

Tamborine Mountain Presbyterian Church

'Every member ministry ...

growing to maturity ...

bearing fruit that lasts'

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Dear TMPC Family,

We are quickly entering the Christmas season when our diaries fill up with family, work and church events. It's a wonderful season that gives us opportunity to be a bit more public with different aspects of the gospel. I hope you are able to attend and support some aspect of these cultural events that have originated from biblical truths. No doubt some of these events have morphed away from the biblical meaning but we can still enjoy those aspects that reflect the truths of the bible and get the message out into the public square.

At the same time, our lives are extremely full from work, family, church, social circles, clubs, sports, and our ever present availability to those accessing us through modern technology. I'll call these our 'horizontal' relationships and commitments. These are all important and necessary but unless we are seeing, doing and experiencing these things *coram deo*, (in the presence of God, 'vertically'), we will become worn out and exhausted no matter how much we enjoy them.

We were not designed to consume and be consumed by all these various horizontal relationships and commitments. God is present in our lives all the time, we need to be more aware of his presence. We need to enjoy him even as we experience the horizontal relationships he has given us.

One way to do this, even at this busy time of year, is to find a particular passage of the bible that has impacted you, is impacting you or which you would like to look into a little more. Then slow down and look more closely at it. Give yourself some time and place to read, think, meditate, mull over, chew on and see what God might teach you through this passage. What does it say about God? What is this passage about in its context? What does it say about redemption? What does it say about our or my need in relation to God?

Spend some time with the passage asking God to teach and encourage you in your relationship with him. Ask the Holy Spirit to open the eyes of your understanding that you might see the wonders of God more clearly and enjoy him more fully.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas season.



Pastor Dale



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Please remove the following people from your Directory.

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If you are available to help please call Nola Woodward
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DATES	GREETERS	STEWARDS	MORNING TEA
4 th Dec	Gloria McKenzie	Mott Family	Mott Family
11 th	Gloria McKenzie	Mott Family	Mott Family
18 th	Toni & Rob Smith	Toni & Rob Smith	Debbie Cullen
24 th	Youth Group	No offering CHRISTMAS EVE	Youth Group
25 th	Annette Harden	Sue Nelson	No Morning Tea CHRISTMAS DAY
JANUARY 2017			
1 st Jan	Bernie Sawden		Lyn & Daryl Furness
8 th	Bernie Sawden	Kirsten	Lyn & Daryl Furness
15 th		Robyn & Brian Marsh	Lyn & Daryl Furness
22 nd	Kathryn & Ivor Watt	Robyn & Brian Marsh	Ian & Nola Woodward
29 th	Mott family	Mott family	Dorothy & Alan Robert



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



Ephesians 6:7



We appreciate all the volunteers who have worked throughout the year in so many areas.

God bless you one and all.
Nola & Chris



Tamborine Mountain Presents



Christmas on the Mountain

YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN US FOR A WONDERFUL EVENING OF
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND SONG!

featuring

Tamborine Mountain Gospel Choir

Special Sacred items include:

Joyful Joyful

Resonet in Laudibus

Dixit Dominus

and more



SING ALONG WITH YOUR FAVOURITE CAROLS!

7pm Saturday 17th December

34 Main Street, North Tamborine

ADMISSION FREE

Free will offering to go towards the Barnabas Fund 'Operation Safe Haven'

About Barnabas Fund 'Operation Safe Haven'

Barnabas Fund has launched 'Operation Safe Havens' to rescue Christians in danger, and to resettle them with dignity.

Barnabas Fund works with governments around the world to arrange visas, and works with local churches in receiving countries to ensure that the families are helped to settle in, learn the language, and find work to support themselves.

Donate to the **Christmas Concert Free Will Offering** or to **Rescuing a Christian from Danger** (below) via **TMPC Offering**



PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

As we celebrate this Christmas with our family and friends, let us remember those who are suffering for Christ, as it is a time in many places in the world where Christians are targeted by extremists or other religions.

Pray for:-

- protection for our brothers and sisters in Christ and for churches;
- those who are in prison;
- those who have lost their homes and livelihoods;
- those who have had to flee to other countries;
- provision of food, water and shelter;
- income for families; and
- any other needs that the Lord lays upon your hearts.

Pray that God's people all over the world will remember how Jesus was persecuted, rejected, betrayed, ridiculed, mocked, spat on, wounded and bruised, and forsaken by God so that we might be sanctified. *Hebrews 2:10 says "In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering" and Hebrews 13:12 "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess His name."*

Rescuing a Christian from danger

A couple of weeks ago, we had a special offering taken up for the Barnabas Fund to sponsor a Christian from Syria. If you are able to help, please place an envelope marked "Barnabas Fund" in the offering plate. Thank you.





INVITATION

Parents, grandparents, families
and friends please join us
Christmas Eve.



Joyful Joyful family Christmas Concert

Featuring a Children's Gospel Choir

Saturday 24th December at 6pm in the Hall



Christmas Day Service

Sunday 25th December at 9am

Pastor Kim Dale H: 5545 2041

Youth Worker Mark Jenner H: 5545 4951





Saturday 17th
December
Christmas
Concert
 Start 7pm
 Free Admission



Happy Birthday

Brian Marsh 6th
 Meredith Plant 16th
 Ivor Watt 21st
 Steve Wilkinson 22nd
 Joy Whitelock 23rd



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

Christine Hall 25th
 Luke Van Werkhoven 25th
 Aaron Lorimer 27th
 Barry Nicol 29th
 Nyla Wild 29th
 Ashley Anderssen 30th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Don't Forget!</i> The collection date for receiving the baking will be Sunday, 4th of December.</p>				1 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	2 8am-12noon Bargain Centre 9-10am Missions Prayer Meeting	3 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
4 9am Worship Lord's Supper 9:30am KFC 5:30pm Youth	5	6 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Playtime 9:30am	7 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	8 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	9 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	10 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
11 9am Worship	12	13 8am-12noon Bargain Centre COM Meeting 6:30pm	14 8am-12noon Bargain Centre 10am Ladies Friendship Club	15 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	16 8am-12noon Bargain Centre 9-10am Missions Prayer Meeting	17 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Christmas Concert 7pm
18 9am Worship	19	20 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	21 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	22 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	23 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	24 Christmas Eve 6pm Family Service
25 Christmas Day 9am Service	26 Christmas Public Holiday	27 Boxing Day Public Holiday	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

School Holidays Start

NEWS FROM HENGYANG, CHINA. (I.C.C.)

Hello everyone,

We have enjoyed a week of much milder weather, cool with very high humidity, which makes it difficult to dry our washing indoors!!!! It is a very Chinese thing to mop the floors often, and in this kind of weather, the floors stay wet for a long time.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Dennis travelled to Shenzhen to meet up with a Hong Kong based team member and he brought back a very large suitcase packed with sleep posture equipment.

On the very next morning, 2 of the local therapists from our welfare centre held a pre-work training session for about 30 carers and other therapists, all of whom are caring daily for the children who will benefit from the new sleeping equipment. All of our therapists had been trained earlier over 3 days by a Singapore based physiotherapist, who has expertise in sleep therapy systems.

Dennis and I joined in the training sessions, as we have a vested interest, knowing that some of the equipment has been purchased by TMPC and my mum. There was much excitement as they got the carers to lie down and actually try out

the padded mattresses, various padded apparatus, pillows, pieces of foam, while others placed the equipment according to the posture requirements of the children in their constant care. (See photo)

We have also been privileged to watch various young girls and boys being settled into their unique sleep setups in their bedrooms, prior to their after lunch sleep time. It has been a joy to watch the carers persevere with the placing of the equipment for each child. (See Photo) **They understand that any improvement in the child's wellbeing may take a year or more, but that these acts of love only improve quality of life.**

Several of us will be in Hong Kong later this week, so Dennis, Alison and I will each be bringing a large suitcase filled with more sleep

posture equipment back to Hengyang next Sunday.

The children (our reason for being here) are delightful. There is always so much happening and we feel privileged. We both realize that without language, we are so often hamstrung, but we get by. I pick up on repetitive phrases that the children say, especially "haiyou" which means let's do it more, more and more because it's fun!

We always seem to provide some intrigue to the locals, who know that any foreigners must be associated with the welfare centre, as you don't see tourists here. Almost everything we do is on foot, and when the weather is fine, there are always groups of mostly elderly men and women sitting around on the sides of the street or below the building where they live, just watching the world go by and chatting. They nod and smile at us and we wave and say hello.

We live next to a cable factory, where hundreds of workers stream in and out over 24 hours. There is plenty of street food and there are makeshift noodle shops outside the factory gates for all the workers.

On the other side of us is a large middle school, so hundreds of high school children attend. As described in previous years, the morning music starts (LOUDLY) at 6 am, so we never need an alarm clock!

So, again, Thank you for loving us and remembering us from afar, and I hope that these little snippets of life here are interesting for you. With love, Lynne and Dennis.



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Complete Birthday Book

Available in the Foyer



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bearing fruit that lasts.'



So Many Ways to Get Involved in 2017

TMPC Ministries

<http://www.tambopc.org.au/ministries/ministries.php>

Rosters for Music, Media, Greeting, Offering and Morning Teas



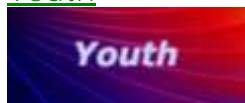
Music and Media groups, Greeting, Offering and Morning Tea.

Children's Department



For the children we have KFC (Kid's Fellowship Church), Playtime, Arts Club and Holiday Club.

Youth



The Youth meet each Sunday for fun, singing the odd song, hearing from God's word and sharing a meal together.

Growth Groups



Growth Group offers a wide variety of groups. No matter where you are in life, there's a group ready to welcome you! Ready to meet new friends and learn about the Bible?

Ladies Friendship Club



Ladies Friendship Club meet 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10am in the church hall starting with morning tea & chat.

Missions



TMPC seeks to provide support to individuals and groups on Mount Tamborine, within Australia and on overseas missions. Support is given to those involved with religious education classes, chaplaincy, youth and university ministries.

Plus aged care ministries and selected missionaries serving in Japan China, Thailand and other Asian nations Vanuatu, Tanzania and the Ukraine.

Deacons



The Diaconate is responsible for the care of the physical needs of believers in our local congregation, further afield, and people in the community at large, according to our resources.

Have you had a look through your church website?

www.tambopc.org.au

DEADLINE FOR AGM REPORTS - 22nd January 2017 or earlier.

MINISTRIES	Reports	Financial Statement & books
Academy of Music	Ann Sawden	Daryl Furness
Church Accounts / Bargain C		Wayne Boynton
Committee of Management	Steve Wilkinson	
Deacon Report	Jen Nicol	Charissa Quinn
Fire on the Mountain	Kim Dale	Wayne Boynton
K.F.C., Holiday Club Arts Club	Annette Harden	Elyn Young
Ladies Friendship Club	Dianne Wentworth	
Missions Growth Group donations	Cindy Mott	Ian Kerridge
Mission's Prayer Meeting	Bob Densley	
RUA Report	Kim Dale	
Pastor's Report	Kim Dale	
Playtime	Sue Nelson	Cathy Wogandt
Religious Instruction	Russell Harden	
Roslyn Lodge	Frank White	
Session Report	Chris Mott	
Youth	Mark Jenner	Lois Rose
Youth Prayer Meeting	Alex Mott	

All Secretaries please email your report to Chris Wilson
E: tonychriswilson@bigpond.com

Please give your financial reports and books to Daryl Furness.

Thank You!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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★ Annette Harden	2 nd
★ Kingsley Lee	4 th
★ Debbie Cullen	7 th
★ Owen Achterberg	8 th
★ Hannah Clements	9 th
★ Rick Quinn	9 th
★ Zahri Bull	10 th
★ Andy Cullen	10 th
★ Kathryn Watt	14 th

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Keith Dippelsmann	14 th
Pirjo Fry	16 th
Muriel Shepherd	20 th
Joan Carr Brown	22 nd
Alan Wogandt	23 rd
Phillip Howe	23 rd
Claire Partridge	25 th
Christine Wilson	28 th
Julia Cullen	29 th

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

Ladies Friendship Club

Will resume the 2nd Wednesday in February, the 8th, 2017. Blessings to all & wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday time. **See you then!**

JANUARY 2017			JANUARY 2017			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Worship Lord's Supper	2 New Year's Day - Public Holiday	<b style="color: red;">DUE in by (or earlier) <b style="color: black;">Sunday 22nd Jan <b style="color: blue;">All AGM Reports		5	6 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	7 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
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22 9am Worship Last Day DUE AGM Reports	23	24 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	25 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	26 Australia Day - Public Holiday	27 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	28 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
29 9am Worship 9:30am KFC 5:30pm Youth	30	31 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Playtime 9:30am	<b style="color: red;">Back to School <b style="color: red;">23rd January		<b style="color: black;">Newsletter DEADLINE <b style="color: black;">1st February 2017 <b style="color: black;">Wednesday Night	