



Tennant Creek  
Christian Family  
Church

# CONNECT

JUNE 2023

## CHURCH PROGRAMS

We have a number of church programs happening each week. Look inside to familiarise yourself with what is taking place.

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## MISSIONARY REPORT

Mikaela Groom has written another report from her time in Papua New Guinea. Have a look inside to see what she has to say.

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## CONTACT DETAILS

If you would like to get in touch with us, please look at our contact details. You can also see details for our other churches.

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# WELCOME

Welcome to this month's edition of Connect News.

It was wonderful to have Brenda Webber with us from New Life Christian Centre in Christies Beach, Adelaide.

Brenda was a fantastic blessing to us all - from driving doing pick ups and drops offs, and chatting with people in the town as she walked around, as well as our folk at TCCFC. We look forward to Brenda visiting again soon.

Throughout June and July we will be joining our three other churches in a new sermon series. This series will be covered in each of our Sunday services. The theme of this new series is 'Establishing People in their Faith'.

This series will be a blessing to us all. I encourage you to invite someone to come to church and join us for fellowship. Please see the outline of our morning services below.

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**AM Service:** Salvation (Hebrews 4:2)

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

**AM Service:** Adoption (Romans 8:14-17)

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June

**AM Service:** Redemption (Ephesians 1:7)

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**AM Service:** Righteousness (Romans 1:16-17; 5:15-17; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Blessings,  
**Pr Mike Groom**

# MISSIONS

## Benjamin and Asinate Wari TCCFC commits \$100 per month

Benjamin and Asinate Wari are going to Vanuatu from PNG as missionaries. Benjamin was the principal of World Missions Faith Training School (WMFTS) at Bethel Centre in PNG in 2022 and he will be taking on the role of principal of WMFTS Vanuatu when the school relaunches.

Asinate is from Fiji. She completed WMFTS in PNG, as well as our new Preschool Teacher Training Course. There is a possibility that a preschool will open on the WMFTS Vanuatu property. When it does, Asinate will be the head teacher and help run the preschool. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

Bethel Children's Home has been in operation since 1998. All of the children come from the Tamil minority ethnic group that has been discriminated against for many years. The children in our homes have been displaced for a number of reasons. Our homes provide children with a safe environment where they are given access to many opportunities that assist them in their development.

TCCFC sponsors two children, one boy (David) and one girl (Manju).

## 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 Pr Jeremiah 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 Pr Jeremiah 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).





# MISSIONARY UPDATE

At the end of April my brother Josh arrived in Papua New Guinea (PNG) in preparation for his first international golf tournament – the PNG Open.

I have watched Josh play golf before, but I must admit, golf can be a bit boring. However, during this tournament I found my interest genuinely growing. I really enjoyed my time on the course watching Josh practice and then compete.

This should give you an idea of how much of a golf fan I became – even when I was terribly sunburnt and in pain, I didn't want to miss out on the tournament, and I chose to continue walking around in the sun. It may not have been the wisest choice. I did sit out for nine holes one day, but I went back out as soon as they made their way back to where I was.

Life in PNG is different to life back in Australia. One of the biggest challenges I face is not being able to go outside Bethel Centre and roam around as freely as I would do back home. There are obviously safety concerns and other matters to consider. I can go out from time to time to shop and eat out, but my movements have significantly decreased from what I am used to.

Being out on the golf course was a real blessing for me. I loved walking around freely and I thoroughly enjoyed my time outdoors. I also felt very privileged to be in PNG during a time like this. I got to experience Josh's first international golf tournament right by his side.

I also had the privilege of meeting the Papua New Guinean prime minister. He was playing in the tournament, and he shook my hand as he walked past me after he teed off the tenth hole.

I will admit something a bit embarrassing – I actually had no idea what the prime minister looked like. I was standing with a couple of our pastors from Bethel Centre when he walked past. He greeted them and they all looked like they knew each other so I naturally assumed he was some guy from church. I very quickly realised I was wrong when someone told me I had just shaken hands with the prime minister.

Dad joined us midway through the week. He came to caddy for Josh during the tournament. It was nice seeing them again soon after their Easter trip. We had a great time and Josh did very well. His first international tournament was a good experience for him and we are all looking forward to next year's PNG Open!

On the same day Dad and Josh left to return to Adelaide, we farewelled Shalom Copland. She is a very faithful missionary from PNG, and she left to serve another term in the Philippines. A group of us went to the airport to see her off. She will be serving at the new Bible school that CRC Philippines began this year.

A week after dad and Josh left, I celebrated my birthday. My celebrations began at midnight when three of the ladies I live with woke me up by singing happy birthday and presenting me with a birthday cake. It was very special!

My celebrations continued when I went out for lunch with Chrioni, his parents and my friend Raka. After ordering our





food, Raka and I went outside to look at the view and take photos. While we were outside, Chrioni followed us out, got down on one knee and proposed to me. I think it is safe to say that was the highlight of the day (and most definitely the year, and maybe my life so far).

I spent a lot of time in May continuing with my preparation for the restructure of the Sunday school. The pastors have asked me to develop a new curriculum and to restructure the current program. We are introducing the new curriculum on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June and will begin our lessons on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

One of the lessons that I learnt last month, and that I need to continually remind myself of, is that wherever God calls us, He will make a way for His plan to outwork in our lives. We can become so distracted by what we are going through and what people are saying to us, but we mustn't lose sight of the bigger picture and what God has called us to. If we are certain of God's call in our lives, we must remember that He can make a way even when things don't look favourable. He can also use us to achieve so much more than we could possibly imagine.

This month I am preparing to take on more of a leadership role in the Sunday school, complete two weeks of teaching with our preschool teachers, lecturing for two weeks in the evenings for Bethel Bible School, and continuing with my CRC Missions finance role.

Thank you very much for all of your support and prayers.

Many blessings,  
**Mikaela Groom**





## ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: [www.tccf.com.au](http://www.tccf.com.au)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/tennantcreekchristianfamilychurch](https://www.facebook.com/tennantcreekchristianfamilychurch)

## CONTACT DETAILS

Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

Email: [info@tccf.com.au](mailto:info@tccf.com.au)

Phone: 0452 070 536

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](http://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](http://www.newlifeonline.org.au)

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

### Faith Center Church

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

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla](https://www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla)

Service Time: 10:00am