FEBRUARY 2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS

In February we have some key dates for you to remember. Please familiarise yourself with all that's coming up.

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EQUIP COLLEGE

Equip Training College is open for enrolments for 2024. Testimonials from past and existing students can be found inside.

Testimonials on page 5

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 TO NLCC

What are you believing for in 2024? We all have aspirations about the future and there are many things we dream about as we contemplate life's journey ahead.

As Christians we have tremendous hope for the future because our hope is solidly founded upon God's promises; our hope is not just wishful thinking. Our hope is tethered to the living God and what He promises! His desire for us is to enter into all the blessings of salvation that Jesus won for us on the Cross.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Added to that is the wonderful calling

God has granted us to serve Him, and to be a light to the nations and to all peoples near and far.

Our vision for the future is filled with the desire to be used by God to bring the love and good news of Jesus to a lost world and to show very practically the love of Jesus to people.

Let's capture the heart of God together as we dream for a blessed future. Let's believe for great fruitfulness for His glory and for the saving of many people. Let's put our hands to the plough in serving Him with our time, talents, and treasure, as a light in our families, churches, work places and to the nations!

MINISTRIES PRAYER

Launch Youth: Launch Youth is held every Friday night during the school term.

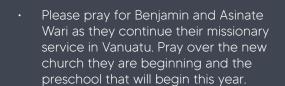
Youth and Children (CYC) Sundays: CYC is held on Sunday mornings during the school term.

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

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

Thursday Night Connect Group: Thursday 8th and 22nd February. 7:00pm at

the Odis' house (0452 634 630).



Please pray for Mikaela Geno as she continues her missionary service in Papua New Guinea. Recently she is down with dengue fever for a second time, an ear infection and vertigo. Please pray for a speedy and full recovery.

Church Prayer Requests

Missions Prayer Requests

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



SPECIAL MEN'S PRAYER Every Sunday Morning

All men are welcome to come along to church before our morning service on Sundays for a special time of prayer. Our prayer meetings begin at 8:30am. Come along and let's believe God for great things in 2024.

VISION SUNDAYS Sunday 4th and 11th February

Pr Greg Crome

Be sure to join us for our special Vision Sundays in February! Our first Vision Sunday (4th February) will focus on Global Missions. Our second Vision Sunday (11th February) will focus on our local church ministries.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday 24th February

Join us for a combined men's breakfast with ACC and NLCC. The breakfast will begin at NLCC at 7:30am and will feature a special guest speaker. The cost of breakfast is \$8 (pay on the day). To register please call 0417857515.

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE Sunday 25th February

At the conclusion of our morning service, we will be holding a water baptism service. If you would like to be water baptised, please speak to Pr Greg or one of our leaders, or contact the church office.

Special Building Fund Offering

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Our goal is \$165,000 Received in pledges: \$57,500 STILL TO RAISE: \$107,500

Let us pray in faith and give generously





UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY TEACHING SERIES

We have two teaching series coming up in February and March. We will have one series for our morning services (Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross) and one for our evening services (Hot Tips for Christian Living).

Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross

Sunday 25th February - FORGIVENESS

Hot Tips for Christian Living

Sunday 4th February - ENDURANCE 'Keep on keeping on' (James 1:2-4)

Sunday 11th February - WISDOM 'Making sensible decisions' (James 1:5)

Sunday 18th February - PRAYER 'Only God can move mountains, but the prayer of faith moves God' (James 1:6-8)

Sunday 25th February - SPEECH 'Trying to avoid being hung by our tongue' (James 1:26)

PUBLIC SPEAKING CLASSES

Pr Neil Milne will be holding classes on public speaking in February and March! Register through the ACC church office by emailing info@adelaidechristiancentre. com.au.

Some themes to be covered will be 'Speaking Power' and 'How you can be an Effective Preacher'.

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These classes are for everyone who is on the platform - leading communion, notices, offering, worship leaders, preaching, and those interested in gaining skills in public speaking. Everyone will benefit!

The classes will be held on Thursday nights from 7:15-9:00pm in the chapel. There will be two sessions each night (7:15-8:00pm, 8:15-9:00pm), seperated by a 15 minute break. The dates are as follows: 8th February, 15th February, 14th March and 21st March.

EQUIP TRAINING COLLEGE

Enrol in Equip Training College (ETC) today. Visit <u>www.adelaidechristiancentre.</u> <u>com.au/equip-training-college/</u> for more information or email our principal, principal@equiptrainingcollege.com.au.

Testimonials

"ETC has given me the tools to study the word more effectively and intentionally. The content that Equip Training College provides through their materials and resources has strengthened my personal faith, and has deepened my knowledge and understanding of the word."

Joel Groom

"I love studying at ETC! I am currently enrolled in the diploma course after completing the certificate. At ETC the content is incredibly applicable to life. Each subject has grounded me in God's Word and added value to my daily readings and conversations. A very manageable course - recommended for everyone!"

Rebekah Manih

HUGHES FAMILY UPDATE

Greetings to you all from a very wet and chilly wintery Walhalla, South Carolina, USA.

Our first program that we recommenced in 2024 was our missions prayer meeting and Bible study on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm. The first 30 minutes is spent praying for missions work and missionaries. Then we have an hour of Bible study. We are continuing on with our study on the book of Romans.

Our first youth night was held on Friday 19th January. We were blessed to have 11 young people attend. It was really good. We also had a local pastor and his Son attend. Everyone had fun in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

I also started teaching again at the transitional house called the Hub on Thursday 11th January. It was really great to be back doing some teaching with the men that are transitioning back into society and the community. One or two of the men from the congregation are excited to also help do some teaching.

Unfortunately the last few Thursdays, we have not been able to teach due to sickness that hit a good number of men at the Hub. They were then told to leave the property due to some concerns that needed to be sorted out by the county department. We had to move all these men and their gear out on a Thursday. They cannot go back until things pertaining to the county's requirements are met and sorted.

Please pray for Pr Brannon who oversees the Hub ministry, his team and the men. Pray that this will all be sorted out properly and fairly. We see that this is an attack of the enemy on the work, but despite what's happening, the men and the team are remaining positive.

Pr Brannon is from a local Pentecostal Church here in Walhalla and comes along to our pastor prayer meetings at the end of each month.

Children's church is going well and Mandy, along with our teenagers, are doing a good job ministering to the young children.

We had a leadership meeting to discuss and come up with a tactical plan for the different departments and areas in the church. We had some good discussion and discoveries relating to what we are doing for Jesus here in Walhalla and abroad.

What has been a tremendous highlight for me in January was to see how the congregation have gathered around those that are new and are building relationships with them. I was impressed with some of our ladies taking three young girls that came to church out for lunch and to have some fellowship.

Even some of the men are getting alongside some of the new men that came in. They are fellowshipping with them and encouraging them.

We had a brother come in recently who trained at Faith Training Center some years ago. He did some of the landscaping around parts of the property in those days. He brought his daughter first, then next time his wife and the daughter came again. They have been coming along more regularly since then.

We have seen their daughter come up for prayer, and twice the mother has also come up for prayer. Pray they will become a real part of our family here at Faith Center Church.

At the end of every month we are celebrating those who have had birthdays and wedding anniversaries. It is a great time of fellowship and celebration.

We had Sister Tammy Smith visit us in January. She is a missionary to Mexico who is now involved with a ministry that runs an online Bible University called Nation 2 Nation University. She shared what she is doing and ministered an encouraging word to our church congregation.

We had a surprise visit from Shailiegh and Chris Rowtcliffe. They had been on holiday visiting Chris' family in England, and they came this way to visit some friends and also to stop in to see us all. It was nice to finally meet Chris and catch up with Shailiegh who had been the school teacher here for six years before leaving to get married.

I woke up one morning to the phone ringing. It was a lady teacher who helps Jethro with his maths. She asked if we could come help her and the husband, as their house basement was flooding in the heavy rain we were having that morning.

So myself, Jethro and young Warwick went to the house. It was raining very

hard, so hard at times it was hard to see out the windscreen of the car.

We helped move things off the floor, and started mopping up water with towels. We also used a special vacuum that sucks up water. It made me think of times at Bethel Centre in Papua New Guinea when we had to clean up after flooding.

It took us some time to do what we did. We had the help of some others and we were able to get it to where the floor started to dry out. We were able to help this couple and bless them.

We are all doing well by the Grace of God. The boys are a blessing as they help out continuously in the church. Most of their focus is on their online schooling. Jethro is doing his year 12 and young Warwick is doing his year 11.

Youth nights have been good for them as they get to interact with some old friends from Faith Christian School and some newer young people that have started to come along.

Omega is doing good work among the ladies of the Church and getting around the young girls that come into the church, encouraging them and being a mother figure to them.

Among the many things Omega does for us as a family, she is also impacting and influencing our congregation positively, especially where they are struggling with a sickness or going through other troubles they are facing in life.

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

Pr Warwick Hughes

ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: <u>www.newlifeonline.org.au</u> YouTube Channel: <u>www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBqg4I1yAy_YQQ5c17STow</u> Facebook Page: <u>www.facebook.com/NewLifeChristies/</u> Instagram: <u>@new.life.christian.centre</u>

CONTACT DETAILS

Office: 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165 Postal: P.O. Box 431, Noarlunga Centre, SA 5168 Email: <u>info@newlifeonline.org.au</u> Phone: (08) 8384 4814 Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: <u>www.newlifeonline.org.au/giving/</u>. 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: <u>www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au</u> Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

Tennant Creek Christian Family Church

Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860 Web: <u>www.tccf.com.au</u> Service Times: 10:00am and 6:30pm

Faith Center Church

Address: 115 Worley Lane, Walhalla SC 29691, United States Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla</u> Service Time: 10:00am