

Tamborine Mountain Presbyterian Church

'Every member ministry ...

growing to maturity ...

bearing fruit that lasts'

AUGUST 2017

Dear TMPC Family,

The Session has met several times over the last 6 weeks to read through, digest and discuss the responses that were given in the survey that was taken during several weeks in June. There are a number of areas of church ministry that were brought to our attention by those who filled out the survey. The Session is prayerfully and thoughtfully looking at these areas and evaluating how we can move forward to increase and improve the overall ministry of the church. Some of those areas of ministry are commented on below. We appreciate your prayer for the Session as we continue to consider and plan ways to move forward in particular areas.

The ministry of the word- Pastor Dale is tightening up the time on sermons and preparing a handout to help people follow the structure of the sermon. The handouts are available each Sunday in the foyer. Pastoral counselling and visitation are also aspects of the ministry of the word. Please call Pastor Dale if you need to make an appointment.

The weekly morning service- We are rethinking the order and some of the details of the morning service. We will keep the congregation informed of any substantial changes.

Evening service- A night service, emphasising praise and worship, has been approved by the Session and we are planning to start in August. Details will be announced. The style of this service will be less formal than the current morning service and aimed at a younger demographic, but all ages are encouraged to attend. It will begin as a monthly service.

Leadership- In coming months, additional prospective elders will be identified, trained and presented **to the congregation for election. We are also implementing an elder's handbook to help facilitate communication between elders and those under their oversight.**

Youth/kids- Alex Mott will continue his work with the Youth ministry on Sunday night and small groups during the week. Dave Hopper will begin training a team to start working with younger youth. There has been an expression of interest, by holiday club parents, to bring their kids to a weekly meeting. Details of this outreach are being worked on.

Start Up- For those interested in finding out more about what it means to be a part of TMPC a 'Start Up' ministry will be implemented in coming months. This will give opportunity to introduce people to the ministries of the church and to explain in a fuller way the distinctives of the Presbyterian system. This will be presented as an informational introduction to church membership.

A specialised ministry worker- We will begin the process of looking for a full time person to develop ministry to young families and help with youth ministry. This position will take planning, funding and congregational approval & would be taken up next year subject to the necessary conditions being met.

If you have other queries re the ministry of the gospel at TMPC please speak to an Elder or the Pastor. We thank you for your prayers for the continued witness and work of the church.

The Session

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PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

JAKARTA, INDONESIA

Basuki Tjahaja Purnama (known as 'Ahok'), was the governor of Jakarta until he was defeated when he stood for re-election in April 2017. 'Ahok' is a Christian and in May this year he was found guilty of blasphemy and inciting violence and was given a 2 year prison sentence. The accusation against him was centred on the fact that during the election campaign he had challenged the way that some Islamic leaders were telling Muslims not to vote for a non-Muslim on the basis of a verse in the Quran.

'Ahok' has said he will appeal. **Pray** that he will be acquitted and released.

TURKEY

In the March Newsletter this year I reported that an American Pastor, Andrew Brunson, who had been ministering in Turkey since 1993 had been imprisoned for 4 months. He is still held in prison although attempts have been made by President Trump asking President Erdogan to release him. The Turkish media have accused him of being a CIA operative.

Please continue to **pray** for Pastor Brunson and for his early release.

LATEST ON KIDNAPPED SCHOOL GIRLS IN NIGERIA

It has been over 3 years since the 276 girls were kidnapped from a Government Secondary School in the predominantly Christian town of Chibok, Borno state by the militant Islamist group Boko Haram. 53 of those girls managed to escape soon after by running through the forest for 2 hours and some time later it was reported that 4 more girls escaped from the Boko Haram camp. 21 girls were released last year and in May this year 82 more were released in exchange for 5 Boko Haram commanders who had been captured by the Nigerian army. Many were forcefully converted to Islam and married to its fighters. Some who refused to convert have become martyrs by dying for their faith. It has been reported that 113 girls are still held by Boko Haram.

Thank God for the girls that have been released and **pray** that the Lord would heal them physically, mentally and spiritually and help them to transition back to normal life.

Pray also for the safety and early release of the remaining girls held by Boko Haram.

UPDATE FROM BARNABAS FUND RE FAMINE IN EAST AFRICA

Barnabas Fund has reported that they have been able to save over 150,000 from starvation in Kenya, Uganda and South Sudan with food aid distributed through local churches and Christian ministries.

It is vital that they continue to get aid to where it is most urgently needed, because some communities are still struggling to survive drought and famine, and the situation remains critical in the affected regions of Africa.

If you are able to give you can go to their website which is www.barnabasfund.org or you can post a cheque for Barnabas Fund Australia, PO Box 3527, Loganholme QLD 4129.

You can also do a direct deposit to their bank account, details of which are:-

Account Name: Barnabas Fund Australia, Bank: CBA, BSB: 063 252, Account No: 0090 0025.

The reference for this project is – Project Joseph.





If you are available to help, please call Nola Woodward
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DATES	GREETERS	TAKING UP THE OFFERING	SERVING MORNING TEA
AUGUST 2017			
6th	Pirjo Fry	Brian & Robyn Marsh	Dennis & Lynne B.K.
13th	Pirjo Fry	Brian & Robyn Marsh	Nola & Ian Woodward
20th			Chris & Cindy Mott
27th	Toni & Rob Smith	Toni & Rob Smith	Chris & Cindy Mott
SEPTEMBER 2017			
3rd	Sue Nelson	Sue Nelson	
10th			
17th			
24th	Rob & Toni Smith	Rob & Toni Smith	
OCTOBER 2017			
1st			
8th			
15th			
22nd			
29th			

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

Ephesians 6:7



The Christian Living Resources room, located in the side room of the main church building, has a variety of books to choose from.

Topics include Family, Relationships, Counselling, Marriage, Theology, Christian Living and more.

Want a specific title, birthday gift or box of cards that we don't currently have in stock?

Visit koorong.com.au , find what you're looking for and we can order it for you. *Contact Charissa Quinn for more information.*

NEW - Please Update:

New email for Nola Woodward: ianandnola1@gmail.com

Latest news from The Samaritans purse Christmas child shoebox ministry.

The worldwide ministry last Christmas gave out almost 11.5 million shoe boxes in 100 countries.

As you know our church has been involved in this ministry through the Australia & NZ arm of the organization.

Last Christmas boxes from Australia & NZ, which includes the boxes from our church, were sent to CAMBODIA, THAILAND, FIJI, PNG, and SAMOA.

In every country and village where the boxes were given out the children were told of the great love God has for them and of His wonderful salvation so freely given through His Son.

Thousands of these dear children gave their hearts and lives to Jesus and asked him to be their Lord and Saviour. Praise God, how blessed it is to be a part of that.

The Samaritans follow up on every one of these children and many of them, 38.000, enrolled in the 12 lesson discipleship programme. The Greatest Journey which teaches them about Gods amazing love and guides them through what it means to faithfully follow the Lord Jesus.

Many of the children who have completed this course have led their families to know the Lord and continue to follow Him and spread the good news of Salvation.

Jesus said Let the little children come unto me and do not hinder them for of such is the kingdom of God.

We praise God for this wonderful ministry and will continue to support it through the deacons and with all of your help as always.

We expect to begin again this year in mid September and through to the end of October.

We will advise when boxes will be available as in past years.

We realise there are some who cannot afford to complete a box, but there will still be opportunity for everyone to help. If you have some items that can be used for the boxes please bring those as they can be used to make up complete boxes.

We are looking forward to once again being involved in this great ministry because of your love and generosity.

Kathryn and Ivor Watt

On behalf of the Deacons.

AUGUST DATES - THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

▶ August 20... Gary and Ruth Weston

Gary and Ruth Weston will be with us in church on Sunday 20th August. We will be having a Q and A after morning tea for about half an hour. Please plan on being there to hear a summary of almost a life time lived in Japan on mission and seeing a church successfully planted.

Please bring a plate for a special morning tea.

▶ August 11,12,13... Mission Matters Conference at TMCC.

Gary and Ruth will be on the mountain for the Mission Matters weekend 11th to 13th August. The Mission Committee has been blessed by the Convention Centre management to arrange a concessional chalet rent to enable the Weston's to stay on after this on the mountain for the week 14th to 21st August.

Anyone who wishes to catch up with the Weston's and perhaps invite them for coffee, lunch or dinner or perhaps to provide some food items or prepared meals for them please contact Bob Densley on 55454209

⇒ **Don't forget** - Our own Pip Nelson is very much part of this week-end.

For more information about the Conference see... MissionMatters.org.auor speak to Sue Nelson.

REMINDER! Don't forget to collect your offering envelopes from the foyer.

PRAY WITH US

There is prayer every Sunday at 8:40am in the Mother's Room - to pray for the worship service each Sunday, for our Church family, for ministries, for those who are sick, for any issues, etc.

July Average attendance 101

"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 YTD 2017

Budget \$106,176.00

Surplus \$4,456.45

Actual \$110,632.45

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

KEEP THE DATE:

**Monday
October 30th**

**2017
Chaplaincy
Dinner**

Tickets are \$35 ---
please contact David
on 0408 158 600

Happy Birthday

Karen Partridge	2nd	Joan Hughes	23rd
Landon Williams	3rd	Theo Campbell	25th
Amaya Bull	4th	Rachel Mott	25th
Julie Eotvos	7th	Betty Henderson	30th
Alan Robert	8th	Dennis Brown Kenyon	31st
Rae Eaton	9th		
Kyle Forbes	14th		
Ahalyaa Arora	16th		
Arnold Nieuwoudt	18th		
Lee Nieuwoudt	20th		
Mary Young	20th		
Stephanie Olsson	22nd		



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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Missions Visit & Q&A Sunday Service 20th Aug & Morning Tea		1 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Playtime 9:30am	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 Morning Prayer 9am Worship Lord's Supper 9:30am KFC 5:30pm Youth	7 Pre-Service 8:40am Morning Prayer Mother's Room	8 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Playtime 9:30am	9 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Friendship Club 10am	10 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	11 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	12 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
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