

Bring all your failures
Bring your additions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

CONNECT

JUNE 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have a number of events coming up this month. Look inside to familiarise yourself with all that will be taking place in June.

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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 TO NLCC

In May we had a great month with a terrific men's breakfast and bowling night, a baptism service and an excellent 'Biggest Morning Tea', as well as our normal church life. We are looking forward to what the Lord will do in June in our midst and through the mission of the church.

Brenda Webber has just returned from Tenant Creek (we will include her full report in our July issue). Brenda said she had a wonderful time with the Madimadi family, our missionaries there, and the church people.

Our building project will start soon and I have had good meetings with the Claridge Construction team to plan the way ahead. Our church services will be held in our back hall during construction and we will let you know the dates to commence that soon.

We look forward to Paolo and Ester Manego and also Bruce and Tangi Walker ministering this month - we really appreciate them.

Navigation, whether on land or at sea, requires expert skill and the right tools.

We know that one degree out when navigating can land you in the wrong place or bring you into danger.

Relationships likewise require the right skills and the right tools, so to speak. And they can be very difficult to navigate. One wrong word, one wrong attitude, one wrong action, and relationships can be in danger. Yes, we are that fragile, us humans. But as we navigate our relationship and all of our own feelings and thought around this, it is important to know that we can learn to love, learn to be a friend, learn to have wholesome relationships.

Our best help is Jesus and His Word. When we obey Him and His Word we build our relationships on the solid foundation of Christian living. Let's be committed to that. The benefits are truly life giving. Forgiveness is arguably the most powerful tool in our relationship tool kit. And there are many other tools we can use too. Dig into God's word to find its treasure and apply it to life and relationships. That's a winner every 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: In recess. 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 Benjamin and Asinate Wari as they prepare to relocate to Vanuatu as missionaries from Papua New Guinea. Pray that their visas will be approved quickly so they can go to Vanuatu in July.
- Pray for Mikaela Groom as she continues in her missionary life at Bethel Centre in Papua New Guinea. Pray that her involvement in the children's ministry will be a blessing and that she will settle in smoothly.

Church Prayer Requests

- Please contact the church office if you have any prayer requests.

BEFORE CHURCH PRAYER Sunday Mornings

Join us from 9:20am to 9:50am in the church office every Sunday morning for prayer. The best hope for change and transformation is to seek God in prayer, out of which life, blessing, direction, and divine provision come.

NEW ARRIVALS DINNER Saturday 17th June

ACC are in need of volunteers for their next New Arrivals Dinner. If you would like to volunteer, please contact ACC's church office (08 8212 2322) or talk to Pr Greg. There are a range of jobs so there should be something to suit everyone!





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 11th June and will begin our lessons on Sunday 18th 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.newlifeonline.org.au

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg411yAy_YQQ5c17STow

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GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: www.newlifeonline.org.au/giving/. Press the 'Online Giving' button under the 'Giving' heading.

Option Two: Bank Transfer

Deposit your funds into the general account and in the reference section please specify if your funds are for tithes, missions or whatever else.

GENERAL Account Name: New Life Christian Centre

BSB: 035-053

Account Number: 127 021

OTHER CHURCH LOCATIONS

Adelaide Christian Centre

Address: 33 Sturt Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Web: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.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