

## Hmmm! What do you think?

Nothing can cook your goose quicker than boiling anger. Anon.

*It is better to swallow angry words than to have to eat them afterwards.*

John Blanchard

Anxiety never strengthens you for tomorrow; it only weakens you for today.

John Blanchard

*Anxiety is the interest paid on trouble before it is due. William R. Inge*

The mind grows by what it feeds on. Josiah Holland

*Meditation is a serious intention of the mind whereby we come to search out the truth and settle it effectively upon the heart. Thomas Hooker*

As air is the breath of life, so prayer is the breath of faith. Paul Yonggi Cho

*When we seek the Lord, we soon discover that he has never been far away.*

Chan Hie Kim

We are encouraged to come freely to God but not flippantly. John Blanchard

### Note:

**Basketball comp:** Wednesdays 4.00 pm (unless otherwise informed)

We aim to tip off on Wednesday March 12. You've got to be in it to win it, so if interested please contact David Ferguson (Wednesday Chaplain) Room 221, Bldg 8; Ph 3381 1463; email, d.ferguson@uq.edu.au or Robyn at UQ Sport to register your interest or a team.

**2008 Orientation;** Tuesday 19th February lunch time BBQ, provided by Chaplaincy, cooked by Ipswich Rotary Club and then the Gold Coin Donation will be given to the Ipswich Hospice..

**A Service to Celebrate the Commencement of the Academic Year** will not be held during O Week 2008. Planning is under way for a special celebratory event on Wednesday April 16 2008. Details relating to this event will be made available soon.

#### A note for Muslim Students:

Information to hand suggests that this year we may have an Imam joining the Chaplaincy Team here at Ipswich. We are still waiting for details of an actual commencement date. Keep in touch and we will inform you as soon as we receive further details.

Bible Study:: Contact a Chaplain if you would like one to be arranged.

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the entrance to the Library. Room 221. Phone 3381 1463.*

Welcome to UQI. The Chaplaincy Team Wishes all Students and Staff the very best for the Academic Year 2008.. A special welcome to those new to UQI. Chaplaincy is available to all members of the Campus Community. Please feel free to drop in or make an appointment if you have special needs.

The Chaplaincy Centre of the University of Queensland seeks to explore and celebrate God's diverse gifts, in a creative caring community of staff and students.

A team of people from different faith communities is available to share with you some of your life experiences at the University of Queensland.

#### Mission Statement:

- \* To provide quality services and support to the diverse religious faiths and their traditions within the University community.
- \* To provide a multi-faith Chaplaincy team committed to helping students and staff explore and discuss the meaning of religious diversity among and between various groups.
- \* To provide pastoral care and counsel, to anyone who seeks spiritual, emotional, academic and/or practical assistance.

*Open Invitation:  
Catch a Chaplain for a Chat.  
Open Door Policy --  
We invite you to drop in any time!*

*Our Newsletter Title  
"Chaps" is not a sexist term  
but short for Chaplains --  
both male and female*

## Thank - you

For your blessings in the past  
We give you thanks, O Lord!  
In awe we all just stand aghast  
for all your Love outpoured.

You have guided us and blessed  
this place you called us to  
Now reaching out at your behest  
were here, your work to do.

Willing hands and hearts aglow,  
We serve you in this place  
where people gather, we can sow  
the seeds of love and grace

Uni is a place to grow,  
to learn, prepare to be  
ready when its time to go,  
Impact this world through me.

Written Dec 2007 by Gwyneth Thorne, Assistant Chaplain

## I wonder!

The Poll below refers to a section of people in the united States. If a similar poll was conducted here in Australia, I wonder if the results would be much different?

### Poll: Unchurched find 'generic' faith

NASHVILLE, Jan. 9 A poll of U.S. "unchurched" adults found 72 percent say God exists, but the same proportion say the church is "full of hypocrites." Indeed, 44 percent agree with the statement "Christians get on my nerves."

LifeWay Research, an arm of the Southern Baptist Convention, conducted the survey of 1,402 adults last spring and summer. The survey defines "unchurched" as not attending religious services at any time in the past six months, USA Today reported Wednesday.

Many of them are shaky on Christian basics, said LifeWay Research director Ed Stetzer. Just 52 percent agree that "Jesus died and came back to life" and 61 percent say the Biblical God is "no different from the gods or spiritual beings depicted by world religions" although Buddhism has no god and Hindus worship many.

Non-churchgoers "lean to a generic god that fits into every imaginable religious system," Stetzer said. "We no longer have a home-field advantage as Christians in this culture."

Stetzer is optimistic, however, at the finding that 78 percent would "be willing to listen" to someone tell "what he or she believed about Christianity" and 71 percent agree "believing in Jesus makes a positive difference in a person's life."

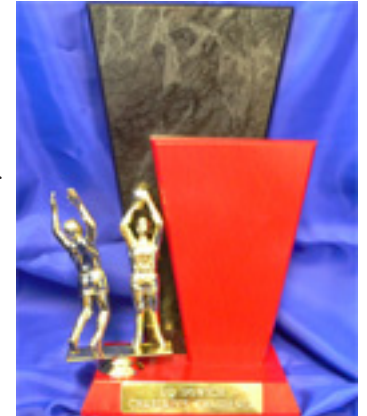
## Chaplains' Challenge Basketball Match

### Dr David Ferguson Assistant Chaplain

A few games of basketball were held on Wednesday afternoons last year. The emphasis of the games is having some fun and getting some exercise. Games are held on the UQ Sport court at 4:00 pm.

For the coming year, we hope to organise a competition. A trophy has been purchased to be presented to the winning faculty, course or staff team. We aim to tip off on Wednesday March 13.

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### Be Informed:

Chaplains are volunteers who work on a roster system, so to see a specific person you may need to make an appointment otherwise you take pot luck! They are available on most week days 9.15 am to 2.45 pm.

Kerry = Monday    Kathie = Tuesday    David = Wednesday    Cyril = Thursday

### Bumper stickers:

Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

Out of my mind...Back in five minutes.

I took an IQ test and the results were negative.

