



CONNECT

DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

A range of events are coming up. Have a look inside to familiarise yourself with what is taking place in the life of our church.

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USA TRIP REPORT

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom recently enjoyed a trip to our church in Walhalla. Photos and a report can be found inside!

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GRADUATION PHOTOS

Our preschool at Bethel Centre in Port Moresby enjoyed their graduation at the end of November. Photos are included within.

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WELCOME TO ACC

Welcome to our December/January Connect News. We have a range of things included within this edition.

You'll find a report from Pr Mike and Kelly Groom following their recent ministry trip to our Faith Center Church in Walhalla, South Carolina. Their visit was a wonderful time of fellowship, encouragement, and connection with our extended church family in the USA.

We also celebrate a significant milestone from our Bethel Christian Preschool in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Their 2025 graduation was a joyful occasion, marking the growth, development, and achievements of the children, as well as the faithful work of the teachers and leadership team.

Please also take note that our Sunday night services will finish for the year on Sunday 7th December, and will resume again on Sunday 1st February.

Please refer to our website for all information relating to our church ministries, including Equip Training College, children and youth ministry, global missions, and more.

You can also look online for all the activities and information relating to Adelaide City Care and Adelaide Christian Schools at www.adelaidecitycare.com.au and www.acschools.edu.au.

We trust you all enjoy and have a safe Christmas and New Year season with friends and family.

MINISTRIES PRAYER

For all details regarding our church ministries, please refer to our church website and Facebook groups.

If you would like to join a mid-week connect group, please contact the church office or visit our website: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/connect/connect-groups

Grow Kids: www.facebook.com/groups/515902745980537

Elevate Kids: www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc

Empower Youth: www.facebook.com/groups/empoweryouthacc

Engage Young Adults: www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet

Missions Prayer Requests

- Pray for all of our missionaries serving throughout the nations. Believe for fruitful ministries, good health and God's guidance in all they do. Benjamin and Asinate Wari, and Enoch Kupla are serving in Vanuatu. Pr Warwick, Pr Omega, Jethro and Warwick Jr are serving in the United States of America. Viema, Alisi and Ilisoni Jr are serving in Papua New Guinea. Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nellie Winnie Madimadi are serving in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory.

Church Prayer Requests

- Please contact the church office if you have any prayer requests.



CHRISTMAS SERVICE Sunday 21st December

We are excited to invite you to our 2025 Christmas Service! Feel free to invite your friends and family - the more the merrier. Our service will begin at 10:00am. A special morning tea will be held after the service.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED December and January

Please note that the church office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year season. The last day it will be open for 2025 is Friday 19th December. The office will reopen in 2026 on Tuesday 13th January.

ADELAIDE CITY CARE Fundraiser Appeal

Since 2006, Adelaide City Care programs have helped thousands combat social isolation, foster inclusion, and settle confidently into Australian life, through the provision of numerous programs and initiatives.

On top of our current donations, we need 100 people to give \$15 a month to keep our programs going. All donations made to Adelaide City Care are tax deductible.

Account Name: Adelaide City Care
BSB: 065 000
Account Number: 1254 9544





A WEEK OF FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY IN WALHALLA

On the 11th of November Mike and I headed off to the United States of America (USA).

Our journey took us from Adelaide to Sydney, then across the Pacific to Dallas, and finally on to Atlanta—a full 24 hours of travel, including stopovers.

The next day we travelled to Walhalla, South Carolina and were welcomed by Kathleen and Vilmarie.

It sure was nice being back at Faith Center – such a lovely part of the world and so enjoyable seeing friends and church family again.

Walhalla truly is a beautiful part of the world, and returning felt a bit like coming home.

Pastors Warwick and Omega Hughes, along with their sons Jethro and Warwick Junior, had already left for a well-earned family holiday in Charleston.

They were away for six days, and we were very glad they had the opportunity to take a break and enjoy some quality time together.

Mike and I thoroughly enjoyed our week in Walhalla with our church folk there.

On the Thursday night that we were there, I had the privilege of sharing with the ladies.

We enjoyed worshipping God together, sharing the Word, praying for one another and having some fellowship and food.

Mike had the opportunity to share in the midweek meeting and in the church service on Sunday morning.

He also had meetings with several people to discuss some possible developments on the property and some outreach initiatives.

We enjoyed several meals with different folk and especially enjoyed visiting a couple of the congregation members in their homes.

I always love driving around Walhalla and the surrounding areas; the lakes and natural scenery are breathtaking, and it's such a peaceful place to visit.

On our final night in Walhalla, we had dinner with the Hughes family upon their return from Charleston.

It was lovely to hear about their holiday adventures and to spend some time together before we left.

Please continue to pray for the Hughes family, especially for their visas to come and for provision for Jethro's tuition fees.

He has been offered a place at a nearby university, but the family is in urgent need of substantial tuition fees.

Kelly Groom



BETHEL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

This year, Bethel Christian Preschool in Tokarara, Port Moresby enrolled 35 students between the ages of 4-6 years old. Along the way, seven students left us due to personal reasons; however, we successfully graduated 28 students on Friday 28th November 2025.

14 of our students graduated with a Certificate of Completion and will be moving on to primary school next year. Two of our graduates will attend Bethel Sunrise Christian School next year.

14 students, aged 4 and 5 years old, received a Certificate of Participation and will continue with us again next year.

Our pioneer students graduated last year, so this year marked our second graduation. The ceremony was held at Bethel Christian Centre. It was a wonderful time spent with the children, parents, families, guests, the Bethel pastors and their families, and the Bethel International Training College student body.

With the devoted and hard-working teachers, the graduation was a great success. The children performed their items and demonstrated their alphabet sounds. They performed very well on the day.

A parent representative shared some very important comments and feedback

on the preschool and the curriculum taught here, which many parents agreed with, especially regarding both the spiritual and physical development of the children.

Some of the encouraging feedback included:

- Children can pray long prayers.
- They sing Sunday school songs.
- They can blend letters.
- They identify shapes, colours, etc.
- They speak good English.
- They have grown in maturity and independence.

It was truly encouraging to hear such good comments from the parents.

Pr Gwaibo Badira was our graduation speaker, with the theme 'Sparkling Arrows', taken from the key text Psalm 127:3-4.

We also invited the Nature Park Manager from the Education Division to present the Top Explorers Certificate to the school, as our preschool was selected among the schools that participated in the educational program run by the Nature Park team.

Firstly, I personally, on behalf of my team, want to take this time to thank you all. Pr Mike Groom, his family and the ACC family, thank you for your partnership, support, and prayers throughout this whole year. Without your prayer and support, we could not have finished this year successfully. Again, thank you very much.

Peggy Harupa

ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/c/AdelaideChristianCentre

Private Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/SturtStreet/

Public Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/adelaidechristiancentre/

Instagram: [@adelaidechristiancentre](https://www.instagram.com/adelaidechristiancentre)

CONTACT DETAILS

Office: 33 Sturt Street, Adelaide SA 5000 | Open Tuesday-Friday, 9am-5pm

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Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/give/.

Press the 'Give' button under the first option and follow the next steps.

Option Two: Bank Transfer

Account Name: Adelaide Christian Centre

BSB: 065 005

Account Number: 0090 3471

OTHER CHURCH LOCATIONS

New Life Christian Centre

Address: 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

Tennant Creek Christian Family Church

Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

Web: www.tccf.com.au

Service Times: 10:00am and 6:30pm

Faith Center Church

Address: 115 Worley Lane, Walhalla SC 29691, United States

Facebook: www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla

Service Time: 10:00am