loved, warm and fuzzy.

These and some other recent events got me thinking about warm fuzzies: words (and sometimes gifts or actions) that someone uses that help you feel good about yourself — noticed, appreciated, loved and sometimes humbled or embarrassed.

Here are some random thoughts about warm fuzzies.

1. You can never get enough warm fuzzies.
2. We are fortunate to be working with children — especially young children — who are generous with their warm fuzzy hugs and thanks. People in children's ministry may get more of this sort of encouragement than others in the church.
3. Are we as children's ministry leaders also generous with our warm fuzzies? Do we take volunteers in our programs for granted, or do we make a point of letting them know they are appreciated and valued? Do we thank our church leaders when they support our projects and ministry? Do our kids, even the difficult ones, know that we love them?
4. How well are we instilling in our children an attitude of gratitude toward God and toward the people around them? We can set an example for them. And we can talk with them about God's unconditional grace rather than about earning his love. We can talk about his gifts rather than our 'rights'.
5. Warm fuzzies are something of a two-way thing. You feel warm and fuzzy yourself when you realise that you have 'made someone's day' with just a small word or gesture of appreciation.
6. Our ability to give warm fuzzies comes, first of all, from the security of knowing that God loves us — no matter what.
7. I want to send a warm fuzzy thank you to each of you people in ministry with children and families. What you do has value in this world and the next. God loves you.