



# CONNECT

DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024

## 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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## MISSIONS SUPPORT

Our church is a big supporter of world missions. See what we support as a church inside this edition of Connect.

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## HUGHES UPDATE

Pr Warwick Hughes has written an update about his family and their life in Walhalla, South Carolina, United States of America.

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# WELCOME

Welcome to our December and January edition of Connect News.

In December, a number of us are travelling to Papua New Guinea (PNG) for Mikaela's wedding. Mikaela is mine and Kelly's eldest child and she is currently serving as a missionary at Bethel Centre in Port Moresby.

Most of the people going for her wedding will be travelling home on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Kelly, my son Joel, his wife Zoe and I will be staying on a little longer and will return to Australia on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Please keep us in your prayers, especially Mikaela and Chrioni as they enter into married life.

Pr Warwick Hughes has written an update of his family and their life in the United States of America (USA). Pr Warwick, Omega, Jethro and Warwick Jr are missionaries from PNG and New Zealand to Walhalla, South Carolina, USA.

They are doing a fantastic job in the USA and I encourage all of you to read through their latest update.

Please continue to keep all of our missionaries in your prayers - Benjamin and Asinate in Vanuatu, Mikaela in PNG and the Hughes family in the USA.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for a great year at TCCFC. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2024.

Blessings,  
**Pr Mike Groom**

# MISSIONS

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

Benjamin and Asinate Wari have left Papua New Guinea (PNG) and are now in Vanuatu 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, David and 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).



# HUGHES FAMILY UPDATE

Firstly, it was great to have Pr Mike and Kelly Groom and Shekinah Sagun visit us in October. This released our family to go on a vacation which we enjoyed very much as a family, we are thankful and appreciative of them being able to do that.

We visited three cities that we had chosen and we really enjoyed our time as a family. It was great.

They also blessed the family of God here with their visit and ministry of the Word of God and other practical ministry they did while here.

For November myself and Omega started the month off at a three day 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference with a ministry called Evangel Fellowship International.

Faith Center Church has had connections with this ministry and its global influence for many years. It was a good conference, we got to meet a lot of new people and receive great encouragement from the preaching that was given.

Jethro and Warwick Jr stayed home and took care of themselves for those three days. They did well.

Straight after the conference I went to a men's summit meeting near a city called Greenwood almost two hours away from us. 30 of us men meet at a State Park called Hickory; a very nice place with a great golf course.

It was a great time of fellowship, meeting with others and receiving encouragement through the preaching of the word relating to destiny and being destined in the purposes of God for our lives.

I was asked to minister. I ministered from my journey and how as I obeyed God stepping out in faith, He confirmed it as I journeyed along to where I am with my family today. I came away very encouraged and refreshed.

We have seen a number of our congregation going through various back and hip problems for sometime now and one or two having gout and diabetic issues. Please pray and believe with us for healing in these people's lives.

Otherwise everyone else is doing well and are seeing God move in their lives through various challenges and daily living.

We had one man visit who was in the Marines some years ago (he is at a place where I go regularly and do some teaching). He came to church and gave his testimony of what he had been through, and how he then knew Jesus in his head, but not in his heart. He shared that after going through some bad situations in life after coming out of the Marines, he came to know Jesus in his heart, spirit, and what a real relationship with Jesus is.

What was so awesome about him giving his testimony, was that his wife who he had been estranged from for some time, was in church when he gave his testimony. It was the first time for her to hear it. She told him later that she liked the person he is now, compared to the

person she knew before. God is restoring their relationship and marriage. Praise God.

Please pray for this man as he has been told by doctors he has a major heart problem and only has five years to live

Our men's meetings and ladies' meetings are functioning well and it is great to see how everyone is encouraging each other.

One of the men has now taken on board the responsibility of following others up and reminding them of our men's meetings.

Omega follows up the ladies and coordinates the women's committee she put together.

Our children's church ministry is going along well. Mandy Wright is doing a good job with the children. We have mainly had four in attendance.

The three teenagers in the church continue to take a leadership role in the children's church. They have been putting together a Christmas video for us to watch in December at our Christmas party.

We mainly have five teenagers attending our youth nights. Two of them are not yet going to church regularly. I spoke to the father of the two teenagers and invited the family to church as he did say they were looking for a church but are at the moment having church at home. Pray that this family will come in. The wife is having some serious health issues at this time also.

We have a good number of interactive games and we minister the Word to the

teenagers. What's great at this time is that they want to be here. Praise God.

Mr Mizell, one of our congregation members, helps me with the youth night when he is able to do so. One other congregation member has been attending more and helping. He is a single dad with two sons, one a teenager and the other a six year old. At this stage the six year old has been enjoying interacting with the older boys as if they are his older brothers which is good.

We played a game where I had the boys make shields with the noodles you use for floating in a swimming pool. We made swords and we had a competition where you had to touch the stomach, back or feet, but not the head or arms with the sword. It was so much fun. The youngest even got in with only his sword, not the shield but got out each time.

We shared how it's like being with only two of the parts of God's full armour and what can happen without the whole armour yet only having two parts. We emphasised the importance of having the whole armour and not just having two - the shield of faith and sword of the spirit. We also need the gospel shoes to protect our legs and feet, belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, and the helmet of salvation.

There is much needed renovation work to be done downstairs at the church. Please do pray for this renovation work.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we together harvest these fields that are ripe unto harvest.

**Pr Warwick Hughes**







## **ONLINE PRESENCE**

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

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

Service Time: 10:00am