CONNECT

OCTOBER 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a number of events coming up. Have a look inside this edition to familiarise yourself with all that is taking place.

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GROWING IN CHRIST

How do we grow in Christ? Paul gives us four ways: grow deeper, grow up, grow stronger, and grow out. More inside.

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PNG TRIP REPORT

Pr Mike Groom recently travelled to Papua New Guinea. He has written a report and provided photos from his trip.

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WELCOME TO ACC

Welcome to our October edition of Connect News. We only have three months to go before we reach the end of this year. Time is flying by so fast, but we are not winding down yet. We have a number of events coming up this month. Have a look down below for further details on a few of them.

Church camp will be taking place this month. If you aren't attending church camp, we will still be running a Sunday morning church service at Adelaide Christian Centre as per normal. We won't be running an evening service that week so please keep that in mind (Sunday 11th October).

I went to Papua New Guinea in September for our Global Trainers Conference, held at Bethel Christian Centre in Port Moresby. I was joined by Pr Trevor Murphy and Marcel Rijken. We had a fantastic time. You can find a report of our trip on pages 6 to 7. I trust you enjoy the read.

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.

Pr Mike Groom

MINISTRIES

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

Playgroup: www.facebook.com/groups/accplaygroup

Children's Ministry: www.facebook.com/groups/accchildrensministry

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

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

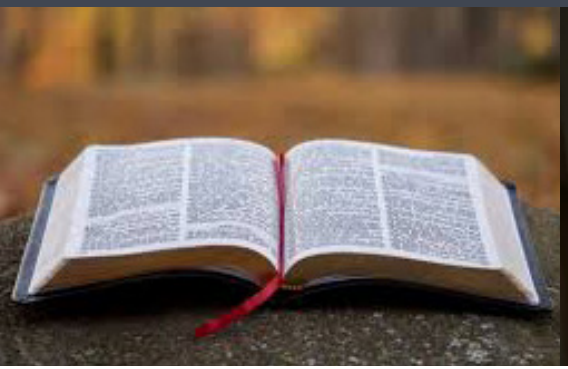
PRAYER

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.



PROPHETIC SEMINAR
Friday 23rd October

Rob and Liz Bailey are running a 'How to Move in the Prophetic' seminar at New Life Christian Centre. The seminar will consist of two 40 minute sessions. A time of prayer may follow the sessions if desired.

GUEST MINISTRY
Sunday 25th October

Rob and Liz Bailey will be ministering in our morning service at Adelaide Christian Centre. Rob will deliver a message from the Word and will also move prophetically. There will be no evening service at ACC on Sunday 25th October.

COMBINED EVENING SERVICE
Sunday 25th October

Everyone is welcome to join in a combined evening service at New Life Christian Centre. The service will begin at 5:30pm. Liz Bailey will be ministering and Rob Bailey will move prophetically if desired.

LADIES NIGHT
Thursday 29th October

All ladies are warmly invited to join us at ACC from 7pm. Whether you're single, married, a mum or in another season of life, this evening is for you All are welcome! We look forward to a great night!

GROWING IN CHRIST

The Christian life is a journey of growth.

The Apostle Paul identifies four ways we can grow in our walk with Jesus.

Colossians 2:6-7 - "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

1. PAUL ENCOURAGES US TO GROW DEEPER IN CHRIST

Verses 6b-7a: "...continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him..."

- Paul uses the word "rooted" to illustrate growing deeper in Christ.
- How do we put down roots so that we are nourished in and through Christ?

Psalm 1:1-3

- We deepen our relationship with Jesus by spending time with Him, getting to know Him, and drawing nourishment from Him.

Verse 2: "Instead, the Law of the LORD makes them happy, and they think about it day and night."

- We deepen our relationship with Jesus by applying His principles for living to our lives, causing us to grow in Him and become more like Him.

2. PAUL ENCOURAGES US TO GROW UP IN CHRIST

Verses 6b-7a: "...continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him..."

1 Corinthians 3:10-11

- We grow up in Christ by building upon the foundation that Jesus laid in our lives at conversion through an attitude of obedience.
- It is a contradiction to call Jesus Lord and yet not obey Him!

3. PAUL ENCOURAGES US TO GROW STRONG IN CHRIST

Verse 7: "...strengthened in the faith as you were taught."

- "Strengthened" could also be translated as "established" in the faith.
- To be established is to apply what we know from God's Word to our daily lives.

4. PAUL ENCOURAGES US TO GROW OUT IN CHRIST

Verse 7: "...strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

- We grow out in Christ by reaching out with a thankful heart and sharing with others the good news of Christ.
- A distinguishing mark of a follower of Jesus is an overflowing gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, creating a desire that others 'must' know Jesus too.

CONCLUSION

Are you growing in your walk with Jesus?

Are you applying the basic and fundamental teachings of Jesus intentionally and regularly?

- Growing deeper in Christ by drawing upon His life within us.
- Growing up in Christ by building upon the foundation of Jesus' teachings.
- Growing strong in Christ by knowing what we believe and applying those truths.
- Growing out in Christ by sharing the good news with the people around us.

APPLICATION

List at least one thing you can do in each of the four growth areas below that will contribute to you becoming more Christ-like.

Growing deeper in Christ: _____

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Growing up in Christ: _____

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Growing stronger in Christ: _____

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Growing out in Christ: _____

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA TRIP REPORT

It was a great privilege to travel to Papua New Guinea (PNG) with Marcel Rijken and Pr Trevor Murphy to attend the Global Trainers Conference held at Bethel Christian Centre in Port Moresby.

The theme was 'Equipping the Saints', based on Ephesians 4:11–12: "Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers to equip his people for the works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."

The conference brought together 79 delegates and provided an opportunity to invest in those involved in training and equipping leaders across CRC training schools in PNG. Pr Trevor was the main speaker at the conference, while I also contributed a few teaching sessions.

The conference included teaching, prayer, worship, vision casting, curriculum planning and opportunities for fellowship and interaction among the delegates. There was a strong emphasis on the importance of training in developing healthy and growing churches.

During the trip, Marcel, CEO of Adelaide Christian Schools, spent time with the staff of Sunrise Bethel Christian School. This provided an opportunity for professional development, relationship building and getting to know the staff and leadership more closely.

The time with the school was valuable in strengthening relationships and understanding the needs and opportunities of the school moving forward.

Another important part of the trip was the opportunity to strategise regarding training initiatives across CRC PNG, particularly in relation to the Provincial Bible Schools.

There was discussion about how the different training initiatives could become more closely aligned with Bethel International Training College (BITC), which is located on the grounds of Bethel Christian Centre.

Greater alignment between these training initiatives has the potential to provide a more connected and effective pathway for leadership development and ministry training across PNG. The discussions were encouraging and provided opportunities to consider how the different areas of training can work together more effectively.

The Sunday services during the trip were also a highlight. We had the opportunity to minister at Bethel Tabernacle of Praise Church, and there was a very good response to the messages.

Overall, the trip to PNG was a very encouraging and productive time. It was a privilege to minister alongside Marcel and Pr Trevor and to spend time with our pastors, leaders, staff, schools and church.

We are grateful for the relationships, ministry opportunities and strategic conversations that took place during the trip and look forward to seeing how these initiatives continue to develop.

Pr Mike Groom

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

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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