

# Tamborine Mountain Presbyterian Church

'Every member ministry ...

growing to maturity ...

bearing fruit that lasts'

## NOVEMBER 2016

### Dear TMPC Church Family,

As the year continues to roll toward the Christmas season and the new year I am reminded of how easy it is to forget much of what has happened in the first ten months. I don't mean to rehash all the different things the church has done but I do want to take opportunity to thank God for all of you who have stepped in to the life of the church and taken on various tasks and roles and ministries for the encouragement of one another and the building up of the church.

This is not always an easy thing, like an apple falling off a tree. We are all flawed people. That means when we mix with each other and try to find ways to serve God in his local church things won't always unfold without a hitch. Nonetheless we are to continue to live our lives graciously using **'whatever gift we have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.'** (1 Peter 4:10)

When we work in the church for his glory and the encouragement of his people there is still labour and toil involved, (Colossians 2:1). We can't escape this. We also cannot escape having our own ideas about what and how things should be done in various areas of church life and ministry. We all bring our past experiences and present expectations to this living community we know as the church. So, how do we engage one another without pushing our own agendas so hard that people get hurt as we 'administer God's grace'? A lot could be said here but a great starting point for us all is Paul's admonition in Romans 12:3. Following on from his encouragement to be transformed by the renewing of our minds he says,

**'For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.'** (Romans 12:3)

That sounds like humility. Paul is able to say this out of the grace given to him. Grace has brought him down from a high seat of judgment. We all know what it is like to sit there. But we are to view ourselves in the light of God's mercy and grace to us in the Son who has seen us for who we are and has given himself as a sacrifice for our (my) sin. After we get a true measure of ourselves in the presence of God and his Son we know that we have received grace upon grace. We should then approach others not firstly with what we 'know' will do them good but with a willingness to listen and love and serve them in a way that reflects the love and mercy of Christ.

Thank you God for the grace we have received in Christ.

Thank you to all of you who continue to serve God's grace in its multiplicity of forms.

Pastor Dale

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Gary and Debbie Williams are leaving to visit Abby on the Logos Hope, on 20<sup>th</sup> November. They will spend some time on the ship with Abby, and then take her ashore to a couple of European cities to give her a short break from ship life.

Abby loves her TMPC church family, so if anybody would like to send Abby a short note of greeting or encouragement, please give it to Gary or Debbie before Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November and it will be hand-delivered!

## Made it to HENGYANG, CHINA. (I.C.C.)

Hello Family and Friends,

We made it to Hengyang last Monday evening! Our planned 2 night stopover in Hong Kong extended to 5 nights, as we had no sooner arrived there when we were made aware of the approaching Typhoon .



The photo shows a happy occasion through the week, when we, along with another Australian couple (who were here long term and are now visiting again) were invited by the young men in Dolphin home to join them for lunch.

In the 2 years since the new building was opened and all were moved into their family style living apartments, their standard of health and opportunities for learning skills for living have just soared! All have household jobs to do and are active participants in their life together. Heng Shan has taken a real interest in cooking, and he cooked an egg and tomato dish and a potato dish to add to the delicious spread that we enjoyed.

**We are back living in the 4 bedroom guest flat that we've rented in previous years. After unpacking on the Tuesday morning and reconnecting with our already settled in house guests, we headed out to the welfare centre in the afternoon.**

It was simply wonderful to be welcomed again by the Chinese carers (ayis) and to see the children. Most of our efforts are concentrated on the kindy/toddler/baby floor and it didn't take long for the toddlers to remember us.....yeye (grandad) and nainai (grandma.) A couple of the little boys, being a year older, really relished some "rough and tumble" play with Dennis, as any little boys would. Some have been adopted since we were last here, and their places have been filled by other babies, all of whom are doing well.

Eight out of the existing 24 children on this floor have been matched with adopting families (mainly from USA) so we will be tasked with helping the children to become more familiar with western adults (especially a man) and to speak simple English to them as we play, nurture, and love them. We were ushered straight into a birthday party for one of the little girls, turning one! Typically, all the other little ones sit around, along with the carers, and a cream cake is placed in front of the little birthday girl, who proceeds to put both hands in it, then the carer spreads cream all over her face, with much photography happening at the same time! Then it is cut up and children eat some. **International China Concern's model of care ensures that every child is treated as special and unique, so all 160 of them have their own birthday party, something that many children would never have had happened before.**

We are again getting used to the very physical life that we live here, and have already well trodden routes to the local produce market, the supermarket, other team members' houses, and to the welfare centre, (which is proving to be a very muddy trek!) Thankyou for your love, messages and your thoughts! Love Lynne and Dennis.



# PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

*A Prayer for the Suffering Church*

**God of all compassion,**  
 Visit Your Suffering people.  
 In the time of their troubles,  
 Let them not be dismayed.  
 In their oppression,  
 Let them not be destroyed.  
 In their anxiety,  
 Let them not lose hope.  
 In their alienation and wandering,  
 Be their identity and home.

**O God, the Father of all mercies,**  
 Look upon them with Your favour.  
 Set Your seal upon their foreheads.  
 Let Your right hand uphold them.  
 Your love encourage them,  
 Your presence engulf them,  
 Your protection cover them.  
 In their fragility and brokenness,  
 Be their strength and treasure.  
 Let Your light shine upon them  
 And reveal the glory  
 Of Your eternal Son,  
 In Whose Name we pray.

**Amen**

By Patrick Sookhdeo, 2015

**OUR CHURCH HAS SET ASIDE  
 SUNDAY AFTERNOON,  
 20 NOVEMBER 2016  
 FROM 3:00PM TO 6:00PM  
 FOR PRAYER FOR  
 THE PERSECUTED CHURCH,  
 OUR NATION AND OUR COMMUNITY.**

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US.



*Pirjo*

# News From The Deacons

## CHRISTMAS APPEAL



The church will be giving food vouchers and home baking to around 30 needy families this Christmas.

We would like to request the assistance of the congregation to supply us with things like shortbread and small Christmas cakes, etc, to give away with the vouchers.

If some would prefer to donate money towards this project, that would also be greatly appreciated.

**The collection date  
for receiving the  
baking will be  
Sunday, 4th of  
December.**



## SENIORS' CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

**Come Join Me For  
Morning Tea**



The deacons will be giving the  
**Seniors' Christmas  
Morning Tea** on  
**Saturday, 10th of December at 10 am**

*Thank You!*

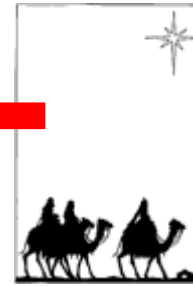
The deacons would sincerely like to thank the church family for their contributions to the shoebox appeal.

62 shoeboxes were donated and \$513 dollars was donated towards the shipping costs.

*Well done everyone!*



Thank you everybody who responded to the adv put up on screen a couple of Sunday's ago.



# Christmas Day

Share the love and hope of Christmas with your Church Family. If you can help as a Greeter or Steward elf please contact Nola



If you are available to help please call Nola Woodward 5545 1271 or E: [ianandnoela@yahoo.com](mailto:ianandnoela@yahoo.com)

DATES	GREETERS	STEWARDS	MORNING TEA
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Gloria McKenzie	Karen Partridge	Kathryn & Ivor Watt
13 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Mott	Karen Partridge	Kathryn & Ivor Watt
20 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Bartle	Lois Rose	Charissa & Rick Quinn
27 <sup>th</sup>	Bernie Sawden	Lois Rose	Charissa & Rick Quinn
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gloria McKenzie	Mott Family	Mott Family
11 <sup>th</sup>	Gloria McKenzie	Mott Family	Mott Family
18 <sup>th</sup>	Toni & Rob Smith	Toni & Rob Smith	Debbie Cullen
24 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Group	No offering CHRISTMAS EVE	Youth Group
25 <sup>th</sup>	?	?	No Morning Tea CHRISTMAS DAY
<b>JANUARY 2017</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan			
8 <sup>th</sup>			
15 <sup>th</sup>			
22 <sup>nd</sup>			
29 <sup>th</sup>			



As the apostle Paul reminds us, "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people".



Ephesians 6:7



## Thank You & Beyond

Thank all those wonderful people who have helped with the Charity quilts which were sent to the Farmers Appeal via Betty Pugh and the Bunting which has gone to the orphans in China where Lynne and Dennis BK are volunteering.



There were many helpers, sewing, makers of refreshments, ironing help, cleaning help and cooks.

We would like to continue with sewing friendship days in the New Year - could those people who are interested please leave their names on a sheet in the Foyer of the Church hall and we will contact them in the New Year- *Blessings Gloria McKenzie* (for Di, Rikki and the team).



## New Chairs

If you find it difficult to stand up from the pews, Please use the new chairs with arms.



They were purchased by the COM to assist in this way.

## A Note Of Thanks

Dear Kim, Sandi & the Church family,

While waiting for my operation and during the weeks of recovery afterwards, it was such a comfort to know KYB, Home Groups and friends and family were praying for me. God's presence was so real during this time.

Thank you for your gift of prayer and for the lovely orchid.

Blessings,

Robyn Marsh

Average October attendance 103

**"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver."**  
2 Corinthians 9:7

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

For those who do not wish to carry cash, Or may be absent from Services, Deposits can be made on line (internet banking) Directly into our Church account.

**BSB 084 835 A/C No: 045237423**

Offerings 2016 YTD      Actual \$143,306.00  
Budget \$145,857.00      **Shortfall < \$2,551.00 >**

### Building Fund

You can donate toward our building fund by direct debit or collect a marked envelope from the foyer table.  
Or just write 'For Building Fund' on any envelope.

*Thank You!*

◇ Building Fund Bank Account (for Direct Deposits)      BSB 084 835      Account #75046 8884

May God  
bless you  
with  
His  
peace,  
joy &  
happiness on  
your special  
day.

Anna Van Bennekom  
Kim Dale 3rd  
Marius Nieuwoudt 4th  
Maurene Terpening 10th  
Mary Davies 11th  
Anna Van Werkhoven 12th  
Tarnie Erkkila 15th  
Alla Ward 15th



Mary Nicholls 16th  
Frank White 17th  
Elyn Young 23rd  
Elwyn Anderssen 24th  
Jennifer Nicol 24th  
Athol Paterson 26th  
Maurie Cullen 27th

## Date Claimer

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8am-12noon Bargain Centre <b>Playtime 9:30am</b>	2 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	3 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	4 8am-12noon Bargain Centre 9-10am Missions Prayer Meeting	5 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
6 9am Worship <b>Lord's Supper</b> 9:30am KFC 5:30pm Youth	7	8 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Playtime 9:30am <b>COM Meeting 6:30pm</b>	9 8am-12noon Bargain Centre <b>10am Ladies Friendship Club</b>	10 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	11 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	12 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
13 9am Worship 9:30am KFC 5:30pm Youth	14	15 8am-12noon Bargain Centre <b>Playtime 9:30am</b>	16 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	17 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	18 8am-12noon Bargain Centre 9-10am Missions Prayer Meeting	19 8am-12noon Bargain Centre <b>Logos Hope Abby letters deadline</b>
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