

# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To know ... to live ... to share ... CHRIST JESUS ... today.

**FEBRUARY 2012**

## Dear TMPC Family,

One of the vital ministries that 'happens' in the life of TMPC is the regular meeting of people together for mutual encouragement, fellowship, teaching and prayer. We call these '**Growth Groups**' because one thing they have in common is that they provide a time, place and context for people to grow.

**That is for people to grow in their faith.**

Christianity is not just a Sunday event even though this gathering of God's people for worship, teaching and fellowship is essential to a healthy church. Our faith applies to all areas of life and Growth Groups are an opportunity to meet in an informal setting where we can build friendships, deepen our fellowship, share our burdens and concerns, think through Bible teaching, and pray for one another.

I want to encourage all who are able to consider joining a Growth Group. It is for your benefit. I am aware that time, health, and other factors can keep us from adding one more thing to our schedule. And there may be good reasons that keep you from this kind of commitment. However, there some of us who could really benefit from such a group and who are in a position where we could rework our schedules so we could get in to one. And we could do this realistically even though some sacrifice might be necessary.

I want to encourage you to give this some consideration as our Growth Groups begin to get started up for this coming year. If you have questions please do not hesitate to ask me, Roger or Chris Wilson who keeps the list of Growth Groups, their meeting places and times, etc.

Our Sunday evening **EQUIP** is getting off to a start this Sunday, 5 Feb. Roger and I will be looking at some of the cults and world religions which have always existed alongside the Christian Church in various cultures. Some of these 'faiths' are so different from Christianity that there is no mistaking them, others may look similar on the surface but a closer look exposes the real differences that exist.

These sessions will be a survey of these other faiths and how they differ from historical biblical teaching.

**We meet from 5:30-7:00pm and hope you will be able to join us for all or part of this series.**

## Pastor Dale

*Every member ministry.....growing to maturity.....bearing fruit that lasts.*

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**Reminder – TMPC AGM Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 12th February**, in the church after service. **All our congregation are encouraged to attend.** Members and Adherents are eligible to vote.

A copy of the 2012 Jan – Dec Budget is attached to the end of this newsletter for your information. An explanation of this budget, and the deficit, will be made at the AGM meeting.

## *An Invitation to Membership*

The Session would like to encourage those who worship at TMPC on a regular basis, and support the ministries of the church, but are not currently members, to consider applying for membership. You can do this by calling me 55452041, Chris Wilson 55453508, or by speaking to one of the elders.

There are several aspects of TMPC membership that are important to keep in mind:

1. Membership is based on a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. **\*(see questions below)**
2. Membership is a mutual agreement between the individual and church; that the individual will make every effort to attend worship regularly, support the church through active participation and willingly submit himself/herself to the biblical/spiritual oversight of the pastor and elders. The pastor and elders are committed to overseeing and nurturing the spiritual life of the members of the church.
3. TMPC is a 'confessional' church which means that it is related to other Presbyterian churches by a 'confession', (the Westminster Confession of Faith). The Pastor and elders vow to uphold the WCF as our church's confession. Members who join the church are encouraged to be familiar with its teachings. (Copies available on internet or call me).
4. Members have the right to vote in both temporal and spiritual matters of the congregation.
5. Those who want to retain membership in another Christian Church or who cannot in good conscience join the Presbyterian Church, yet who want to worship at TMPC regularly and make it their church home, can apply to the Session for Adherent membership.
6. Those who are current members in a Presbyterian Church can have their membership transferred by requesting the Session of TMPC in writing.

Please do not hesitate to ask me in person or by phone any questions you may have regarding church membership.

On Behalf of the session,  
Pastor Dale 5545 2041

### **\*The questions we ask potential members are:**

1. Do you understand that you are a sinner and have fallen short of the glory of God? (Romans 3:23).
2. Do you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God? (Matthew 16:16).
3. Do you understand that God has demonstrated his love for you by sending his one and only Son to die for your sins? (Romans 5:8; Galatians 2:20; John 3:16)
4. Do you confess Jesus as Lord and do you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead? (Romans 10:9).
5. Do you believe that it is by grace, through faith, you have been saved, and not by works or righteous things you have done? (Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5).
6. Will you strive, by God's grace, to live a holy and godly life as you look forward to the return of the Lord? (Colossians 2:6; 2 Peter 3:11-12).
7. Will you also strive, by God's grace, to bear the fruit of the Spirit, to love your brothers and sisters in the Lord as Christ has loved you, and will you make every effort to (keep the unity of the Spirit) and be at peace with other members of the church? (Ephesians 4:3; Galatians 5:22-26).
8. Do you commit yourself to use the gifts God has given you for the building up of the church? (1 Peter 3:10; Ephesians 4:16)

Offerings January 2012	Budget \$14585.00
Offerings	Actual \$14680.00
	Surplus \$ 95.00

NB: There were 5 Sundays in January.  
 If there had only been 4 Sundays, there would have been a \$1555 shortfall.

"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**

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

## CHURCH DIRECTORY – New Address? New Email? New Photo needed? -

If you haven't got your detail changes in - **Do It NOW! Please!** See Chris Wilson or fill in the form marked 'Church Directory changes' located on the table in the Church foyer.

.....**Please don't wait until *after* the new book comes out.**.....

### Equip Term 1: Starts this Sunday 5th Feb, 5:30 - 7pm.

On each Sunday up to, and including, Sunday 25th March.

Kim and Roger will be doing a series on cults and world religions. See them for more details...or come along.

**Growth Groups are starting.** Growth Group lists will be available, in February, up on the noticeboards in the Hall & Church– to be part of a group please contact Chris or call the numbers on the G.G. list.

### Kids Kapers - Starts back **Monday 6th February**, 3:15 - 5pm, in the hall.

All Primary School aged Children Welcome. Program includes afternoon tea and craft.

If you can spare a couple of hours on Monday afternoons (school term only) there are opportunities to help prepare (and cleanup after) the afternoon tea and craft. There is also the opportunity for older children to come as helpers. See Annette for more info and ChildSafe and Blue Card (for 18+) requirements.

**PLAYTIME** Has started for 2012. Tuesday mornings from 9:30am, Morning Tea included. Babies, Toddlers, Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, Carers.....All very, very Welcome.

If you can spare a couple of hours on Tuesday mornings (school term only) there are opportunities to help prepare (and cleanup after) the morning tea and craft. Please see Jo Jenner or Charissa.

**Youth** Has started for 2012. Sunday Evenings at 5:30pm, plus other varied activities.

Please contact our Youth Worker, Mark Jenner ph5545 4951, for more info.

If you can spare a Sunday Evening, and are comfortable cooking for groups, your help by cooking dinner for the youth group meeting would be greatly appreciated.

**Ladies Friendship Club** will recommence on the 2nd Wednesday, the 8th Feb 2012.

We will be having a sharing morning, plus planning the program for the year ahead. Please join us for a cuppa and chat.

Mission Prayer Meeting

Resumed on Friday 3 February 2012 at 9am and will be on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Welcome anytime you can make it.

## ROSTERS

Thank You

Your Help is  
Appreciated!!!

We need more people  
to help in all areas for  
2012 – can you help?

Please talk to

Naida Freeman 5545 1991  
or Chris Wilson 5545 3508

### FEBRUARY 2012

Greeting \_\_\_\_\_ Phil & Pirjo Fry wks1&2, Glenn & Megan Pyne wks 3&4

Offering \_\_\_\_\_ Ed Achterberg & Ashley Anderssen

Morning Tea \_\_\_\_\_ Ian & Bev Kerridge & Dorothy Bloxham

Childrens MT \_\_\_\_\_ Mott Family

### MARCH 2012

Greeting \_\_\_\_\_ Robyn & Brian Marsh

Offering \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy & Alan Robert wks 1&2, Dorothy Bloxham wks 3&4

**NB: We need someone to help Dorothy wks 3&4, pls speak to Naida or Chris**

Morning Tea \_\_\_\_\_ Lynne & Dennis Brown-Kenyon

Childrens MT \_\_\_\_\_ Howe Family



**Christian  
Living  
Resource  
Room**

## Christian Living Resource Room

Check out the new **KOORONG** stock in the resource room.

Special orders from Koorong need to be given to Charissa Campbell by Feb 26<sup>th</sup>

Come in and browse the new additions to the library. Remember, borrowing from the library can be DIY, just fill in the lending book on the shelf, so you can borrow ANYTIME!

**STAMP  
AID**



### Every Stamp Helps!

The stamp box is now in the Hall, on the small table just inside the double doors.

## REMEMBER OUR PRAYER CHAIN OPERATES



**All day & All night, All week**



*He is the Potter.....and we are the Clay*

*May we be useful vessels.....in the Father's Hands*

### PRAYER CHAIN INVITATION

If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain in 2012 please contact Christine Wilson or one of the team leaders, Alwyn Horne or Joan Carr Brown.

# JC Epidemic..... What's happening?



## Andy Sawden writes a special report for Tamborine Mtn Presbyterian.

JC Epidemic is gearing up for a big year and after the past couple of years of massive challenges, 2012 looks more like a year of massive changes! All good though.!

**First**, Chris and Tilly have moved to Gympie, Christle Fromm has moved to Chinchilla and Andy and Beck have moved to the Gold Coast. While this at first, might seem like a bad thing, we can assure you, it most definitely is not. Yes, it will pose a few small problems but it will also spread our reach so much further having so many core members flying the flag abroad.

**Second**, JC Epidemic is launching a clothing label called... you guessed it... **JC Clothing Co.** The clothing label will be so much more extensive than the merchandise we were previously selling. We will be manufacturing not only hats, tee's and hoodies... but shorts, jeans, button up's and more.

**Possibly the most exciting thing about the clothing is that it is being made by the young girls saved from sex slavery by the Destiny Rescue crew!** What an awesome partnership!!!

**Finally**, apart from all the current shows, tours, demos and school visits, JC Epidemic has embarked on a new venture into the secular market whereby we sell our BMX and FMX shows as **JC Action Sports**. This, coupled with a new booking agent working on our behalf, should secure more much needed funds for our out-reach tours and in-house ministry. So exciting!

For more info, please send us an email on [events@icepidemic.com](mailto:events@icepidemic.com) or just drop into our new office directly opposite the National Australia Bank on the corner of Main St and Griffith Street.

**God bless guys, thanks for all your continued support!**

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Local and  
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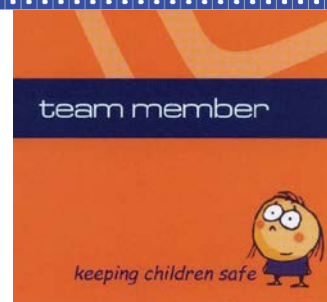


## 2012 ChildSafe

We are holding a ChildSafe training day on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the Church Hall.

Mark Jenner will provide **Member** Training from 8:45am – 12:15pm then **Leader** Training from 1:00pm.

If you need to do training to work with our Children's Ministries please register **before** the **26<sup>th</sup> February** with Chris Wilson. Ph 5545 3508 [tonychriswilson@bigpond.com](mailto:tonychriswilson@bigpond.com)



**Blue Card** If you need a Blue card, or your card updated, please contact Chris Wilson.

Cancer is so limited.  
It cannot cripple love.  
It cannot shatter hope.  
It cannot corrode faith.  
It cannot eat away peace.  
It cannot destroy confidence.  
It cannot kill friendship.  
It cannot shut out memories.  
It cannot silence courage.  
It cannot invade the soul.  
It cannot reduce eternal life.  
It cannot quench the spirit.

A friend who has just completed her journey with cancer wrote to me about the "chemo" Psalm which she had been given - Psalm 35 v.1-10 where the "they" has been changed to "it".

I read this as a prayer out aloud frequently.

A reminder that behind all treatment is the Almighty God who has given us medical knowledge, and even the most aggressive treatment is a tool designed to kill this evil enemy that has attacked the body.

As supplied by Bjorn Gustafsson

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# The Pirieodical



We decked out the car we were borrowing in Old for Christmas Day and parked it in a prominent position. Many people drove past a 2nd time to have a look again!



Greetings from Western Australia!!! The last time we wrote it was from Qld in late November!! As many of you know, we have been very busy travelling, meeting many wonderful people, eating Aussie food, speaking Aussie and marvelling at God's amazing creation in Australia. We have also had the opportunity to eat Thai food, speak Thai and share about what God has been doing in South Thailand.

Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us, welcomed us, encouraged us and assisted us in different ways.

Thank you also to those who have prayed for Cathy's recovery from her operation. The doctor says that she looks healthier now than before the operation!!! God is good...

In mid December we had an "Open House" in Old to say goodbye to folk before we left. Thank you to all those who braved the "dangerous" Ipswich roads. You encouraged and blessed us.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT???

As we have travelled around, many people have asked us when we return to Thailand, what we are going to do, etc. We thought we would use this section to answer some of those questions.

- **How long are you in WA?** Until the end of February. We still have another 5 churches to visit during that time.
- **What do you have to do before you leave?** Besides farewells etc., we must gain medical and financial clearances from OMF.
- **What will you do when you return to Thailand?** OMF has asked us to start a church plant in Hua Sai, South Thailand. Hua Sai is 36 km south of Pak Phanang and has no church. Initially we will stay in Pak Phanang and travel to Hua Sai until we find a house. Vaughan needs to do a month's language refresher at the Lopburi Language School. At this point we're not sure whether it will be when we first return to Thailand or later on.
- **Why are we going to start a church in Hua Sai?** The decision was made in conjunction with OMF leadership & the pleas from Christians in PP to reach their relatives in Hua Sai. It's close proximity to PP means we can maintain friendships in PP while continuing to support the work there.
- **Do we have any specific financial needs?** God has provided for us in so many wonderful ways. However, we need extra funds to purchase a reliable vehicle for our work. We sold our old vehicle for about half the amount we need to purchase a new one.
- **What is our most pressing need at the moment?** People to pray on a regular basis for us and our work in Thailand. We need God's protection and enabling as we return and settle in.

## Ways to Pray...



- ◆ The necessary Medical and Financial clearances will happen smoothly.
- ◆ Wisdom and understanding for Vaughan as he seeks to work on his deficiencies in learning the Thai language.
- ◆ God will be preparing hearts in South Thailand so that people may be willing to accept the Gospel message.
- ◆ When we return to Thailand that our adoption of a Thai child may be completed quickly & smoothly.

*We count it a real privilege to serve God in Thailand. Despite our fair share of ups and downs we are amazed at not only what God has done in our lives, but also the opportunity to see Him in action in both Thailand and Australia.*

*Thank you for being a part of this journey with us. We are enjoying our time in Australia. Yet, we realise God has called us to Thailand and we eagerly await our return there with both excitement and some trepidation. But... God is good... Blessings*

*Vaughan & Cathy*

TMPC Missions Committee Supports Financially and with Prayer, Locally and Overseas.  
**The World - Our Mission Field.** For a list & individual info: <http://tambopc.org.au/missionaries.php>

# PERSCUTED CHRISTIANS

## FRANCE

Mosques are springing up rapidly in France. The present total is more than 2,000, and the head of the Grand Mosque of Paris recently called for this number to be doubled to meet growing demand. Another 150 are already under construction.

Although it is the right for Muslims to have places to meet, this need is often exploited by Islamists, who see the building of new and magnificent mosques as part of their long term strategy to assert the superiority of Islam and eventually to Islamise the West.

**Pray** that the authorities in France and throughout Europe will have wisdom in responding to request for new mosques, and that they will resist attempts to impose a more Islamic character on Western society.

## IRAQ

It's good to hear some good news from Iraq. Permission has been granted and land donated by the regional governor in Dohuk, Iraqi Kurdistan, to build a church. This is the second new church in Iraq since the 2003 US-led invasion. Governor Tamar Ramadhan gave 2 acres of land to Christians in October 2011 for building a multi-purpose centre. The complex will include a church, seminary, medical clinic and Christian school, and the first phase of the building is scheduled to be completed this year.

Northern Iraq, where both churches will be situated, has become a refuge for thousands of Christians who have been forced to flee their homes in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities because of targeted violent attacks against them.

**Praise God** for these symbols of a Christian presence in Iraq.

**Pray** that the Lord may protect and bless the congregations.

## SUDAN

More than 3000 people were massacred in South Sudan recently in an explosion of ethnic violence that forced tens of thousands to flee.

**Pray** that Christians will stand firm in their faith and that their freedoms will not be restricted even more severely as the President of Sudan has confirmed his government's plans to adopt a completely Islamic constitution and strengthen sharia law in the country.

**Pray** also for those who have lost loved ones that God will comfort and strengthen them.



