



CONNECT

DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our church is in need of more volunteers to help out in our church programs and ministries. Look inside for further details.

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HUGHES UPDATE

The Hughes family are entering into the winter months over in Walhalla, South Carolina. Read their update inside.

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PNG REPORT

Pr Mike, Kelly and Mikaela Groom recently returned from Papua New Guinea. Mikaela has written a report of their trip.

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WELCOME

Welcome to December and January's edition of Connect.

We feel that we have settled in already so we are focusing on ministry and the affairs of the church. God is doing wonderful things here in Tennant Creek.

I truly believe if God can provide water and food for the Israelites in the wilderness and in the remote Sinai desert, He is able to pour out his spiritual water and food for the spiritually hungry and thirsty souls here in Tennant Creek.

Since we arrived in Tennant Creek, we have witnessed seven people give their lives to the Lord and a demon possessed young girl get delivered. Please join us in praying for these new converts and for

more young men and women to turn to the Lord.

I was not able to pick anyone up for one of our youth nights in November as I am having problems transferring my drivers license across. Delia and I decided to sit at church and see who might come.

At around 6:30pm 10 children made their own way to church and asked if youth was on. We decided to make them some food.

While they were eating they said they wanted to change their lives and asked me to pray. I prayed and five of the older ones said the sinners prayer and gave their lives to the Lord.

I gave them Bibles, some more food and sent them home. It was a very special time seeing these children praying to God for change.

Our aim is to touch as many young people as we can with the gospel. Please pray that God will give us some creative ways to reach them.

Please also pray for sister Ebony (our youth leader) who does a fantastic job organising our youth programs.

Let us rise together in prayer and believe for God to move in a fresh and mighty way in our church and sweep through the township of Tennant Creek.

Let us cry out and ask God to heal our land and set people free from evil (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Please visit the new TCCFC website (www.tccf.com.au) for all information relating to our church ministries.

Blessings,
Pr Jeremiah Madimadi

MISSIONS

Bethel Children's Home TCCFC commits \$200 per month

Bethel Children's Home has been in operation since 1998. All of the children have been affected by the war and unrest in Sri Lanka: displaced, physiologically affected, discriminated against.

TCCFC sponsors two children, one boy (Nithusan) and one girl (Saruja).

Door of Hope Preschool TCCFC commits \$100 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Cleaning and Children's Ministry

We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church and assist in our children's ministry. If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please speak to Pr Jeremiah or Delia.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY Tuesday Nights

Everyone is welcome to join us at church for prayer and Bible study on Tuesday nights. The nights begin at 6:30pm. If you need a ride to and from church please contact Edward or Miriam and they will organise a ride for you.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY Thursday Nights

All ladies are invited to join us for Bible studies at church on Thursday nights. Our Bible studies begin at 6:30pm. If you would like any further information, or if you need a ride, please contact Josephine or Miriam.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH Friday Nights and Sunday Mornings

Our youth are welcome to join us at church on Friday nights at 6:30pm. Our children are welcome to join us on Sunday during the church service. If you would like to help out please speak to Ebony (youth) or Delia (children).



HUGHES UPDATE

PR WARWICK HUGHES

On the first weekend of November we had our men's breakfast in Faith Center Church's dining hall. It was great! Nathan Wright made scrambled eggs, I prepared the bacon and hash browns, and some of the guys brought along some other goodies. We had a blessed time of fellowship. No one seemed to be in a hurry to go anywhere. It was great to have some of our young teenagers in attendance.

A few weeks after our men's meeting, the ladies decided they would have their own meeting in the dining hall. They had a time of thanksgiving and appreciation on a Friday morning. Omega said they had an awesome time.

During the second week of November I finished teaching a subject to students in Ghana by Zoom. I have been doing this on Monday mornings. It has been a blessing and an honour for me to be teaching. My thanks and appreciation to Pr Barry Silverback for asking me to teach in this school.

Our Wednesday night Missions Prayer and Bible Study has been going well and we concluded for the year on Wednesday 30th November for Christmas and New Year. We will recommence our Wednesday night program in January. We have been learning a lot and have also enjoyed some great fellowship along with praying and studying.

Our children's church has been doing well. Mandy Wright is doing a great job with the help of our teenagers. It is so good to see the young ones learning and growing in Jesus.

We had a miracle happen on Sunday 20th November at church. A lady who is the niece of one of our older congregation members walked into church and sat down next to him. She listened to the message preached by our guest speaker. He gave an altar call for people to recommit their lives to Jesus. This lady put up her hand and said the prayer of recommitment. Praise God. She also said she will be coming back and will bring her mother who used to come here many years ago. Glory to God for all He is doing in His time.

We had our Missions Fundraiser Yard Sale on Saturday 19th November. We sold second hand used items that people

gave us. Despite the cold we raised USD\$136 for missions. We had congregation members Michael Mizell and Charlene Baker helping us sell the goods. Larry Lothar bought us a breakfast treat and Kathleen Arisman and Vilmarie Wright gave us moral support.

I have been enjoying preaching to elderly people in an old people's home every second Friday a month.

I have also been going with a group of friends to a Christian rehabilitation place for drug and alcohol addicts. I have had two opportunities to preach and a number of opportunities to minister one on one. This has been almost every month since I started going with the group for the last four months.

One Saturday our family travelled to Spartanburg where I was invited to preach. After my sermon I gave an altar call and many came for prayer. Later at lunch with the pastor told me they hadn't been having altar calls in church since the pandemic began because people have been too scared to be close to one another. After my altar call the pastor said that they knew they needed to get back into doing altar calls. Amazing! I was ignorant of what was happening in that church but God knew. Glory to God.

We are all in good health and are doing well. I had a birthday in November. It was great that it fell on our day off. Jethro and Young Warwick continue to do their school online which continues to be a challenge for all of us. Please continue to pray for the boys' schooling.

It is a blessing to have the boys helping in the sound booth at the church Sunday services.

We had some great fun and family time travelling to Spartanburg and overnighing in a motel. It is much colder now so we are not getting out as much to do some fun things.

The boys and I went and helped a friend with a small project he needed help with for his mother. We lifted up a wooden walkway off the concrete area and put it on some plastic stands to keep it out of the water. We replaced some of the wooden decking.

Our friend reminded us that last time we went there we prayed for the Arthritis in his hands. He then showed me how his hands are now healing up after praying. Glory to God.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support. It is much appreciated.



PNG TRIP REPORT

MIKAELA GROOM

In November mum, dad and I travelled to PNG. It was great to be back!

Upon our arrival, we received a warm welcome from our staff and students at Bethel Centre and enjoyed some refreshments as we caught up with everyone. We arrived on a Friday so after settling in and resting for a bit, we drove down to the church to attend the youth program. Dad shared during the event.

On the first Sunday during our trip we attended the graduation for Fronteir Evangelism Institute and Bethel Bible School. Dad spoke during the graduation and handed out the certificates to the graduates with mum. The service also included the ordinations of pastors Judah Wesley and Kone Buri. The service was followed by a big fellowship lunch for all in attendance. What a great celebration it was.

On Wednesday night, Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Sunday night mum and dad conducted a marriage seminar for people in the church. They spoke on a range of topics surrounding marriage and parenting. It was a great seminar and I believe it was a blessing to all who made the effort to attend.

Mum and dad's trip was full of meetings, dinners and all sorts of catch ups. It was a very enjoyable time. They left PNG the following Monday and I stayed on for an extra week.

My main purpose going on this trip was to teach English to our preschool teachers in training. This two week subject is part of their overall course. I did the same thing back in 2019 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I absolutely love teaching and had a fantastic time with the students. We went through a variety of different grammar items and had a lot of fun completing different activities and learning together. I am very proud of the students and all that they managed to achieve during my short period of teaching.

I particularly enjoyed my time outside the classroom, spending time with the students during our fellowship dinner at Ela Beach and around the property as we sat and told all kinds of stories. They are a great group and I believe they will do well in their futures as preschool teachers.

When I wasn't with the preschool students I was attending programs with mum and dad and spending time with different people on the Bethel Centre property. It was so good seeing everyone again and catching up with them all

I enjoyed my little adventures outside the property - dinners, trips to Vision City, walks along the beach and so on. There's just something about PNG that captures my heart and fills me with joy.

I will be heading back in January for a 12 month commitment. My main role will be assisting in the Sunday school. I have been asked to train teachers, help with curriculum development and assist in the overall structure of the Sunday school. I am very excited for all that lies ahead!

ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.tccf.com.au

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/tennantcreekchristianfamilychurch

CONTACT DETAILS

Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

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

GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Bank Transfer

Account Name: Tennant Creek Christian Family Church

BSB: 065 005

Account Number: 1076 8547

Reference: Missions or Tithes

Clearly add in the description if your offering is for tithes or missions.

Option Two: Sunday Offering

Missions: Please place your missions giving into an envelope. Write missions on the front and place into the offering.

Tithes: Please place your tithes in the general offering.

OTHER CHURCH LOCATIONS

Adelaide Christian Centre

Address: 27-33 Sturt Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Web: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au

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

New Life Christian Centre

Address: 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

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

Faith Center Church

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla>

Service Time: 10:00am