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WELCOME

Welcome to our September edition of Sturt Street News.

This month is a busy one for our church as we have a number of big events coming up. These include our New Arrivals Dinner, Elevate Sleepover, Family Service and our Food and Fun Day. Please read through page 4 of this Sturt Street News for further information.

We have a number of missions reports included in this edition from pages 36 to 41. I encourage all of you to have a read through these reports.

Blessings,
Pr Mike Groom

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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

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Missions Offerings

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Adelaide City Care Donations

Tax Deductible Donations
BSB: 065005 Acc: 1009 3025



GENERAL INFORMATION



UPCOMING EVENTS

1 New Arrivals Dinner Saturday 14th September

Our next New Arrivals Dinner will begin at 5pm at church with info booths in the foyer. Dinner will be served at 6pm. Please speak to Pr Gregg of Marita if you would like to volunteer to help out on the night.

2 Elevate Sleepover Saturday 21st September

All Elevate children are welcome to join us at church for our term three sleepover from 3pm. The cost of the night is \$10 each. We will hold a practice for our Family Service, watch a movie, eat food and have fun!

3 Family Service Sunday 22nd September

Our Family Service for term three will take a similar approach to our other Family Services for 2019. We have had a great response so far and are looking forward to showcase once again what our children have been learning.

4 Food and Fun Day Sunday 22nd September

Our next Food and Fun Day will be held at church from 1pm until 3:30pm. Please invite your friends and families as we join together to celebrate our community through a number of fun activities and food.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER BIBLE READING PLAN

September 1
Nehemiah 1, Nehemiah 2, Nehemiah 3

September 2
Nehemiah 4, Nehemiah 5, Nehemiah 6

September 3
Nehemiah 7, Nehemiah 8, Nehemiah 9

September 4
Nehemiah 10, Nehemiah 11, Nehemiah 12

September 5
Nehemiah 13, Psalm 13, Psalm 14, Psalm 15

September 6
Esther 1, Esther 2, Esther 3

September 7
Esther 4, Esther 5, Esther 6

September 8
Esther 7, Esther 8, Esther 9

September 9
Esther 10, Psalm 25, Psalm 26, Psalm 27

September 10
1 Timothy 1, 1 Timothy 2, 1 Timothy 3

September 11
1 Timothy 4, 1 Timothy 5, 1 Timothy 6

September 12
2 Timothy 1, 2 Timothy 2, 2 Timothy 3

September 13
2 Timothy 4, Joel 1, Joel 2

September 14
Joel 3, Amos 1, Amos 2

September 15
Amos 3, Amos 4, Amos 5

September 16
Amos 6, Amos 7, Amos 8

September 17
Amos 9, Obadiah 1, Psalm 28, Psalm 29

September 18
Nahum 1, Nahum 2, Nahum 3

September 19
Habakkuk 1, Habakkuk 2, Habakkuk 3

September 20
Zephaniah 1, Zephaniah 2, Zephaniah 3

September 21
Titus 1, Titus 2, Titus 3

September 22
Philemon 1, James 1, James 2

September 23
James 3, James 4, James 5

September 24
Haggai 1, Haggai 2, Zechariah 1

September 25
Zechariah 2, Zechariah 3, Zechariah 4

September 26
Zechariah 5, Zechariah 6, Zechariah 7

September 27
Zechariah 8, Zechariah 9, Zechariah 10

September 28
Zechariah 11, Zechariah 12, Zechariah 13

September 29
Zechariah 14, Malachi 1, Malachi 2

September 30
Malachi 3, Malachi 4, Psalms 36

WHAT KIND OF FATHER IS GOD?

When I say the word *Father*, for some, this brings to mind all kinds of painful memories. Human fathers can be selfish, demanding, inconsistent, self-centered and abusive.

Jesus qualified the term Father when He said, "Our Father in heaven..." (Matthew 6:9). He's our heavenly Father as opposed to our earthly father - there is a huge difference!

We can view God through the lens of the behaviour and relationship, or lack of relationship, with our natural fathers. This can result in misunderstanding. Four misconceptions that people have:

1. God is UNREASONABLE - Many people find it difficult to get close to God because they think all He wants to do is make their life miserable. They think that God is some kind of killjoy. So why relate to someone, let alone commit a life to following someone, who is unreasonable and demanding?

2. God is UNRELIABLE - When somebody hurts they start the blame game. Blaming God for allowing the bad things that have happened to us causes us to question Him - "Why did you allow that to happen to me, God?" This results in a coldness in our hearts towards God.

3. God is UNCONCERNED - Bett Midler sings, "God is watching us from a distance." You may feel like this? "Yes, I believe there is a God. He's just too busy to bother with me. How could God be possibly interested in me? I'm just a small drop in a very large ocean!"

If we think God is unconcerned about us, why then would we try to get to know Him?

4. God is UNPLEASABLE - Some think that no matter how hard they try it's never good enough in God's eyes. If we get C's on our report, God wants B's. If we get B's, God wants A's etc. The point is, if we grew up with an unreasonable, unreliable, a unconcerned and an unpleasable father, then we tend to think God is the same!

What does the Bible say God is really like? What kind of Father is He?

God is CARING - God is compassionate, loving, and gracious and He cares about us (Psalm 104:13). But does God really care about my problems, my hurts and what really happens to me? The answer is yes! 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you!"

We have a heavenly Father that cares about all the details of our life. In fact, the Bible says God knows every hair on our head and the original colour! So don't worry saying, what shall we eat or what shall we wear? Your heavenly Father knows you need these things (Matthew 6:31-32).

As a father I don't want my kids to worry about when their next meal is going to be or to worry about whether they'll have clothes to wear. It is my responsibility as a father to take care of my children's needs. I love them, I care about them and I am committed to meeting their needs.

God doesn't want us worrying about our needs either! And my God will give you everything you need because of His great riches in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

Doubting whether God really cares about us is a warning sign that we doubt God's love for us. This can be the cause of worry!

God is DEPENDABLE - God is consistent and worthy of our trust. We can count on Him every time. James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift...is from the Father... who does not change like shifting shadows."

Our fathers can be unpredictable. They can change from one day to the next depending upon his mood. One day he may be silent and the next day he be violent. Point being, inconsistent fathers produce insecure kids.

God is a consistent Father. God isn't moody and He doesn't have a bad day. God's consistency does not depend on my consistency. Even if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown Himself (2 Timothy 2:13).

While everything else might change, God always acts the same towards us in love - with forgiveness and grace - and offers His help. He doesn't change! God always keeps His promises. He is always consistent (Romans 11:29 and Psalms 59:10).

God is CLOSE to us - God is available all the time. He's not distant or far off. He's there when we need Him (Acts 17:20).

Many have grown up with absentee fathers. Their father was never around for some reason. For some, their father just did not make that big of an impact.

In a recent study, the rise of two-earner income families, as well as the rise of single parent families, has resulted in parents spending an average of 22 fewer hours with their children each week than they did

in 1969. That's almost a full day per week! As parents, we need to be careful we don't make our kids pay for a lifestyle we can't afford. God is not detached from us.

- God is never too BUSY for us (Psalm 145:18)
- God is sensitive to our HURTS (Psalm 34:18)

Maybe today you feel crushed or burdened. God is sympathetic to your hurt. He loves meeting your needs and is never too busy.

God is CAPABLE

God can handle any problem we give Him. Nothing is beyond His ability and resources (Luke 1:37).

We have an epidemic of 'incompetent' fathers today who are good at a lot of other things but pretty lousy as fathers. As kids, we think our dad is Superman and he can do anything! As we grow older, we realize that our father has limitations.

But our heavenly Father really can do anything. God is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of - infinitely beyond our highest prayers, thoughts, or hopes! (Ephesians 3:20)

God says, "I am the answer to your needs. I'm your heavenly Father and I'm close to you, I am caring, capable and dependable. You can trust Me." (Proverbs 23:26).

Our pursuit of God and our desire and endeavour to know Him is very important.

Blessings,
Pr Mike Groom

GENERAL INFORMATION



FACILITY UPGRADE PROJECT

1st July 2019 - 30th June 2020

Over the last few years we have made a great effort in updating our Adelaide Christian Centre Facility. Our newest initiative is the Facility Upgrade Project.

The first phase of this project included refurbishments to the auditorium (painting and carpet) and the signs that have been installed inside and outside the building.

The second phase of this project included installing an accessible toilet and shower, creating a first aid room and building a lobby into both areas.

The project is now complete but we still need to raise funds for the money spent.

PROJECT COSTS

Total cost of the project:	\$68,200.00
Funds received to date:	\$34,950.00
Outstanding pledges:	\$12,196.00
Shortfall needed:	\$21,054.00

MAKING A PLEDGE

- One off donation
- Monthly contribution

Tax Deductible Donations

This is a tax deductible project. All tax deductible receipts for donations over \$2 will be issued by Adelaide City Care which is a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).

Account Name: Adelaide City Care

BSB: 065005

Account Number: 1009 3025

Reference: Upgrade Project



Connect
Groups

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.*

All of our connect groups are laid out in the following columns. If you have not joined a connect group yet we encourage you to look through the list and try out the one that suits you best!

Day Time Groups

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

Monthly Groups

Group: Seniors (3rd 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: Newton (Fortnightly)
Leader: Brian Mortimer
Phone: 0434 360 257

Location: Underdale
Leader: Pr Mike Groom
Phone: 0400 560 501

Location: Northfield
Leader: Orville and Jessica Piol
Phone: 0430 618 489

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

CONNECT GROUP ARTICLE

We know little about the programs and ministries of the early church in Jerusalem. What we do know however, is the book of Acts reveals the Jerusalem church grew rapidly from 120 in the upper room, to 3,000 people who were baptized on the very first day of the church. Shortly after, a further 5,000 were added. The church grew up to 10,000 people in a matter of months.

Acts 21 is about 20 years after the day of Pentecost and the International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia estimates between 100-120,000 congregational members. Historians state Jerusalem was a city of 200-250,000 people. In 20-25 years the Jerusalem church had grown from about 120 people up to 100,000 people.

Acts 21:20 (NIV) "When they heard this they praised God and said to Paul, You see brother how many thousands (GK 'murias') of Jews have believed and all of them are zealous for the law."

Greek "murias" literally means "tens of thousands" Jews had believed in Jesus. The church grew up to 100,000+ in a city of approximately 250,000 - nearly half the city had become believers.

The rapid growth of the early church raises at two questions: Where did all the people meet? How were they all cared for? There were two types of meetings. They met in the 'Temple courts' - a large gathering - and from 'house to house' - small community groups in homes.

Bible historians tell us that the people did

not sit down for worship in those days, rather they stood. They have also documented that the Temple courts were large, but they were unable to accommodate the 100,000+ congregation at one time. We know in the first 300 years of the early church they also gathered in homes. These small community groups were core for the church to gather together (Acts 2:46, Acts 16:40 and Acts 20:20).

Studies have shown, the average person knows 67 people in a church, whether that church has 100 or 1,000 or 10,000. We don't have to know everyone in the church to feel a sense of belonging, but we do need to know some. As a church, we desire to be large enough to make a difference but small enough to really care.

We were created for community and God desires for each one of us to experience the benefits of authentic relationships in a true Biblical Community. Our goal is that the majority of congregational care at Adelaide Christian Centre will be achieved through our small (connect) group ministry. Therefore, embracing a new paradigm of small groups is vital in creating and maintaining authentic community.

We gain a sense of belonging when we are a part of a small group of people who DO life together because life is better connected! However, this sense of belonging does not just happen - it has to be intentional.

When we are in a small community group, we can just be ourselves and be real without the fear of being judged! Face-to-face community (circles - small groups) can be more effective than shoulder-to-shoulder (rows - Sunday service), when it comes to being connected together.

Church Ministries

CHURCH MINISTRIES



PLAYGROUP

0-6 Years

Giggle Patch Playgroup runs every Wednesday morning from 10am-12pm at 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide.

Our playgroup only runs during school terms, not during the holidays. An indoor playground and a variety of other activities are available for children under 6 years of age.

A number of new families have joined our playgroup this year which is great!

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.

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.

We ask that all parents please assist us in keeping our crèche area clean and safe for young children. 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 for those who use it by cleaning up after your children.



GROW

3-6 Years

Happy Father's Day to all of the dads in our church! I hope you all have a lovely day with your families!

Last month in Grow we focused on God's love and how we can share his love.

We also spent some time learning about prayer and how we can pray anywhere and at anytime for anyone!

We have also learnt about people who can help us and how we should pray for them.

In September we will continue to learn about God and his amazing love.

Since we celebrate Father's Day in September, my challenge is for you to let a dad know he is doing an awesome job.

I encourage you to say a prayer for all the dads, especially the ones that are no longer with us and if you can, give your dad a big hug!

God Bless,
Cassie Beattie

ELEVATE

7-11 Years

We are making great progress this term and have now finished our topic of FORGIVENESS. Our children responded well to the lessons and participated joyfully.

Our next topic that will run throughout September is ENDURANCE.

The main lessons we will learn for ENDURANCE are: 1) God will help you stand strong; 2) Stand strong because God is with you; 3) Stand strong because you know the truth; and 4) Stand strong because God's team wins in the end.

Please keep in mind that our Elevate sleepover will be happening again on Saturday 21st September. Our next Family Service will be held the next day on Sunday 22nd September. It would be great to see as many of our Elevate children as possible at both events.

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

EMPOWER

12-17 Years

Empower Youth has been running well so far for term three. We have had a number of fun events and we are excited for what the rest of the term holds. Please see below for our events and connect group details.

We encourage all youth members to join our Facebook group. This is where we post our event details and information: www.facebook.com/groups/cityempower

Event Details

Friday 6th September

Sports Night

Friday 13th September

Escape Room

Sunday 22nd September

Food and Fun Day

Friday 27th September

Nerf Night

Connect Group Dates

Tuesday 3rd September

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 17th September

Tuesday 24th September

ENGAGE

18-25 Years

If you are between 18 and 25 years of age please feel free to join us!

We would love for all Engage members to contribute to the organisation of events through our Facebook page. We have not held many events so far in term three so if you have any ideas please post them in the group for the rest of us to see.

Our Facebook group is where we post all of our updated event details and need-to-know information. You are more than welcome to join our group to keep up to date with what is going on: www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet

All Engage members are welcome to join us for Tuesday night connect groups at church. Every connect group begins at 7pm.

Connect Group Dates

Tuesday 3rd September

Tuesday 10th September

Tuesday 17th September

Tuesday 24th September



SENIORS

50+ Years

Welcome to the seniors ministry of Adelaide Christian Centre!

Our seniors ministry aims to provide the senior members of our church with a challenging, inspiring and encouraging support network.

This is 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.

September Event

Our seniors event for September will be held on Thursday 19th September.

Meet at church at 10am for morning tea. Everyone will then watch the new Billy Graham documentary together. This will be followed by a hot lunch at the cost of \$10 per person.

Please let Peter know if you are coming and please pay by Sunday 15th September.

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 Information

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 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.



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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

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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 14th September

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 Pr Gregg or Marita.

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

2 Food and Fun Day Sunday 22nd September

Our next Food and Fun Day will begin at 1pm at 27 Sturt Street, Adelaide. The event will conclude at 3:30pm.

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.



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ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



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

I read this quote the other day: "Our job, in a sense, is to do whatever we can to shape creation to reflect God's glory."

It made me stop and think for a bit! What are we doing at Sunrise Bethel Christian School to impact our world to ensure that we reflect God's glory?

I believe that one of our callings as Christian teachers is to help children understand how their actions can and will impact the world around them.

The students at Sunrise Bethel Christian School should have opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of, experience

in, and commitment to a Christian way is lived from personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Because then they have the tools they need to make an impact on their world.

We are called as educators to recognise and encourage children's unique gifts.

Each child is a unique individual:

- Having unique gifts
- Made in the image of God
- Unique for a purpose

Our students should be:

- Inspired
- Encouraged
- Provoked to good things

During this term we have had the privilege of having some of the young leaders from Bethel Centre come and share with our students.

It has been a power time and our students are responded well to the challenges these young leaders have shared with us.

They inspired us, encouraged us and certainly provoked our students to do good things.

In August our senior teachers had the very special opportunity to attend a conference sponsored by the IEA schools.

The conference sessions have inspired them as educators, encouraged them that they are doing things well and have provoked them to do more, learn more, apply more and move forward into developing our students in every way.

We want to keep improving and getting better at what we do, because we want to serve God to our best capacity.

We want each child's individual gifts to be expanded and for them to know that God knows them individually.

They have been given individual gifts that are unique and for a purpose. We want our students to flourish.

Psalm 115:14 says, "May the Lord cause you to flourish, both you and your children."

Bless you,

Mrs Rebekah Cook

Principal of Bethel Sunrise Christian School

Our newsletters are posted on our school's website. To keep up to date with all of the things happening at our school please visit: www.sunrisebethel.ac.pg



MISSIONS

MONTHLY MISSIONS GIVING

Christian Education

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

Helping the Needy

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

Missionary Service

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

Ministry Training

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

Other

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

COMBINED TOTAL **\$5,700.00**



Bethel Crusade Preschools

Fiji: \$300 per month
Tax Deductible Project Code: J352N

Bethel Crusade Preschools began in Suva in 1994 with nine children. Since then approximately 3,000 children have graduated from the preschools. Bethel Crusade Preschools have expanded to reach a total of eight preschools located throughout Fiji in Sigatoka, Suva, Lakena, Savusavu, Nacavanadi, Labasa, Daku and on Koro Island.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for all the children as they continue their preschool education
- Pray for all of our preschool teachers
- Pray for positive outcomes for changes in the government involving education

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. It is part of Adelaide Christian Schools, a ministry of Adelaide Christian Centre. The school is located on the grounds of Bethel Tabernacle of Praise Church and currently has approximately 250 students. This is an excellent ministry that we are involved in!

Prayer Points:

- Pray for any challenges facing the school in 2019
- Pray for all of the staff and teachers
- Pray for all of the students as they continue on in the 2019 school year

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. It is associated with Faith Christian Center, our national CRC centre in the United States. The school offers a Christ-centered innovative learning experience, where character development and the role of the parent is paramount.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for any challenges facing the school in 2019
- Pray for all of the staff and teachers
- Pray for all of the students as they continue on in the 2019 school year

Door of Hope Preschool

Sri Lanka: \$400 per month

Door of Hope Preschool has been running for a few years now and is located in Vavuniya in the north of Sri Lanka. It is predominantly made up of Tamil speaking children. We currently have one employed teacher and a lady who volunteers her time to come and assist with teaching the children. Our support for Door of Hope Preschool is allocated to the running of the preschool.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for any challenges faced at the hand of the local government
- Pray for our staff and teachers
- Pray for all the children as they continue their preschool education



Bethel Children’s Homes

Sri Lanka: \$400 per month
Tax Deductible Project Code: J982N

Bethel Children’s Homes have been in operation since 1998 when the first home opened with 11 girls. Since then two new homes have been built to house more girls on the same property. A property was also purchased to build a new home for boys. All of the children in the homes have been affected in some way by the war and civil unrest in Sri Lanka. This has resulted in them being displaced, physiologically affected and discriminated against.

The homes have government permission to care for up to 40 children. They maintain a family-like environment by ensuring a high level of individual care. The homes ensure all children are sent to primary and secondary schools within the community,

assures all medical and healthcare needs are met, provides all subsistence needs (i.e. food, clothing, shelter, water, sanitation, recreation etc.), and commits to continually support their overall physical, emotional, mental and intellectual development.

Our church provides financial and management support for the children and staff within the homes. As a church we sponsor four children - Angel, Sharon, Jonathan and George.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that all new children who come into the home will settle in
- Pray for our dedicated staff who take care of the children day-to-day
- Pray for safety following the Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka

Children’s Feeding Programs

Philippines: \$100 per month

Thousands of children have been ministered to throughout the Philippines by our feeding programs. Our children’s feeding programs use strict attendance and monitoring records and are run for children in three age groups - 3 to 6 year olds (Level 1), 7 to 10 year olds (Level 2) and 11 to 14 year olds (Level 3).

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. These programs may also go further to include children camps, family visits and Christmas gift giving.

CRC children’s feeding programs differ from other feeding programs in the Philippines. They do not simply seek to provide food to children to fill their stomachs on a short term basis. They aim to provide education on nutrition and to provide nutritious meals so the health of children and their families may improve long term.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for our workers in the Philippines who faithfully serve in this ministry
- Pray that the feeding programs will open a way to reach whole communities for Christ
- Pray for all the children involved that they will respond to the Gospel message



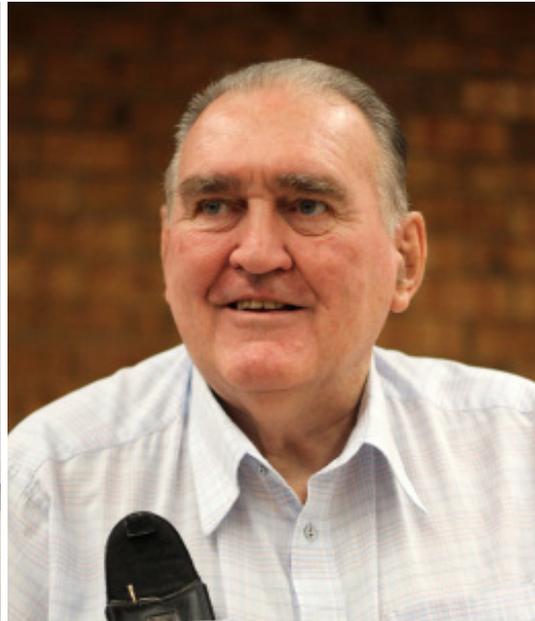
Rachelle Hardy

PNG: \$200 per month

Rachelle Hardy is a long-serving CRC missionary. She is primarily based in Port Moresby and oversees the World Missions Faith Training School. Rachelle travels regularly to India to provide leadership to the World Missions Faith Training School located there. She is an extremely faithful and hard working woman and we are very pleased to be supporting her as a church.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that she will settle back into life in PNG quickly and comfortably
- Pray for God's ongoing guidance and protection over her life
- Pray for fruitful ministry in all of her future endeavours



Pr Barry Silverback

World: \$1,000 per month

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

Prayer Points:

- Pray for God's hand of protection as he continues to travel
- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom in all of the decisions Pr Barry is involved in making for various nations and ministries
- Pray for fruitful ministry in all that he sets out to do



Warwick and Omega Hughes

USA: \$600 per month

Pr Warwick is originally from New Zealand and was a missionary in Papua New Guinea (PNG) for many years. In PNG he was heavily involved in training students through the World Missions Faith Training School. He met his wife Omega in PNG and together they have two children - Jethro and Warwick Jr.

After a long process acquiring visas, in August 2018 Pr Warwick and his family relocated to Walhalla, South Carolina in the United States. Pr Warwick is currently serving as our senior pastor at Faith Christian Center. The family has been well received by the local congregation and Pr Warwick is doing a fantastic job as senior pastor.

The Adelaide Christian Centre eldership,



primarily through Pr Mike, provide guidance and support where necessary to Pr Warwick and the local leadership at Faith Center Church. Pr Mike visits Walhalla twice a year.

A recent report from Pr Warwick can be found on pages 36-37 of this Sturt Street News.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the family as they continue their ministry in the United States
- Pray for Faith Center Church and the church's congregation as a whole
- Pray for Pr Warwick's fruitful ministry as he continues in his role as senior pastor
- Pray for newcomers to Faith Center Church to feel at home and to consider staying long-term



Bethel Bible College

PNG: \$300 per month

Bethel Bible College is a two year live-in program. The first year follows the World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) curriculum. This College provides a unique opportunity for specialised study and preparation for ministry. Students are from many countries. The environment of cross-cultural relationships provides an ideal setting for an active discipleship school.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for all the staff involved in the school
- Pray for all students that they do well in their studies
- Pray that all new students who began in 2019 will settle in and thrive

Student Sponsorship

PNG: \$500 per month

Dipen is a graduate of WMFTS in India. He is traveling to Fiji in September to serve there for some time. 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.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for God's guidance and direction for both Dipen and Ilisoni
- Pray for God's protection in Dipen and Ilisoni's ministry endeavours
- Pray for effective and fruitful ministry in all Dipen and Ilisoni are involved in
- Pray for Dipen as he begins his time of ministry in Fiji.

Missions Training School

India: \$500 per month

WMFTS exposes men and women to the missionary mandate, informing, training, preparing and inspiring them to become missionaries around the world. The school is located in West Bengal in the North East of India and is looked after by a group of faithful staff.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for all the staff involved in the school
- Pray for all students that they do well in their studies and stay strong in their commitment to completing the program
- Pray for any challenges that the school faces from the government

Evangelos Training Institute

India: \$250 per month

Purnima is a graduate of WMFTS India. She has served in Papua New Guinea 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. Her team are doing an excellent job running the school and we are happy to support them!

Prayer Points:

- Pray for all the staff involved in the school that they will find strength to continue serving
- Pray for all students that they do well in their studies
- Pray for staff to remain in good health as we have had multiple sicknesses lately



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 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
- Sri Lanka Children’s Homes
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.



HUGHES FAMILY UPDATE

Hello everyone in Jesus from Walhalla Hope y'all are well and blessed in the Lord.

Can you believe that we have been here in Walhalla one year now? A lot has happened in that time. On 6th August we as a family had a little celebration for our one year here, thanking Jesus for all that He has done and continues to do.

One of our congregation families requested that we pray around their property as they are trying to sell it. We went and prayed around the property for them believing if Jesus wants them to sell it, He will come through with a buyer with the right price.

As a church family we have done two Sunday evenings of fasting and prayer for

the work here, churches in Australia and Papua New Guinea, missionaries and missions work globally. We have had good turn outs for the fasting and prayer times.

We did a big promotion of Faith Christian School at a company called Staples in Seneca about 15 minutes from Walhalla. They allowed all schools to put up a promotion of their schools outside in the carpark but for us they said we could set up inside the shop. A good number of people came through and expressed interest.

We also did a big promotion of the school right in Walhalla itself along with other schools. We were blessed with a good turn out of people and again we had a good number of people show interest in the school. So far, we have had two children come in from our promotion.

School started on 8th August. Mrs Laura

Fountain is doing well with the help and assistance of Vilmarie Wright, Kathleen Arisman and Magan Smith. Please keep the school as well as the teachers and students in your prayers. We are believing for another 23 students.

I was given an opportunity to preach for 15 minutes at a meeting for those who associate with Evangelism Fellowship International. I preached on looking to Jesus. After I finished Omega and I prayed with each person and couple. There were about nine of us altogether. I was asked by the organizer of the meeting if I would preach at their church on 29th September. Please pray toward this. Pr Kaye will preach at Faith Center Church that Sunday for me.

Omega and I continue to visit some of those we have reached out to in prayer during our door knocking times. One lady had her prayers answered and is starting to

talk about giving her life to Jesus.

The lady that received healing from cancer told us recently that the doctors now are saying she has bad case of diabetes so we are pressing through in prayer for her.

Recently I visited one of our congregation members cousins that was in hospital. We prayed with her and I asked if she had given her life to Jesus. She said she wanted to but didn't know how. When Omega and I visited her in hospital again the physio came to assist her with some exercise. She asked them to give her a moment with us as she had given her life to Jesus. Wow! She didn't realize it, but she is already witnessing to others. The man was about to leave but I told him he could stay while I prayed. The man stayed while we prayed.

God bless you,
Pr Warwick Hughes



FIJI TRIP REPORT

In the last week of August Pr Barry Silverback and I attended the Fiji CRC National Leaders Conference in Labasa, Fiji.

It was wonderful to visit everyone again and we enjoyed a great time of fellowship with all of those who attended the conference.

I particularly enjoyed meeting up with Pr Kelvin and Sandra Matthews from Waiuku, New Zealand.

Kelvin and Sandra took on the leadership of the CRC church in Waiuku when our family relocated back to Australia in 2003.

The Monday night was a special occasion where we celebrated together with Pr Samson and Illiana Jeet in opening their

new church building in Labasa.

The CRC church in Labasa have finally been able to build their own permanent church building on their land after many years of disruption in moving from one location to another.

Whilst they have been on the current land now for a number of years, the building was only a semi-permanent bush timber and iron roof fixture.

Pr Barry officially opened the church building and a wonderful celebration followed.

Tuesday through to Thursday was set aside for Pr Barry, Pr Danny Parker from Victoria and myself to speak to the delegates on various topics that related to their leadership and where our focus is at within our CRC work in Fiji.

There was a wonderful sense of community and hope for the future growth of our churches and preschools in Fiji throughout the conference.

I am very happy to confirm that Enoch Hageyo, one of our missionaries from Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Pr Fuwe Hageyo's son, will be ordained as a pastor in the coming weeks.

It is also a pleasure to announce that Ritchie Yagomate, Pr Alipate Yagomate's son, will also be ordained as a pastor at our Fiji CRC National Leaders Conference next year.

Ritchie is currently our Bethel Crusade Preschools national coordinator and has been for a number of years now.

Recently, with our partnership with Global Development Group, we were able to send

funds over to Fiji for a new fence, playground and an entrance extension for our preschool on the Labasa site.

Other than some grass in the playground, the preschool is now safe with the fence and the children have a good size playground.

We are very happy with this development and are excited to see what additional improvements we can make in our other preschools over the next few months and into next year.

All in all, our trip was very successful even though it was quick. All of the time we were able to spend with our Fijian pastors, leaders and preschool staff was again most rewarding.

Blessings,
Pr Mike Groom



SOLOMON ISLANDS TRIP REPORT

From Tuesday 23rd July until Thursday 8th August I went to the Solomon Islands to visit friends and help with a few different things in our CRC church in Honiara, Gateway Tabernacle of Worship.

I really enjoyed all of the time I was able to spend with friends who I have known now for a few years. It is always very exciting going back to visit and we always have a great time together.

While I was there I had an opportunity to create a promotional video and booklet for Gateway Missions School. The school aims to provide training that will establish a

spiritual foundation for students in evangelism, training, church planting and missions, to impact their families, local community, the Solomon Islands and the world.

Gateway Missions School began in 2012 and offers four months of ministry training. Their heart is to train people to develop a greater understanding of the Word of God and to release them into full-time ministry to serve God in their own local churches or wherever God wants them to be.

I also had an opportunity to participate in the Gateway Kids Club. Gateway Kids Club runs every Thursday afternoon for children around the Henderson area and beyond.

The afternoon begins with singing and dancing which is then followed by Bible teaching, small group activities and games.

The program ends with food and drink for all the children.

I was encouraged to hear that Gateway Kids Club was inspired by the children's programs our Adelaide Christian Centre youth teams have run each time we visit the Solomon Islands. It was awesome to see that something we began is continuing even when we are not there.

On Sunday 28th July I was given the opportunity to share in the church service. I spent approximately 25 minutes raising awareness for missions and showing a few video clips from some of our mission fields. I really enjoyed the time I was able to share and was encouraged by the feedback I received from various congregation members.

Mikaela Groom

Solomon Islands Missions Trip

Dates: Monday 6th July - Thursday 16th July 2020

Location: Honiara (& possibly Malaita)

Program to Include

The team will depart Adelaide on Monday 6th July and spend the night in Brisbane. They will travel to Honiara the next day.

Due to this trip being in the early stages of planning, there may be changes to the program. For the moment we have two possibilities.

1. Attending an International Youth Convention at our CRC church in Honiara, Gateway Tabernacle of Worship. This will include attending teaching sessions, running children's programs, participating in outreach events and mixing with youth from all over the Solomon Islands.
2. If the International Youth Convention does not go ahead we will travel to Malaita Province to visit Daudau and Faugwari villages. This will include running children's programs, being involved in night meetings and spending time with the village folk.

Additional Information

Everyone will be expected to cover their international airfares, travel insurance, medication costs and any spending money. The rest of the trip will be covered through fundraising.

If you are interested in attending the missions trip next year please speak to Pr Mike Groom.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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



**New Arrivals
Dinner**

Saturday 14th
September

5:00pm

**Elevate
Sleepover**

Saturday 21st
September

3:00pm

**Family
Service**

Sunday 22nd
September

10:00am

**Food and Fun
Day**

Sunday 22nd
September

1:00pm