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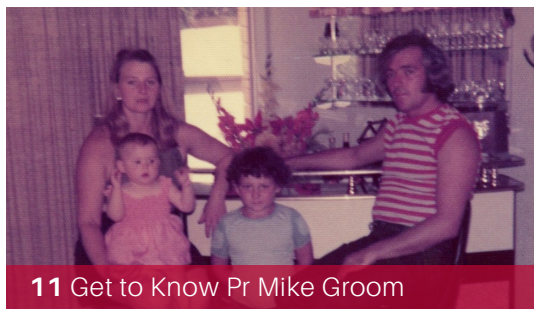
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## WELCOME

Welcome to our March edition of Sturt Street News!

We have a lot of activities happening this month. Keep in mind that our first New Arrivals Dinner and Food and Fun Day for 2019 are running this month. Please have a careful look through the Sturt Street News to familiarise yourself with everything else that coming up.

In the weeks leading up to Easter we will be running a sermon series titled *Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross*. More information about this series can be found on page 5 of this Sturt Street News.

Bless you all,  
Pr Mike Groom

### Our Contact Details

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### Our Team

**Lead Pastor:** Pr Mike Groom  
**Associate Pastor:** Pr Gregg Manego  
**Children:** Sturt Street Kids Team  
**Youth:** Empower Team  
**Young Adults:** Engage Team  
**Seniors:** Peter Chigwidden  
**Finance:** Kelly Groom  
**Administrator:** Marita Mabulac  
**Adelaide City Care:** Pr Gregg Manego  
**Elders Team:** Pr Mike Groom, Pr Gregg Manego, Pr Neil Milne, Hew Barnard Brown, Lin Andrews and Ian Wood

## ABOUT US

We are a city-based Pentecostal church. We gather every Sunday, as people of all ages from all walks of life, to celebrate God and to experience a powerful message, teaching truths from the Bible. Our gatherings are relaxed with friendly people, modern music and media presentations. You are more than welcome to join us any Sunday at our 10am gathering.

### Vision

To be a Christ-centred community of believers who obey the Great Commission

### Mission

Empowering people for life change

### Strategy

Engage people with Jesus  
Establish people into faith  
Equip people for service  
Empower people to serve

### Generous Giving

#### Tithes and Offerings

Adelaide Christian Centre  
BSB: 065005 Acc: 0090 3471

#### Missions Offerings

Adelaide Christian Centre  
BSB: 065005 Acc: 0090 3471

#### Adelaide City Care Donations

Tax Deductible Donations  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1 New Arrivals Dinner Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Our next New Arrivals Dinner will be held month. If you would like to volunteer to help out on the night please contact the church office. We really appreciate everyone who can lend a hand.

### 2 Food and Fun Day Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Our next Food and Fun Day will be held month. The event will run from 4pm until 6pm. This is a free event and everyone is encouraged to invite friends and family along to connect with the new arrivals.

### 3 Elevate Sleepover Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

All Elevate children are welcome to come to church from 3pm. Please bring pajamas, mattress, bedding, toiletries and clothes for church in the morning. The cost of the sleepover is \$10 per child.

### 4 Family Service Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Our Family Services this year will take a different spin! Our children will be running the whole service from beginning to end. Invite your friends and families as we join together to celebrate our children.

## GENERAL INFORMATION



## Series Overview

### Forgiveness

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Key passage of the week: 'Father Forgive them for they don't know.' Luke 22:34

### Salvation

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Key passage of the week: 'You will be with me in Paradise.' Luke 23:43

### Affection

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Focus on John the Disciple

Key passage of the week: 'Here is your son, here is your mother.' John 19:25-27

### Anguish

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Key passage of the week: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' Matthew 27:46

### Suffering

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)

Key passage of the week: 'His appearance was so disfigured.' Isaiah 52:14

### Victory

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April (Easter Sunday)

Key passage of the week: 'It is finished.' John 19:30

### Contentment

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Key passage of the week: 'Into your hands I commit my Spirit.' Luke 23:46

## SEVEN SAYINGS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

Often when someone dies, his or her last words are remembered.

In our new sermon series we will take notice of the last words Jesus spoke just before His death on the cross. We will discover and highlight the significance and meaning of His last seven sayings and what they mean to us.

This series reinforces our Ministry Strategy to Engage people with Jesus and to Establish people in the faith. It also reinforces two of our Core Values: Passionate Discipleship and Outreach Focussed.





## MARCH BIBLE READING PLAN

Throughout January and February many of our congregation members have been following our Bible reading plan. We have heard great feedback about the plan which is very encouraging.

In March the plan continues. The passages for March can be found in the following columns. If you would like to follow the plan on your mobile phone or tablet you can download the YouVersion Bible app and search for *Let's Read the Bible Together*.

The Bible isn't an easy book. It was written by God in an ancient time through people of different languages and cultures than our own, whose immediate audiences were different from us in many ways.

It is also a book written by God about God and the work he's doing in the world.

A work by such a divine author, on such an immense topic, should be difficult to fully comprehend. So we'll need to study and wrestle with God's words—but it's worth it, and here are ten reasons why.

1. Reading the Bible shows us God's character. The Bible is our definitive source for the answers to our questions about God. *Hebrews 1:1-3*
2. Reading the Bible teaches us to imitate God. *Ephesians 5:1*
3. Reading the Bible helps us discover our next step. *Psalms 119:105*
4. Reading the Bible keeps us from sin. *Psalms 119:11*
5. Reading the Bible helps us to renew our minds so we can know God's will. *Romans 12:1-2*
6. Reading the Bible allows us to be certain of what God said. The Bible is our final authority. *John 17:17*
7. Reading the Bible allows us to receive the desires of our heart. *John 15:7*
8. Reading the Bible is how we learn about the gospel. *John 5:39-40*
9. Reading the Bible gives us courage. *Joshua 1:8-9*
10. Reading the Bible helps us to be fruitful. *Psalms 1:2-3*

### Bible Reading Plan

#### March 1, 2019

Proverbs 1, Romans 1, Romans 2

#### March 2, 2019

Proverbs 2, Romans 3, Romans 4, Psalms 32

#### March 3, 2019

Proverbs 3, Romans 5, Romans 6

#### March 4, 2019

Proverbs 4, Romans 7, Romans 8

#### March 5, 2019

Proverbs 5, Romans 9, Romans 10

#### March 6, 2019

Proverbs 6, Romans 11, Romans 12, Psalms 69

#### March 7, 2019

Proverbs 7, Romans 13, Romans 14, Psalms 24

#### March 8, 2019

Proverbs 8, Romans 15, Romans 16, Psalms 117

#### March 9, 2019

Proverbs 9, Numbers 1, Numbers 2

#### March 10, 2019

Proverbs 10, Numbers 3, Numbers 4

#### March 11, 2019

Proverbs 11, Numbers 5, Numbers 6

#### March 12, 2019

Proverbs 12, Numbers 7, Numbers 8

#### March 13, 2019

Proverbs 13, Numbers 9, Numbers 10

#### March 14, 2019

Proverbs 14, Numbers 11, Numbers 12

#### March 15, 2019

Proverbs 15, Numbers 13, Numbers 14

#### March 16, 2019

Proverbs 16, Numbers 15, Numbers 16

#### March 17, 2019

Proverbs 17, Numbers 17, Numbers 18

#### March 18, 2019

Proverbs 18, Numbers 19, Numbers 20

#### March 19, 2019

Proverbs 19, Numbers 21, Numbers 22

#### March 20, 2019

Proverbs 20, Numbers 23, Numbers 24

#### March 21, 2019

Proverbs 21, Numbers 25, Numbers 26

#### March 22, 2019

Proverbs 22, Numbers 27, Numbers 28

#### March 23, 2019

Proverbs 23, Numbers 29, Numbers 30

#### March 24, 2019

Proverbs 24, Numbers 31, Numbers 32

#### March 25, 2019

Proverbs 25, Numbers 33, Numbers 34

#### March 26, 2019

Proverbs 26, Numbers 35, Numbers 36

#### March 27, 2019

Proverbs 27, Hebrews 1, Hebrews 2

#### March 28, 2019

Proverbs 28, Hebrews 3, Hebrews 4, Psalms 95

#### March 29, 2019

Proverbs 29, Hebrews 5, Hebrews 6, Hebrews 7

#### March 30, 2019

Proverbs 30, Hebrews 8, Hebrews 9, Hebrews 10

#### March 31, 2019

Proverbs 31, Hebrews 11, Hebrews 12, Hebrews 13



# CONNECT GROUPS

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### INFORMATION

Adelaide Christian Centre loves connect groups! We have a great number of people throughout the life of our church attending a small group on a regular basis.

We believe that life change happens best in small groups, through accountability, a sense of belonging and knowing that others care.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says: *Let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together. Let us encourage one another.*

### Day Time Groups

**Group:** Ladies (Fortnightly)  
**Location:** Gilles Plains  
**Leader:** Diane Taylor  
**Phone:** 0422 435 355

### Monthly Groups

**Group:** Seniors (3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of month)  
**Location:** Adelaide Christian Centre  
**Leader:** Peter Chigwidden  
**Phone:** 0407 398 988

### Youth and Young Adults

**Group:** Empower Youth (12-17)  
**Location:** Adelaide Christian Centre  
**When:** Tuesday nights  
**Time:** 7-8:30pm

**Group:** Engage Young Adults (18-25)  
**Location:** Adelaide Christian Centre  
**When:** Tuesday nights  
**Time:** 7-8:30pm

### Evening Groups

**Location:** Hallet Cove  
**Leader:** Don Datu  
**Phone:** 0451 151 509

**Location:** Ingle Farm  
**Leader:** Angelito and Marycel Gatdula  
**Phone:** 0402 644 117

**Location:** Marion  
**Leader:** Emil Sagun  
**Phone:** 0438 277 990

**Location:** Mt Barker (Fortnightly)  
**Leader:** Nohn Cubio  
**Phone:** 0439 921 890

**Location:** Seacombe Gardens  
**Leader:** Rommel Verain  
**Phone:** 0435 747 343

**Location:** Rosewater  
**Leader:** Liway Cotton  
**Phone:** 0447 616 536

**Location:** Newton (Fortnightly)  
**Leader:** Brian Mortimer  
**Phone:** 0434 360 257

**Location:** Underdale  
**Leader:** Ps Mike Groom  
**Phone:** 0400 560 501

**Location:** Northfield  
**Leader:** Orbille and Jessica Piol  
**Phone:** 0430 618 489

**Group:** Enable  
**Location:** Location varies  
**Leader:** Vinnie and Margaux Miranda  
**Phone:** 0430 333 370

## CONNECT GROUPS



## CONNECT GROUP ARTICLE

Welcome to Connect Groups for March!

God is a being, who from the very beginning, was in relationship!

He, in His infinite wisdom, has moulded within us a desire to pursue relationships and to belong to a community.

Here at Adelaide Christian Centre I have the privilege of being part of the youth and young adults connect group that is held at church every Tuesday night.

It is, and continues to be, a dynamic and supportive community of young people who are passionate about God and about each other.

Connect group is where we can be together, learn together, share and carry each other's burdens and continually align each other in goal and purpose for the glory of God.

It is said there are five gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John...and the Christian. And some will never read the first four.

I am encouraged to see that the kind of love and care our young people have, has made it possible for people from different faiths to feel welcome to come and see what God is doing in this part of our church community!

We aren't meant to do life and church alone, not even God does it alone!

Starting in March, our youth and young adults will be starting a connect group series focused on equipping believers in understanding what they believe and to learn how to communicate what they believe in a clear and robust way.

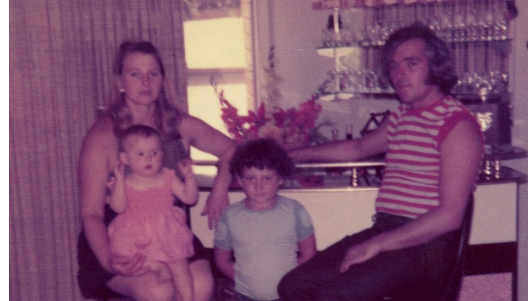
If you are a youth or young adult and are not involved in connect group we would love to have you join us! We meet at church every Tuesday night during the school term from 7-8:30pm.

We are excited with what God is doing in our connect group and in all connect groups at church!

If you want to experience what God has for you in the future, surround yourself with those who have that same desire for you. Be connected at connect group!

Blessings,  
**Paolo Mañego**

## CONNECT GROUPS



## GET TO KNOW PR MIKE GROOM

**Where were you born and what is your family background?**

I was born in Sydney. My mum is from Gilgandra, a small town in New South Wales. Her mother was part Aboriginal and her dad came from Scotland.

My dad was English and came to Australia in the early sixties. His mum was Portuguese and his dad was Welsh. I have one sister and she lives on the Gold Coast with her family.

**What were you like in high school?**

I was a loud mouth, sometimes there and got out of there before I was 15.

**If your family had to describe you in three words what would they be?**

Annoying, fun and annoying.

**When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

A professional golfer or a truck driver.

**How many countries have you lived in?**

Three. Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

**What is your most memorable traveling memory?**

Our family holiday to the United States in 2012 for my long service leave. Great memories!

**If you were the CEO of a company name one thing you would make compulsory in the office and one thing you would ban in the office.**

Compulsory: Have fun and have nap time.  
Ban: Critical/negative people.

**If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life what would it be?**

Samboy chicken chips

**If you had to go on a holiday to any country where would you go?**

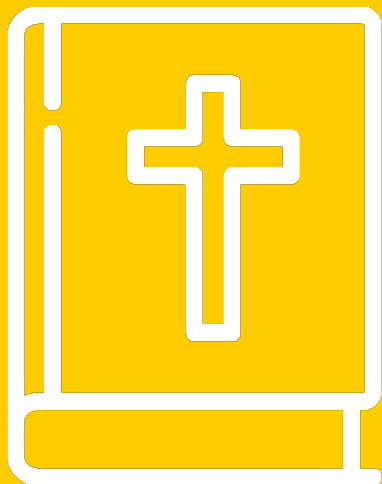
Greek Islands. I reckon it would be cool.

**What is the best aspect of being involved in a connect group?**

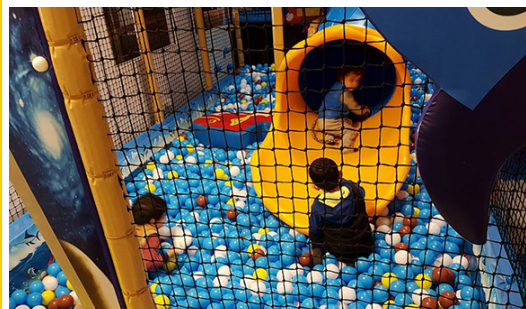
Getting to know people more closely and knowing that you are there for one another when needed.



# CHURCH MINISTRIES



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### PLAYGROUP

#### 0-6 Years

Giggle Patch Playgroup runs every Wednesday morning from 10am-12pm at 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide during school terms. An indoor playground and a variety of other activities are available for children under 6 years of age.

Parents are encouraged to come along to enjoy some time together where they can create new friendships and continue to develop existing ones. The children are able to play together and have some fun.

Tea and coffee is provided for parents. Everyone is requested to please bring a gold coin donation.

A lot of work has been put into tidying up and updating our crèche area in recent months which means the playgroup environment for 2019 is new and fresh!

If you would like any further information on Giggle Patch Playgroup or if you would like to volunteer, contact Raquel Edwards or the church office via phone or email. Contact details for the church office can be found on page 3.

### CRÈCHE

#### 0-3 Years

Our crèche is open every Sunday morning during the service for all those aged 0-3 years. Parents are welcome to sign their kids in anytime from 9:45am and are asked to sign them out no later than 11:45am or whenever the service finishes.

Our crèche consists of an open space where children have access to a variety of fun toys, craft materials, books and more. Children also have the opportunity to enjoy our indoor playground!

Attached to our crèche is a feeding room for breast feeding mothers and babies. An audio link and a window looking out into the auditorium allows mothers to see and hear what is going on in the church service whilst they are using the room.

A lot of work has gone in over the Christmas and New Year period to freshen the crèche up. Please remember that this space is for children three years and younger only. Whenever young children are in the crèche they need to be supervised. Please assist us in keeping our crèche tidy and fresh for those who use it.



## GROW

### 3-6 Years

Last month we learned about God's love and how he is always with us. We focused on Daniel and Gideon throughout February to illustrate God's love.

In March we will continue to learn about God's love.

I always enjoy watching when our kids come to understand this amazing gift that we have been given!

My challenge for this month is for everyone to share the love. Why don't we all try to do something for someone else with no expectation of anything in return?

Some ideas may be to help a friend, make a sweet treat and give it to someone you don't know that well, mow someone's lawn, or pick up rubbish at the local park or beach.

Thank you for all of your prayers and words of encouragement. We really appreciate them!

God Bless,  
**Cassie Beattie**

## ELEVATE

### 7-11 Years

Throughout the month of February it has been fantastic to see the response of the children to the new program we are running in Elevate. They all seem to be enjoying it which is very encouraging!

Our major theme for February was LOVE. We looked at loving God with all our hearts, showing love to others, and loving others even when it's hard. The children turned up to Elevate full of enthusiasm ready to learn the lesson for each Sunday.

In March we are entering into the new topic of TRUST. We are excited as a team for more fun lessons with the children!

If you have not yet returned your child's Elevate consent form, please do so as soon as possible! These can be handed in to the Elevate team leaders or can be given to Marita at the info desk.

We encourage all of our Elevate parents to join our Facebook group. This is where we will post all of our need to know information and latest updates: [www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc](http://www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc)

## EMPOWER

### 12-17 Years

February was an awesome month for Empower. We enjoyed a beach night, a challenge night, a car park party and a night playing Wii. We are getting a great number of youth along to our events which is awesome!

If you have not returned your Empower consent form, please do so as soon as possible!

You are welcome to join our Facebook group where we post all our event details: [www.facebook.com/groups/cityempower](http://www.facebook.com/groups/cityempower)

### March Event Dates

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### March Connect Groups

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

## ENGAGE

### 18-25 Years

In February our Engage group took on a new dynamic. We have been encouraging our young adults to initiate events and invite others along. This has been working very well! In fact, we had events three Sundays in a row. The response from our young adults and their eagerness to spend time with each other has been very encouraging and awesome to witness.

Our Tuesday night connect group with Empower Youth is all planned and ready to go for March! Join us at church from 7pm until 8:30pm.

If you are between 18 and 25 years of age please feel free to join us! We have a Facebook group where we post all of our updated event details and need-to-know information: [www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet](http://www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet)

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March





## SENIORS

### 50+ Years

Welcome to the seniors ministry of Adelaide Christian Centre!

Our seniors ministry aims to provide our senior members of our church with a challenging, inspiring and encouraging support network. A place where they can gather together to support one another and share life together.

Thank you to all those who gather regularly to build relationships, give encouragement and do life together.

### March Event

Our seniors event for March will be held on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March.

The plan is for everyone to meet at church at 10am. After some fellowship everyone will travel to Semaphore for a fish and chip lunch.

If you would like any further information on our seniors ministry please do not hesitate to contact Peter Chigwidden and he will be happy to help you with any questions that you may have.

## EQUIP

### Equip Training College (ETC)

We are intentional about equipping effective followers of Christ and well-trained leaders who are able to lead others in life and ministry.

ETC has been designed specifically with the development of congregational members of Adelaide Christian Centre (ACC) in mind. Its unique curriculum and desired outcomes are tailor made to fulfil the Biblical mandate as clearly stated in the book of Ephesians (4:11-12).

### Enrolments for 2019

If you would like a copy of the ETC Course Outline please ask the church office or ask at the info desk in the church foyer.

If you are interested in enrolling or expressing interest in one of our courses for 2019 you can do so at the info desk or by contacting the church office.

Candidates will be invited to enrol into either the 18-month Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology course or the three year Diploma in Christian Ministry and Leadership course.



# ADELAIDE CITY CARE

## ABOUT US

Adelaide City Care is a not-for-profit organisation. The mission of Adelaide City Care is: *Empowering people for life change.*

As an arm of Adelaide Christian Centre, we are committed to supporting those who are new arrivals to South Australia. In 2006 this group was recognised as a potentially disadvantaged group. Our initiatives assist new arrivals to combat social isolation, foster social inclusion and increase their employability.

Through our programs we aim to help new migrants ease into their settlement in Australia, assimilate into the broader community, and improve their family lifestyle. Information is provided about assistance that is available including social welfare services, employment, housing, accommodation, banking and finance.

### Give to Adelaide City Care

Our primary means of resources come from those who generously contribute to this part of our work. If you would like to help us please donate online by EFT:

#### Tax Deductible Donations

Adelaide City Care

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Acc: 1009 3025

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## PROGRAMS

### Meet and Greet Service

New migrants are met at Adelaide Airport and transported to their accommodation. We help them settle into their accommodation and provide information about essential tasks that need to be done on arrival.

### New Arrivals Dinner

A special dinner which is run four times a year to welcome new migrants to South Australia. Qualified consultants are invited to speak on housing and accommodation, employment, and finance and banking.

### Food and Fun Day

A fun-filled day that runs three times a year. The event includes a self-serve meal, social interaction through table tennis, bouncy castles and other activities. This is a great way for new migrants to build relationships with members of the community.

### Speak, Hear, Speak

Speak, Hear, Speak is an English class that runs every Tuesday evening during the school term. These classes provide free conversational English lessons to new arrivals and others who consider English as their second language.

### Practical Assistance

Adelaide City Care provides additional practical assistance to the disadvantaged members of the community including new arrivals to South Australia regardless of their age, sex, ethnic background, religion, political beliefs and marital status.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1 New Arrivals Dinner Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Our next New Arrivals Dinner will begin at 5pm at 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide. The event will begin with information booths in the foyer. Dinner will begin at 6pm sharp.

This is a special dinner which is run four times a year to welcome new migrants to South Australia.

If you are a member of Adelaide Christian Centre and would like to volunteer to help out on the night please speak to Ps Gregg or Marita.

There are many ways that people of all ages can help out!

### 2 Food and Fun Day Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Our next Food and Fun Day will begin at 4pm at 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide. The event will conclude at 6pm.

The event includes a self-serve meal, social interaction through karaoke, table tennis, bouncy castles and other activities.

This is a great way for new arrivals to build relationships with members of the community in a friendly atmosphere.

We have lots of fun activities planned. Everyone is more than welcome to invite their friends and families.



# ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



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## ABOUT US

A significant part of the mandate of our church is Christian Education. Leo Harris had a vision for Christian Education and plans were developed in 1976 and 1977 for a Christian School. Sunrise Christian School was founded in 1978 in Fullarton. A few years later Temple Christian College was founded as a sister organisation for high school students.

Adelaide Christian Schools (ACS) is an organisation that aims to oversee and support its schools ranging from Reception to Year 12 in co-educational settings and other training establishments. ACS is called to educate and train children in all aspects of life in such a way that God is seen to be the centre of everything - to be an extension of the Christian home, fulfilling the God-given mandate for parents to bring up their children in His ways.

The schools are governed by a Board with membership comprising individuals with vast experience and expertise from a variety of industry sectors. The Board works closely with Committees and Advisory Groups that have been established in each school community to engage with local leadership at a grass roots level, providing an opportunity for local input and expression.

## OUR SCHOOLS

ACS governs and supports 11 schools. These schools comprise of approximately 2300 students and in excess of 250 staff. Each school offers its own distinctive qualities that focuses on the role of the family in education, character development and excellence in academics.

### Australian Schools

#### Sunrise Christian School

- Fullarton, SA	R - 7	Est. 1978
- Paradise, SA	R - 7	Est. 1989
- Morphett Vale, SA	ELC - 7	Est. 1994
- Marion, SA	R - 12	Est. 2002
- Naracoorte, SA	R - 7	Est. 2005
- Whyalla, SA	ELC - 7	Est. 2009

#### Temple Christian College

- Mile End, SA	7 - 12	Est. 1983
- Paralowie, SA	7 - 12	Est. 2001

#### Discovery Christian College

- Agnes Water, QLD	3 - 10	Est. 2015
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### International Schools

#### Sunrise Bethel Christian School

- Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

#### Faith Christian School

- Walhalla, South Carolina, USA



## SUNRISE BETHEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE

Early February we held a special dedication service. It was a wonderful celebration of our school, with the church family reaching out to pray for us and the year ahead. There were many of our new prep children in attendance, for the first time. And we welcome them again to Sunrise Bethel Christian School.

The Grade One class are learning about how forces change the way things move. In the week beginning Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February, they investigated that an object floats or sinks because of the balance between the downward pull of gravity on an object (also called weight) and the upward push of water. If the weight of an object is greater

than the upward push of water on the object, it will sink. If the weight of an object and the upward push of water are in balance, the object will float. After learning this, they took out their paper boats to see what would happen when they put them in water.

Our prep students are learning to read and write very quickly. They are really enjoying their 'egg box' words (seen in the photos on the opposite page), and their new writing ability. Each day their skills are improving! We are very proud of their achievements.

In the last few weeks my faith has been challenged. On Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February my computer and phone were taken from my office after school hours. I had left my office to talk with a couple of teachers and when I returned about 10 minutes later my computer and phone were gone. When we look back we can see many things that could have been done to prevent the theft.

I should have closed my office, we could have locked one of our entrances after school (we are now doing this), we could have longer hours for our security staff, and we could put the blame on others.

But I had been teaching and talking about faith in staff devotions and in front of our students. I was also in the middle of preparing a message to share for our church at the time the computer was taken, and I had been thinking about what Christian schooling really means, and why we do what we do. What is it that makes us unique from other schools? Do these things impact how I should respond in this situation? All of this was going through my mind.

And so, I deliberately chose to put my hope and trust in God and walked forward in faith. Faith that God has something for me to learn and that His plan will be good, because He is always a good God. I have

already been surprised by what God is doing.

Others who saw how we have responded have been thinking about their own responses. It has set about change where I did not expect it. I have learned that God prompts us through his Holy Spirit in ways we cannot anticipate. I had felt to back-up the computer the night before it was taken, after not having done so for a couple of months!

We have had wonderful support from our community and the theft has opened the door to develop some relationships for our school, that may not have been made otherwise. I still don't have my computer back – but I have another machine I can use. I am walking by faith. And I know that God is good, and He loves me. He loves our school and He loves our community.

**Becky Cook**

*Principal of Sunrise Bethel Christian School*





# MISSIONS

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### MONTHLY MISSIONS GIVING




#### Christian Education

	Fiji Islands	<i>Bethel Crusade Preschools</i>	<b>\$300.00</b>
	Papua New Guinea	<i>Bethel Sunrise School</i>	<b>\$300.00</b>
	U.S.A.	<i>Faith Christian School</i>	<b>\$500.00</b>
	Sri Lanka	<i>Door of Hope Preschool</i>	<b>\$400.00</b>




#### Helping the Needy

	Sri Lanka	<i>Bethel Children's Homes &amp; Farm</i>	<b>\$400.00</b>
	Philippines	<i>Children's Feeding Programs</i>	<b>\$100.00</b>

#### Missionary Service

	Papua New Guinea	<i>Rachelle Hardy</i>	<b>\$200.00</b>
	U.S.A.	<i>Warwick and Omega Hughes</i>	<b>\$600.00</b>
	World	<i>Pastor Barry Silverback</i>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

#### Ministry Training

	Papua New Guinea	<i>Bethel Bible College</i>	<b>\$300.00</b>
	Papua New Guinea	<i>Student Sponsorship Program</i>	<b>\$500.00</b>
	India	<i>Missions Training School</i>	<b>\$500.00</b>
	India	<i>Evangelos Training Institute</i>	<b>\$250.00</b>

#### Other

	Sri Lanka	<i>Colombo Building Project</i>	<b>\$100.00</b>
	Australia	<i>Indigenous Outreach</i>	<b>\$250.00</b>

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**COMBINED TOTAL** **\$5,700.00**

## MISSIONS



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- 1 Bethel Crusade Preschools**  
Fiji: \$300 per month  
Tax Deductible Project Code: J352N

We currently have eight Bethel Preschools located around Fiji with over 200 children enrolled. Our support is allocated to the running of the preschools.

- 2 Sunrise Bethel Christian School**  
PNG: \$300 per month  
Tax Deductible Project Code: J573N

Based in Port Moresby, Sunrise Bethel Christian School is a non-denominational, co-educational school and is part of Adelaide Christian Schools.

- 3 Faith Christian School**  
U.S.A: \$500 per month

Faith Christian School is located in Walhalla, South Carolina. It is an international member school of Adelaide Christian Schools which is a ministry of Adelaide Christian Centre.

- 4 Door of Hope Preschool**  
Sri Lanka: \$400 per month

Door of Hope Preschool is located in Vavuniya in the north of Sri Lanka. It is predominantly made up of Tamil speaking children. Our support is allocated to the running of the preschool.

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## HELPING THE NEEDY

- 1 Bethel Children's Homes**  
Sri Lanka: \$400 per month  
Tax Deductible Project Code: J982N

Many children have been displaced as a result of Sri Lanka's long and bitter civil war which finally ended in May 2009. There is a growing need to help these displaced and often neglected children in Sri Lanka.

Bethel Children's Homes provide a safe and supportive environment for displaced children. Our church provides financial and management support for the children and staff within the homes. As a church we sponsor four children - Jonathan, Aaron, Angel and Sharon.

- 2 Children's Feeding Programs**  
Philippines: \$100 per month

Thousands of children have been ministered to throughout the Philippines by CRC feeding programs.

Multiple activities are included within the feeding programs - feeding, Bible teaching, Gospel preaching, prayers for the children and their families, prayers for the communities, world missions orientation, games, memory verses, praise and worship, and assignments on the Bible.

Our support goes towards the general costs of the feeding programs held throughout the Philippines by our CRC workers in the nation.



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## MISSIONARY SERVICE

### 1 **Rachelle Hardy** PNG: \$200 per month

Rachelle Hardy is a long serving CRC missionary. She is located in Port Moresby and oversees the Missions School. Rachelle travels regularly to India, giving leadership to the World Missions Faith Training School.

### 2 **Warwick and Omega Hughes** USA: \$600 per month

Warwick was a missionary in PNG for many years. He is married to Omega and they have two children. In August 2018 the family relocated to Walhalla, South Carolina so Warwick could become our senior pastor.

### 3 **Pastor Barry Silverback** World: \$1,000 per month

Pastor Barry Silverback is the CRC International Missions Director and is one of the longest serving members of Adelaide Christian Centre.

Pastor Barry travels extensively to many nations teaching, preaching and mentoring many. He truly is a 'father in the faith' to hundreds of people around the globe.

Pastor Barry is a pioneer and is presently pioneering a number of new initiatives to recruit, train and deploy new missionaries around the fields.

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## MINISTRY TRAINING

### 1 **Bethel Bible College** PNG: \$300 per month

Our support assists in the training of men and women for ministry in PNG and beyond. Thousands of students have been trained and released into ministry through the Bethel training programs.

### 3 **Missions Training School** India: \$500 per month

World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) exposes men and women to the missionary mandate, informing, training, preparing and inspiring them to become missionaries around the world.

### 2 **International Student Sponsorship** PNG: \$500 per month

Dipen is a graduate of WMFTS India. He is currently serving at Bethel Centre PNG. Ilisoni and his family are from Fiji. His wife Viema runs the Preschool Teacher Training at Bethel Centre and he is enrolled in Bethel Bible College.

### 4 **Evangelos Training Institute** India: \$250 per month

Purnima is a graduate of WMFTS India. She has served in PNG and Fiji. She is now back in India. We have supported Purnima for a number of years and we now support her through her ministry at the Evangelos Training Institute.





## TAX DEDUCTIBLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Two of our CRC children's ministries have tax deductible projects running from 2018-2020. This is an exciting development and we are looking forward to seeing all that will be achieved within our preschools in Fiji and children's homes in Sri Lanka throughout these projects.

A general overview of each project is included within the following columns. We have also included information for those of you who are looking to give tax deductible donations to the projects.

We appreciate all of your generous and ongoing support for our preschools and children's homes.

### Fiji Preschools Development Project

**Tax Deductible Project Code:** J352N

From 2018-2020 we are working on a project to improve Bethel Crusade Preschools for students, teachers and the local communities where our preschools are located.

The major objective of the new project is: *To have eight fully functioning preschools complete with facilities that meet government and OHS standards, trained and certified teachers, and sewing courses to empower mothers and other women in the preschool communities.*

If you would like any further information on the project please pick up a project booklet from the info desk or the table at the back of the auditorium.

### Sri Lanka Displaced Children Development Project

**Tax Deductible Project Code:** J982N

We launched a three year project for our children's homes in January 2018 for ongoing development and sustainability.

The major objective for this project is: *To support and empower displaced children and young people through quality education (primary, secondary and tertiary), improved healthcare, adequate subsistence (food, clothing, accommodation, water, sanitation and recreation), a safe family-like living environment, and ongoing developmental support (physical, emotional, mental and intellectual).*

To discover more about the project please pick up a project booklet from the info desk or the table at the back of the auditorium.

### Step 1: Direct Bank Deposit (online)

Direct Deposit tax deductible donations can be made using the following details.

**Account Name:** Global Development Group  
**BSB:** 064118

**Account Number:** 10200094

**Reference:** e.g. J. Smith J352N/J982N

Please make sure you include your initials (e.g. J. Smith), followed by the code for the project you wish to donate to (**J352N** for Fiji Preschools or **J982N** for Sri Lanka Children's Homes) in the reference section so GDG can trace your deposit.

### Step 2: Email GDG your donation details

Email [info@globaldevelopment.org.au](mailto:info@globaldevelopment.org.au) with the following details.

- a) Your name and address
- b) Amount and date of donation
- c) Project code - **J352N** or **J982N**

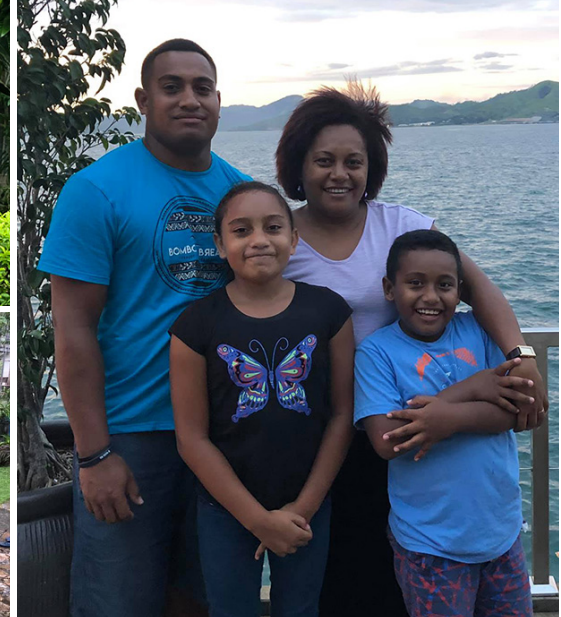
GDG will send you a receipt for your tax deductible donation. If you would like to contribute to the project on a regular basis you will need to set this up with your bank and then let GDG know in your initial email.

For more information or to donate online:

- Fiji Preschools  
[www.gdg.org.au/InfoJ352N](http://www.gdg.org.au/InfoJ352N)
- Sri Lanka Children's Homes  
[www.gdg.org.au/InfoJ982N](http://www.gdg.org.au/InfoJ982N)

*Bethel Crusade Preschools and Door of Hope International are partners for J352N and J982N with Global Development Group (ABN 57 102 400 993), an Australian NGO approved by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.*





## PAPUA NEW GUINEA TRIP REPORT

It was such a pleasure to be able to visit Bethel Christian Centre in Port Moresby just recently.

It was particularly special after hearing about Pr Barry and the ministry for many years, as well as supporting this work as a church.

Meeting the staff, helpers and students was very inspiring, hearing some of their stories, and seeing their commitment and passion to serve the Lord. I was also able to spend some time with Viema and the staff who will be assisting with the Preschool Teacher Training.

Seeing the beautiful new building for the teacher training was very exciting, with the final finishing touches happening while I was there.

I was also invited to attend the assembly at Sunrise Bethel Christian School for their morning devotion and Bible lesson.

Seeing the children give their attention, engage with the lesson, and laugh at the teachers' jokes was inspirational.

I had a Principal's tour of the school too, and met many of the teachers and staff.

It is a privilege to be able to play a small part in this new project of the establishment of the Preschool Teacher Training School, and I look forward to hearing back about their progress and successes.

**Sue Shemeikka**

It was wonderful to visit Bethel Christian Centre again. I always enjoy my visits and meeting up with long-term friends. Bethel is a special place!

The purpose of this trip was to visit Viema, Ilisoni and their two children who have recently relocated to Bethel from our CRC church in Suva, Fiji. Viema is the principal of the Preschool Teacher Training School that we have set up to begin in Papua New Guinea (PNG) this year. Ilisoni will be attending World Missions Faith Training School at Bethel. The children have settled into Bethel Sunrise Christian School.

The Preschool Teacher Training School kicks off in April and the building is nearly completed. Wally Grant from Swan Hill in Victoria and his local team at Bethel have really done a tremendous job in the construction of the building.

We have nine students who have enrolled into the course. There is one student from Fiji, one from Vanuatu, another from Ghana and the remaining are from PNG. We only wanted 8 to 10 students for the first year, so we are very pleased!

Sue Shemeikka was also on the trip and her role is vital as she has commenced writing our Diploma Course from scratch. Sue is a gem and an amazing talent. We are blessed as a church to have Sue in our church family.

I encourage everyone to please pray for Viema and family as they continue to settle into new surroundings. Pray for Viema as she embarks on a new venture and also for Ilisoni as he is finally fulfilling his dream of attending Bible College at Bethel Christian Centre.

**Pr Mike Groom**

## MARCH CALENDAR

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>31</b> 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service					<b>1</b> 6:00pm Empower Youth	<b>2</b>
	<b>3</b> 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service	<b>4</b> Office Closed	<b>5</b> 5:30pm Conversational English Course  7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	<b>6</b> 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Empower Youth	<b>9</b>
	<b>10</b> 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service	<b>11</b> Office Closed	<b>12</b> 5:30pm Conversational English Course  7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	<b>13</b> 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30pm Empower Youth	<b>16</b> 5:00pm New Arrivals Dinner
	<b>17</b> 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service  12:00pm CMD Team Building	<b>18</b> Office Closed	<b>19</b> 5:30pm Conversational English Course  5:30pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	<b>20</b> 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	<b>21</b> 7:00pm Missions Team Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4:00pm Food and Fun Day
	<b>24</b> 8:30am Music Practice 9:30am Prayer Meeting 10:00am Morning Service	<b>25</b> Office Closed	<b>26</b> 5:30pm Conversational English Course  5:30pm Finance Team Meeting 7:00pm Empower and Engage Connect	<b>27</b> 10:00am Giggle Patch Playgroup	<b>28</b> 5:30pm Elders Meeting	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Empower Youth	<b>30</b>



A group of children in school uniforms (red and yellow shirts with green shorts) are sitting in red plastic chairs in a large hall with a corrugated metal roof. They have their hands raised, suggesting an interactive activity or a game. A large white screen is visible in the background.

# Upcoming events

## **New Arrivals Dinner**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>  
March**

**5:00pm**

## **Food and Fun Day**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March**

**4:00pm**

## **Elevate Sleepover**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>  
April**

**3:00pm**

## **Family Service**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>  
April**

**10:00am**