

## August 2011 Prayer Points

**“Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.” - Romans 12:10**

### Revive Conference 26-27 August

1. Pray for Kylie Hood, the part-time Revive Event Co-ordinator, who is part of the BCS Community Relations Unit. Pray that Jesus will give Kylie energy and insight as the final stages of preparation are completed.

2. Pray that many people from Baptist churches across NSW and the ACT will engage with the theme of Hope and be encouraged and equipped for ministry through Revive.

3. Pray that God will prompt people from across the network of churches to serve as volunteers at Revive as an investment in the growth of the kingdom of God.

### Sydney City2Surf—BCS Team 14 August

In 2010, BCS entered a team in the Sydney City2Surf event for the first time, in support of BCS LifeCare programs and services. Almost \$7,500 was raised to assist BCS LifeCare programs that rely on funding. This year we want to double that, with our target for Team BCS at \$15,000.

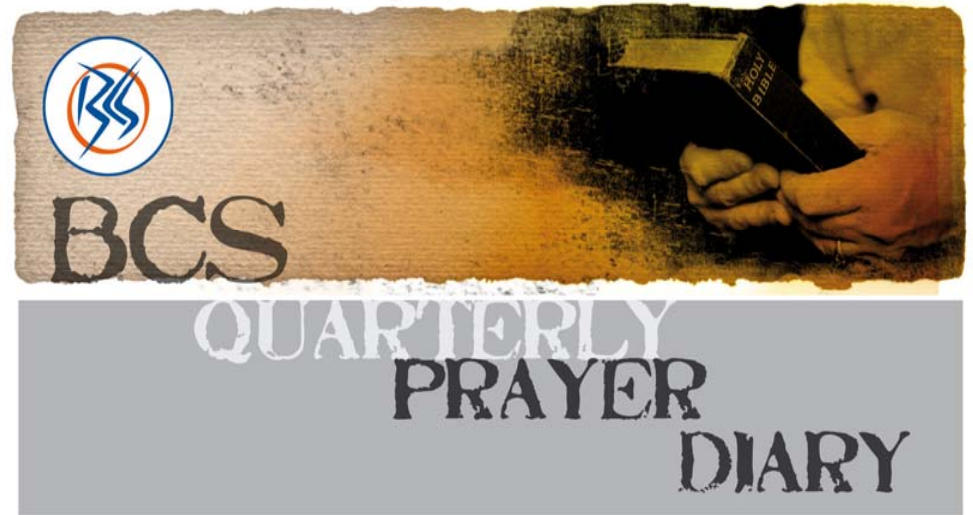
1. Pray for the BCS staff and supporters who will run or walk in this event on 14 August.

2. Pray for a generous response by donors, to support BCS LifeCare Community Development projects including BCS Crystal Street (Petersham), BCS May-Care Community Centre (Newcastle), and BCS Darcy House (Port Kembla).

3. Staff at BCS Darcy House recently received a letter from a client in his mid-20's who had been assisted to enter the GROW long term residential rehabilitation program. In his letter to staff he stated "... I can't forget...and appreciate your support to get me into rehab...I am doing great here". Pray that donor responses will enable such support to grow.

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Prayer expresses our dependence on God as Baptist Community Services - NSW & ACT seeks to be a passionate, innovative, Christian organisation, bringing life-transforming care to our clients. This prayer resource informs the prayers of BCS volunteers, members, supporters and staff and incorporates information provided by BCS managers and chaplains.

## June Prayer Points

### BCS Care Centre—Hunter (BCS AgeCare Northern Region):

1. Pray for the team of BCS staff delivering a range of community aged care programs in Newcastle, from an office base at Adamstown.

2. The Philosophy statement of this BCS Care Centre team includes reference to spiritual leadership modelled by David—hands and heart or outward skill and inward integrity. Pray Psalm 78:72 for the team leaders: “So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them by the skilfulness of his

hands.”

3. Pray for Angela Carey, Community Manager. Angela celebrates 10 years of service with BCS this year. Prior to this role Angela worked with other members of the management team in the commissioning of the BCS Warabrook Aged Care facility. During the 3 years that Angela has worked as Community Manager the Hunter Care Centre has experienced significant growth; building capacity to provide more community care to more clients.

4. Pray for Elizabeth Jacobs, Team Leader/Coordinator. Elizabeth has worked with BCS for 15 years in several aged care roles. In addition to the team leader role, Elizabeth has held the role of Coordinator

of the Community Aged Care packages for the past five years. Elizabeth has attended Bel Air Baptist Church with her husband for many years and has served in a number of ministry roles.

5. Pray for Mark Rogers, who serves as Chaplain for the clients of the Hunter Care Centre for 1.5 days per week and provides spiritual input to the staff.

6. Pray for volunteers to be identified to assist with the Centre Based Day Care as this program grows.

### Revive Conference 26-27 August [www.revive.org.au](http://www.revive.org.au)

The annual gathering of Baptist churches across NSW and the ACT is being held at the Sydney Showground, Olympic Park. BCS is a major sponsor of the event.

1. Pray for an enthusiastic response from people across the network of Baptist churches in NSW & the ACT as online registrations open on 22 June.

2. Pray for Revive church representatives and ministry team leaders in the churches as they promote the opportunities to be inspired and equipped for ministry.

3. Pray for the keynote speaker, Mark Wilson and the various workshop speakers as they listen to God and prepare material.

4. Pray that the Lord will encourage Pete Davies from the Ministry Support & Development Team as he co-ordinates the prayer emphasis of Revive. You are invited to join with Pete and many others in pray-

ing this prayer regularly for Revive:

*Lord,*

*We pray that you would use Revive 2011 to inspire a new generation of pastors and Christian leaders to mobilise and lead the gospel charge in and through our Baptist churches to impact our nation for Jesus.*

*Bring refreshment and energy to our people.*

*Open our eyes to what is happening through our movement of churches.*

*May we be a people united not by a common name but by a common commitment to the mission of Jesus.*

*Help us Lord, we are in desperate need of your Spirit's empowering and anointing.*

*Amen.*

**"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope."  
- Psalm 130:5**

### July 2011 Prayer Points

#### Volunteering

1. Pray that the Lord will prompt people to offer their time, gifts and skills to extend the level of care offered to BCS clients.

2. Pray for suitable volunteer relief chaplains to be identified to provide cover for BCS chaplains during times of leave.

#### BCS Microfinance Loan Services

BCS provides assistance through the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) and StepUp. NILS allows people on low incomes to borrow up to \$1000 for essential household goods. StepUP provides individuals and families with loans of up to \$3000, with a reduced interest rate.

1. Praise God for the encouraging growth of the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS).

BCS now operates this scheme in five locations— Warilla North, Newcastle, Dubbo, Wellington and Broken Hill.

2. Thank the Lord for positive partnerships with the National Australia Bank and Good Shepherd Youth and Family Services in delivering this service.

3. Pray for the staff and volunteers involved in NILS and StepUP. Pray for wisdom, compassion and a sense of hope as they connect with people struggling with financial disadvantage.

4. Pray that God will transform the lives of people receiving these loans.

#### BCS Chaplaincy Services

Ross Wakeley, BCS Chaplain writes: "One of the inmates from here (Kariong maximum security prison for juveniles) made a commitment to Jesus a few

months back and asked me to baptise him on his release (scheduled for June). He lives in Baulkham Hills and said (on release) he'd like to attend Hillsong Church. His Dad rang me a few weeks ago (not yet a Christian) and invited me to their home for a yarn. I spent 1.5 hours with them last Monday night. We had a great yarn. The Dad (John) said, 'I'd like to visit Hillsong to find out about this church my son wants to join.' I offered to meet him there yesterday and he joined my wife and I for a remarkable service that deeply touched John. We'll stay in touch."

1. Pray for this young man and his family, for the influence of Ross and his wife and the continuing work of the Spirit of God.

2. Pray for staff serving as chaplains across a range of contexts in BCS Age-Care and LifeCare. Ask God to give insight and compassion as chaplains seek to address the spiritual and emotional needs of clients.

3. Pray for the BCS Community Relations Unit as a DVD is produced for Baptist churches to use from October this year, profiling the range of chaplaincy services provided by BCS and the opportunities for churches to be in partnership in providing care.

4. Pray for Rev Ian Duncan, BCS Senior Chaplain & Manager of Pastoral Care Services as he provides support, coordination and leadership.