



# *SOUL FOOD*

*December 2007*

*January 2008*

*".....make straight the way of the Lord...."*  
*John 1 23*

*And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them,  
and the glory of the Lord shone around them (Luke 2:9).*

*To come and see the glory of the Lord, symbolizes to be enlightened in  
Divine Truth,  
and thus to experience heavenly joy (Apocalypse Explained 427:3).*

*What a wonderful event the angel's appearance to the shepherds is!  
Imagine their surprise and wonder at a glorious shining bright angel  
appearing where a moment before there had been only darkness! And then  
the angel declared the joyful news of the Lord's birth: "I bring you good  
tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this  
day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).*

*The Lord came to earth in a time of spiritual darkness. The heavenly light  
of truth no longer shone in people's minds. Spiritual darkness can be  
present with us today as well. But if we look to the Lord in the truths of the  
Word, the glory of the Lord - heavenly light - can shine in our minds and  
dispel our spiritual darkness.*

*The shepherds saw a host of angels giving glory to God. We, too, can give  
glory to the Lord when we worship Him and acknowledge that He is the  
source of all life.*

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### ***. Outreach and connections to others***

*Anyone who would like to be included in the New Church google group list,  
please contact Brian O'Neill on [boneill@uow.edu.au](mailto:boneill@uow.edu.au)*

*He'll see you right. You will probably have to register online or something  
to be completed. ( You can join in discussions and be in touch with all the  
new church people in Australia.)*

*Alex Benjko*



*Here is an extension to our interest in the Loving Arms Mission.*

*To John. \_From: "Lermitte, Kaye"  
[Kaye.Lermitte@anc-gc.org](mailto:Kaye.Lermitte@anc-gc.org) The Ambassador Programme Rev. David Lindrooth Director of Outreach [david.lindrooth@newchurch.org](mailto:david.lindrooth@newchurch.org)*

*(also posted on our **Aurora Circle** site)*

*I am thrilled to announce that the **Kenyan Orphanage**, run by Khalid Obiri, is going to be administered as a branch of the **Loving Arms Mission**. The Kenyan orphanage, located in Ogembo Kissii, now cares for 20 children, varying in age, who are able to attend both the church and the school as a vital part of their upbringing. Loving Arms Mission is a not-for-profit that specializes in children's homes that are based on the principles of the New Church. There are two Loving Arms orphanages in Katmandu. The Kenyan orphanage is their first branch in Africa.*

*I am extremely grateful that Loving Arms is willing to take on this vital function. They are well equipped to attend to the needs of this wonderful group of children. In the past General Church Outreach has hosted a grass-roots fund-raising movement for this important need. The transition will ensure that there is an organization here that is looking after the orphanage in a more systematic way and which can better provide for the children's needs.*

*During the transition period, General Church Outreach will forward your contributions for the Kenyan Orphanage to Loving Arms to ensure that the orphanage continues to be adequately supported. Your continued support of the orphanage is needed during this transition and in the future. If you wish you can send your tax deductible contribution to: Loving Arms Mission, Box 213, Bryn Athyn PA, 19009.*

***Dr. Mehmet Oz finds His Teacher***

***Dr. Mehmet Oz***, husband of ***Lisa (Lemole) Oz***, is a best selling author, renowned heart surgeon, and may be best known for being Oprah Winfrey's personal doctor: this has dubbed him with the title of "America's doctor". In his article in *Spirituality and Health Magazine*, Dr. Oz\* speaks to finding his spiritual teacher and his inspiration for his family life and medical practice through his wife and her faith based on the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg.

Dr. Oz has crafted, with help from ***Dr. Rev. Jonathan Rose*** (Swedenborg Foundation President and Translator) his personal story that reflects the basic teachings of the New Church and the effect these teachings have had on his entire article. At present, Bronwen is working to get hard copies that can be handed out to all congregations. If you want to get your hands on a copy right away, Barnes and Nobles carries the magazine. Please let me know know if you are interested in receiving hard copies and how many you would like. [Kaye.Lermitte@anc-gc.org](mailto:Kaye.Lermitte@anc-gc.org)

*When a person is kept by the Lord in good and truth, then falsities and evils are removed, and being removed they stand round like a wall, for they cannot enter into the sphere where good and truth are. The reason is, that in good and truth the Lord is present, and the presence of the Lord puts away evil and falsity on every side. (Secrets of Heaven 8206)*

***Doctrinal Studies by Rev Mike Gladish*** *The study of Heaven and Hell designed by Mike Gladish is used at Val's home for classes on the second and fourth Friday mornings of the month.*

## ***Saturday Afternoon discussion 24<sup>th</sup> November***

*The afternoon proceeded quickly and creatively as people contributed their ideas and ran with them. Photos and images for future cards, bookmarks, T shirts and calendars were created and a catchy name for use as a link to the church was chosen as Aurora.*

*Anni then opened the Aurora circle on Facebook and we already have 14 contacts and growing!*

*We ended with a BBQ and will meet again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February.*

## ***Letter from Anni about Aurora Circle New Church in Perth, Australia Face Book on the web for outreach.***

*Hi all,*

*As John mentioned last week, we have set up an exciting facebook account for our circle. This enables us as a group to communicate with both individuals and organisations locally, nationally and internationally. Apart from the obvious networking opportunities it is also a forum for our own church discussion, and any blogs or weblinks can be directly attached to this hub. Anything that you would like do- be it evangelising, creating a new vision for our church in Perth, connecting with other similar orgs, organising activities, supporting local and international causes, discussing Swedenborgian philosophy and New church life issues; discussing fundraising activities; possibilities of our own school or Church Building or just getting to know individuals who think like yourself- can be facilitated through this site.*

*To participate, it is advised that you either:*

*[A] create your own facebook account; or alternately*

*[B] nominate yourself to be an administrator of the Aurora circle site.*

*Creating your own account is easy and fun:*

- 1) Establish your internet connection*
- 2) Search facebook on google*
- 3) Open the facebook site*
- 4) Click on Sign Up*
- 5) Follow the prompts- you can use a fictitious name and photo in the interests of privacy if that is a concern or your own name and*

*photo, wherein friends and loved ones may contact you. There are advantages to both options*

- 6) When your account is established you can "upload" your chosen image (either of yourself or alternate image) by saving a Jpeg image on your computer and then when prompted by facebook identifying the file of your saved image.*
  - 7) You then fill out your profile and to contact the church site- search 'Aurora circle' in the search option on the left of your screen.*
  - 8) Aurora Circle has an image of a sunrise- click on the option 'invite to be your friend' and you are ready to begin posting discussion threads; upcoming events; articles of interest; videos; sermons etc- you are only limited by your imagination*
- you can also befriend many of the individuals who have already befriended our circle from BrynAthyn and over East and get to know them on a personal basis*

*-private messages may also be sent by 'sending message'*

*-levels of privacy can be adjusted by changing the settings in the top right 'accounts'*

*If there are any problems feel free to contact me at 0423499198 or email below*

*If you would like to be an administrator of the Aurora site-(enables you hold out your communications and event invitations on behalf of our circle)  
- just email:*

*[Annaleens@inet.net.au](mailto:Annaleens@inet.net.au) or John Frost @hotmail.com*

*Look forward to seeing you online! : )*

### **The Journey**

*We are advertising **The Journey** in the Nova, for February next year, each Sunday afternoon at 3pm to 5pm for 8 committed Sundays in a row (except for Easter). See Calendar*

## ***Calendar for December/ January***

<b><i>December</i></b>	<b><i>Worship</i></b>	<b><i>Class/meeting/</i></b>
<i>Sun 2nd</i>	<b><i>5pm</i></b> <i>Worship 10 Broome Street South Perth</i>	<i>3pm Secret Garden discussion</i>
<i>Fri 7th</i>		<b><i>Heaven and Hell class at Val's 11am</i></b>
<i>Sun 9<sup>th</sup></i>	<b><i>Worship 10.30am</i></b> <i>Shared meal to follow.</i>	
<i>Sun 16th</i>	<b><i>5pm</i></b> <i>Worship 10 Broome Street South Perth</i>  <b><i>Tableaux</i></b>	
<i>Friday 21st</i>		<b><i>Heaven and Hell class at Val's 11am</i></b>
<i>Sunday 23rd</i>	<b><i>Worship 10.30am</i></b> <i>Shared meal to follow.</i>	
<i>January</i>	<i>All worship by private arrangement at family homes TBA</i>	

*In February The Journey  
begins... so bring a friend!*

Feb Calendar *The Journey begins*

<b>Feb 3rd</b>	<b>Worship 10.30am</b> <i>Shared meal to follow.</i>	
<b>Friday 8th</b>		<b>Heaven and Hell class TBA 11am</b>
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Rev Alaine and Jeanne Nicolier</i> <i>Will be with us!!</i>	<b><i>The Journey 3pm -5pm</i></b> <b>5pm</b> <i>Worship 10 Broome Street South Perth</i> <i>Shared meal to follow</i>
<b>Sun 17th</b>		<b><i>The Journey 3pm -5pm</i></b> <b>5pm</b> <i>Worship 10 Broome Street South Perth</i> <i>Shared meal to follow</i>
<b>Fri 22nd</b>		<b>Heaven and Hell class TBA 11am</b>
<b>Sun 24th</b>		<b><i>The Journey 3pm -5pm</i></b> <b>5pm</b> <i>Worship 10 Broome Street South Perth</i> <i>Shared meal to follow</i>
<b>March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Worship 10.30am</b> <i>Shared meal to follow.</i>	

*Sunday School every Sunday during Worship.*

*Worship Services are held weekly at 10 Broome Street, South Perth (off Douglas Street) at 10.30am except the first Sunday of the month when it is held at 5pm.*

*You are invited to join in a shared meal afterwards if you wish.*

*Classes and systematic study*

*Enquiries*

*John Tel 9332 5140 or Mary 0407 448405*



*10 Broome Street, South Perth (off Douglas Street)*

*[www.newchurch.org](http://www.newchurch.org)*

*<http://www.newchurch.org/locations/asiaPacific/australia>*

*Based on the Holy Bible, The New Church gains further inspiration and understanding through the Revelation of 18th century scientist and theologian [Emanuel Swedenborg](http://www.swedenborg.com.au). In his 35 volumes of theology, Swedenborg helps set forth the Lord's plan for a rebirth of Christianity, a clear vision of God in His own Word, and what that means in our lives.*

*For ordering books see [www.swedenborg.com.au](http://www.swedenborg.com.au)*

*Or phone Alex 0428517813*

*We sponsor "The Loving Arms Mission" in Nepal, a home for orphaned children. Donations gladly accepted.*



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