



Newsletter

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SOUNDWAVES

ANNOUNCING the 21st Anniversary celebration of Rhema FM in the Hastings area at this year's "SHINE THE LIGHT" Dinner!

Rhema FM's annual 'Shine the Light' dinner is a special celebration of all that our heavenly Father is achieving in our local community through us - it will be a night of fine fellowship & great entertainment.

Our special guest speaker is Dudley Scantlebury from the Rhema Star network in New Zealand who is travelling to Port Macquarie especially for our event.



The venue is the C3 Church Port Macquarie auditorium on **Saturday 17 September '16** and as a valued member of Rhema FM you are invited to attend. With only 100 tickets on offer for the occasion be sure to register your intention early. Simply phone Rhema on 6584 1246 or email to admin@rhema.fm

The 3 course dinner is still only \$55 per person but if you organise a table of 8 the discount price is \$50 per person. A special feature of the 'Shine the Light' dinner is the

'Silent Auction' where you can bid for that special item. All items are donated by local businesses and all monies raised goes to furthering the work of the Gospel through Rhema FM.



**Saturday 17th September
@ C3 Church, Port Macquarie
Book your tickets now!**

Meet volunteer... Douglas Lewis

Douglas is part of the production team involved in preparation of programming that goes to air every day on Rhema 99.9. This involves gathering material from assorted sources online, preparing and processing them to run smoothly through the day.

He is currently employed in aged care at Garden Village but has pursued other endeavours from scuba diving instructor to technical support in telecommunications. With a heart for God and people it is not surprising to find him in roles working with and supporting people to learn and grow. He also assists seniors to develop computer skills with U3A (University of the Third Age) as a volunteer each week.

Douglas loves the outdoors and is out in the bush on his mountain bike or kayaking some of the local water ways whenever the weather allows. Prior to moving to Port Macquarie he was office manager at Community Church Hornsby where he was also very active in ministry. When a group from that church decided to send a team to Port Macquarie, Douglas took hold of the opportunity, along with his daughter, to be a part of that plan and has not looked back!



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Don't Give Up Just Yet

By Berni Dymet

Sometimes it feels like the whole world is against you. You know what that's like. And when it's been going on for a while, what you really feel like doing is giving up. If you've ever found yourself in that position - if that's where you are just at the moment - then I have some very good news for you today.

God is in the business of overcoming insurmountable obstacles.

From where we sit, the closer a problem is, the bigger it feels. And the bigger it feels, the further away God seems and the smaller He looks. It's crazy, but it's true. And when we're struggling, as so many of us do from time to time, what we really want to do is throw in the towel.

Why not start behaving badly like the rest of the world? After all, that guy over there, he's lying through his teeth, but he seems to be doing just fine!

But there is an alternative. And that alternative comes from God's Word in two parts - part one is a piece of wisdom and part two is a promise. Let's take a look:

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

You and I know that it's the right piece of advice. Just when you want to start behaving badly, just when you want to drop your standards to the low standards of those around us, God comes along with these sage

words - don't grow weary of doing what is right.

Why?! Why bother God?! Look at the mess I'm in!!

Because eventually you will reap the harvest that God has sown for you.

When will that be?

Well, at harvest time dummy. That's when harvests come in, isn't it?

Yes, there's some suffering to go through. Yes, there are some difficult roads ahead. But God has an eternal harvest ready and waiting for you that is so much better - so much better - than anything that this world has to offer. ■



STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP



Nathaniel Garvin, Media Consultant

Rhema FM is happy to announce that OUR grant application lodged with the Community Broadcasting Foundation was successful. The grant amount of \$8,703.20 was provided to allow the radio ministry of Rhema FM to undertake planning that will see us become a fully fledged multi-media outreach.

A 3-day Strategic Planning Workshop in this regard was held from 27 to 29 July '16 in Port Macquarie led by Media Consultant Nathaniel Garvin. Nathaniel has wide experience in the media industry and he assisted Rhema FM board members, management and other stake holders to put together a five year plan to enhance its effectiveness in reaching both the local community and beyond with the Good News of the soon coming Kingdom of God (Psalm 37:5).

Workshop participants were enthusiastic about the vision Nathaniel created based on the input of those present and the clear direction that was identified to show the way forward. The five year plan will enable Rhema FM to reach a worldwide audience (Mark 16:15).



With Father's Day happening on Sunday 4 September this year, it is timely to reflect upon a father's God ordained role and acknowledge his important contribution within the family. Malachi prophesied in Malachi 4:6 "And He shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children." In Old Testament society, it was the father's role to see that his children knew of God's love and protection. And further to model His love in nurturing his children.

Sadly in today's society a lot of children haven't received the quality or quantity of love they want, need and deserve from their fathers. When children are not told that they are loved or fail to receive enough love from their fathers they usually carry the painful effects for the rest of their lives. A feeling of deep emptiness resulting from a lack of a father's love has been described as father hunger.

The problem of father hunger is massive and effects both men and women of all ages in all areas of life. It contributes to both emotional and physical health problems even despite attempts by people to seek substitutes to fill the gap. Could it even be the case that a lack of natural affection which is prophesied for these last days (2 Tim 3:3) has it's beginnings with father hunger?

However the good news is, that even if one parent loves and affirms his or her child, it provides an influence so positive and powerful that it can overwhelm any and all negative influences. And despite any human failings on our natural father's part, our heavenly Father reassures us that He loves us (Jer 31:3, Lam 3:22-23). Only He can ultimately satisfy our father hunger! Taste and see that the Lord is good! (Psalm 34:8)

Programs such as 'Focus on the Family' and 'Family Life Today' which are aired daily on Rhema FM offer practical and helpful advice to listeners on how to enjoy better and more loving relationships within families. Be sure to tune in and share this valuable information with others too. ■

We're
for
families!



RHEMA FM
MOVES
FORWARD
WITH
PRAYER



Abraham has been called the 'father of the faithful' and his story is outlined in Genesis 11 to 25. It details his calling and God's plans for him and his descendants. Isaiah 51:2 tells us to look at how God called him and blessed him for a special purpose. Apart from Moses no one is mentioned more in the New Testament than Abraham and there are some amazing parallels with our calling too.

For example the gospel was preached to Abraham as it has been to us (Gal. 3:8), he was God's friend (James 2:23) as we are (John 15:15), he will be in the kingdom (Matt. 8:11) as we are also destined (2 Peter 1:10-11). Abraham was also a man of prayer who knew God would hear him as we are to be also (Heb. 11:6). Genesis 18 tells us of Abraham's persistence in this regard as we likewise (1 Thess. 5:17). Did you know that there is a special blessing in also praying **with** others? Please read Matt. 18:19-20.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Phil. 4:6-7 (NIV)

Please join us in prayer for the region and for Rhema FM.

When? 2nd & 4th Friday of each month, 6-7pm

Where? Rhema FM, 198 Hastings River Dr, Port Macquarie

Rhema FM

SHARING A LIVING HOPE!

1 Peter 1:3 tells us that the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead through our heavenly Father's abundant mercy gives us THE reason for living. From our new birth we are to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour (2 Peter 3:18). He empowers us through His Holy Spirit to be His witnesses (Acts 1:8). There is a blessing in the confession of our faith. See Matthew 10:32.

Here's what Kim has to say about how the media ministry of Rhema FM helps her,

"I thrive on being taught and encouraged to be enabled to help others to know Jesus."

What a privilege it is to share the confession of our hope (Eph. 10:23) with our Rhema listeners.

From the Manager's Desk

why we ask for money!

Even though the "We're for families" June appeal finished 5 weeks ago, I'd like to take the opportunity again to thank you for your prayer and financial support. You are most likely aware that Rhema FM holds two major fundraising appeals each year; plus of course the upcoming "Shine The Light" dinner. Rhema FM relies on the generosity of people like you to grow this local Media Ministry that represents YOUR voice for Godly family values in our region, in the hope of seeing more lives being changed for Jesus. However, some folk appear to get the impression that we're always asking for money! As General Manager of Rhema FM, I am not ashamed of asking people to help grow the impact of the life changing message of hope in Jesus Christ, so that we can better reach our community as a Christian broadcaster. I don't know about 'always asking for money', but the times that we do ask for donations is simply to provide an opportunity for people to express a willing heart (2 Cor 8:1-24) to partner with and grow your Christian voice across the Hastings and beyond... for God's purposes and glory! Together we can achieve this!!

Thank you and God bless.

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JUNE APPEAL RESULTS

We're for families!

What a joy it was to receive your generous gifts ... we thank you on behalf of Jesus Christ and our heavenly Father who works in you and through you to be a blessing to the work of the Gospel and to those who are hearing it through Rhema FM. (Matt. 28:19-20). Your combined donations amounted to \$5,820 which will go towards reaching out to unbelievers with the Good News and nurturing the faith of Rhema listeners (Rom. 10:17).

Your beautiful feet (Isa. 52:7 and Rom. 10:15) are sharing a message of good things, of hope, of peace and that "Your God reigns!" Let us be glad and rejoice for Jesus has come to set the captives free and has translated us from the authority of darkness (Col. 1:13) into the household of God for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (Eph. 2:19-22). Your God reigns!

POSITION VACANT

A volunteer Business Manager is urgently required by Rhema FM to administer cash flow charts, grant sourcing, CRM, licence renewals and regulatory compliance. Please send your expressions of interest to admin@rhema.fm



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