



CONNECT

FEBRUARY 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a number of events coming up this month. Look inside to familiarise yourself with what is taking place in February and beyond.

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HUGHES UPDATE

The Hughes family have seen some great recent developments with children and young families. Read their update inside.

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PNG TRIP REPORT

Pr Mike, Rommel, Dino, Roger and Ken recently returned from Papua New Guinea. Look inside for pictures and a report.

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WELCOME TO NLCC

Greetings! Well, February has arrived and we are looking forward to the various groups and ministries of NLCC starting up again. We are also excited to continue to outwork the ACC vision and mission over the course of this year.

Vision Sunday is happening on Sunday 5th February. During our service we will cast our vision for the year ahead and look at the various aspects of church life and world missions. Let's believe God for an outstanding and fruitful year ahead.

The Bible says, "Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast of restraint" (Proverbs 29:18 ESV – or "perish" KJV). Let us this year gather around our vision, our mission and strategy, and goals, and work towards

achieving great things for God – by His empowerment. "Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord" (Zechariah 4:1 NIV). Let's step out in faith to serve the Lord in unity together.

This year also we are hoping to commence our building extension at NLCC. We will be presenting the project very soon to our congregation, so please pray for success. It is a time to build!

In closing, let me encourage you to give your all to serving the Lord this year, in the church, in families, in the workplace, and in the nations. Now is the time to serve the Lord! Don't put it off! Now is the time!

God bless, **Pr Greg Crome**

MINISTRIES PRAYER

Launch Youth: In 2023 we are combining more with ACC under the leadership of Joel and Zoe Groom.

Youth and Children (CYC) Sundays: Held during the Sunday morning service during the school term.

Tuesday Night Young Adults Connect Group: Combined with ACC in the West and South. Please visit www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/.

Wednesday Night Connect Group: Twice a month. 7:00pm at 75 Riverview Drive, Port Noarlunga (0417 857 515).

Thursday Night Connect Group: Twice a month. 7:00pm at the Odis' house (0452 634 630).

Missions Prayer Requests

- Pray for Mikaela Groom as she leaves for Papua New Guinea (PNG) this month to begin her missionary service. Her main role will be helping in the Sunday school at Bethel Tabernacle of Praise Church.
- Pray for WMFTS Vanuatu as buildings and the property are being repaired, and for an intake of new students. Pray for missionaries Benjamin and Asinate Wari from PNG who will take become the WMFTS principal soon.

Sunday Morning Prayer

- Join us for prayer every Sunday from 9:20am until 9:50am in the main hall.



LADIES COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Date TBC

All ladies are welcome to join us for this month's coffee fellowship morning. You are more than welcome to invite your friends along. A missions offering will be taken up during the event. Contact Margie for further information.

ALL IN TEAM NIGHT

Tuesday 7th February

Join us at church for a 7:30pm start. This will be a time of inspiration and preparation for the year ahead. Volunteers, leaders, everyone! If you would like to get more involved, this is the night for you.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 18th February

Our next men's breakfast will be held at Adelaide Christian Centre from 8:00am until 10:00am. Pr Trevor Murphy will be our guest speaker for the morning. Come along for a great feed, great fellowship and a great message.

COMBINED EVENING SERVICE

Sunday 19th February

On Sunday 19th February Pr Trevor Murphy will be ministering at ACC Pr Trevor is the lead pastor of Narrandera CRC Church. We will be combining with ACC for an evening service at their church in the city.



HUGHES UPDATE

PR WARWICK HUGHES

January came with its challenges. A number of the congregation have been sick, and some of their family and close friends have passed away.

We attended one funeral of a family that used to be here at Faith Center Church some years ago. The dad pastored the church here for a while. The youngest daughter passed away.

I was very impacted by something the mother did. She walked up to her daughter's body laying in the coffin, laid her hands on the daughter and prayed a very powerful prayer, releasing her daughter into the hands of God. I will never forget the power of God's presence at that moment and how impacting that prayer of that mother was.

It spoke to me of how it is a good way to get closure on a loved one's passing. It spoke to me of helping oneself getting some relief and release from any troubles or burdens relating to the loved ones passing on.

We are excited about our outreaches into the community. Through our outreach, 'Have a Break on Us', we gave out some more bags of goodies this month to another fast food chain staff. They appreciated the blessing and allowed me to pray for them. We will continue to do this into the year and are believing for it to bear some good fruit for the kingdom of God.

Nathan and Mandy Wright have begun a playgroup. Every Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm young mums and dads come to the church property with their children. The children have fun playing on the playground we have here while the parents share different life experiences of raising their children. Some of the guys share some of their work and child raising experiences.

We have the dining hall available for them when it's colder so they can sit around and have a tea or coffee and chat. The young ones keep themselves occupied by playing with what has been set up by Nathan and Mandy. A good number are coming along. We call it our community connection.

We had one of our young children in children's church give his life to Jesus recently at home. It happened on his

birthday and his Grandma led him in prayer.

We called him up to the stage to sing happy birthday to him. It was his first time up on stage. Usually he is hesitant but this time he came up no problem.

I asked him about giving his life to Jesus and in front of everyone he told us that he did. Glory to God! We then we sang happy birthday to him.

I was so blessed. This makes everything we do and put a lot of time and prayer into so worthwhile and very rewarding. Especially for Mandy who puts a lot of effort into preparing children's church.

I attended a prayer time on Friday 6th January here in Walhalla where a number of pastors and leaders gathered together to pray for our community. I attended last year's one and it was good that this year's had more attendees than the previous year. We certainly had a good time together praying.

One of our young congregation members is helping me regularly with some of the ground upkeep and maintenance jobs that need to be done on our property. This has been of great help to me. He is currently waiting to get

a job as he has not long graduated from high school. He has put in for a number of jobs and we are believing he will get a good job soon.

We had the roof on the house our family lives in replaced. It took one day to remove all the old tiles, replace damaged plywood, cover the roof with waterproofing paper and then put the tiles down. A day or two later the company replaced the rotting fascia board at the back of the house and put the guttering back.

Omega, the boys and I are all doing well by the Grace of God. Our boys are no longer boys; they are young men doing okay with school and their leadership role they have with the children's church.

We enjoy our family devotional times. It's very enlightening and encouraging to hear some of the things that our sons come out with relating to the Word of God.

We have filled out paperwork for a Green Card so we can stay on longer here in Walhalla. The visas we received for our second term of three years expire this year around the end of June and beginning of July. Please keep that in your prayers for us. Thank you.

PNG TRIP REPORT

On Monday 16th January, Pr Mike Groom, Rommel Verain and Dino Villanueva from ACC, along with Roger Fitton from NLCC and Ken Greeves, travelled to Brisbane for the night before heading to PNG the following morning.

They were only in PNG for a short time, until Thursday 26th January, but their schedule was jam packed! Some of them worked all day and into the night to accomplish everything that needed to be done throughout their visit.

The main purpose of their visit was to fit out the new training building with internet and network connection, technology and solar power. They also assisted in the setting up of the six rooms - the three upstairs classrooms for ministry training, and the three rooms down below for a preschool classroom, a library and study room, and a staff office space. This new training building will be of tremendous benefit to the work in PNG and beyond.

Despite a few setbacks, and a flash flood, the team were able to accomplish everything they needed to with the help of many people from Bethel Centre. It was great to see everyone coming together to achieve the task at hand.

We will be taking a team to PNG in April to be part of an Easter worship and outreach program. If you are interested in coming on this trip, please speak to Pr Mike as soon as possible as flights will be booked this month.



