

# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## June 2011

### Fear or faith?

Despite the relative comfort we enjoy in this part of the world, I am struck by how often people in our society are prone to fear. These fears take many forms; some of them are fears based around environmental concerns, others based around food intake, and still others are based around particular spiritual or political concerns. Whilst I would not encourage people to wander through life seeking to be blissfully ignorant, and not responding to legitimate concerns when they arise, I think if I responded to every urgent concern that ever been emailed to me, or otherwise impressed upon me as vital for my long term health, then I would be living in a cave somewhere, eating only steamed vegetables; drinking distilled, unfluoridated water (goodness knows where I would put the distillation gear, but who needs details?); suffering fits of conscience as to whether running was a good or bad thing, and whether I should wear shoes or not when doing so; and worried that there was a United Nations conspiracy to secretly photograph me reading my Bible and do me in to the secret police. Thankfully I am a very big disappointment to people who have tried to impress these kinds of concerns upon me. So how do we avoid being trapped by the fears of the world?

It seems to me that there are a couple of things we need to bear in mind when we think about the various fears that plague our society, that will help put them in their context; and the most important of these is the power of God. In Isaiah 8:12-13 we read the following; "Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread." First, as people who follow the Lord, we are urged to not fear the things that the world around us fears. Rather we are urged to fear God. So we should have more regard for the power and holiness of God, than the various fears about us in the world. The book of Proverbs too talks about the fear of the Lord being the beginning of wisdom, so how does it give us wisdom when responding to the fears of the world around us? Well, if we fear God, and therefore listen to what he says, we will understand several things about the world in which we live. First, we will understand that we live in a fallen world, where things are not perfect, and where people get sick or injured, and they die. Not only that, we read in Romans 8, that the whole creation feels the effect of the fall, and how it too waits for the day when Jesus will return and make all things new. This means that on the one hand we need to understand that even our best efforts to cure the ills of society, the environment, or ourselves are only partial solutions. It takes the Creator's hand to restore things to perfection. Maybe, living as we do in relative ease and comfort, we can kid ourselves that with a little tweak here or there, we can set ourselves on the road to perfection; if only people would listen. However the Bible makes it very plain that the solution to all the ills of the world is only completely found in the work of Christ, who has conquered sin and death, and who is coming again to make all things new.

So don't be held captive by fear of one thing or another. Rather take a step back and see the bigger picture God has for us, before sweating on the many details that have to be worked out in life. If you are worried about the way society is heading, perhaps some political involvement or action is appropriate. However, ultimately it is the power of God at work in the gospel that will transform a nation. If you are worried about something of an environmental nature, again, some form of action may be appropriate; but it is important to remember that our efforts to redeem a fallen environment will always be partial. We have to wait for our Lord to come again before the whole is healed. There are many challenges that we face in this life, so it is important that we begin our thinking with the big picture God gives us in the Bible.

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# FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN



## THOUGHT PROVOKING, CHALLENGING!

**We are truly blessed with our new church and hall facilities. Amen.**

Our FOM ministry is now under our own roof annually, which means we do not even have to leave 'home' to hear world renowned speakers bring us their inspirational message.

**This year, FOM is on from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July until Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July.**

It features our two speakers:

Dr Ed Welch: *'Everything we need for life: the bible and personal transformation'*.

Dr Karl Hood: *'Encouraging the fainthearted, helping the the weak, being patient with all'*.

If you have not been to a session at FOM, there will not be a better opportunity to attend one or two, to hear and learn something new and thought provoking.

If you have been before, you already know the quality of the speakers we have had in the past.

Please ensure you pick up a brochure from reception,  
or visit [www.fireonthemountain.org.au](http://www.fireonthemountain.org.au) for complete details.

We look forward to seeing you all, enjoying the teaching,  
and the **challenge** of His word.



*Like to know more about the FOM speakers?*



*Have a look through their  
books in the C.L. Resource Room*



## Christian Living Resource Room

**New** Arrivals from Koorong - Bible Study Resources,  
Bibles, cards, diaries, novels, books for all ages.

We've had another shipment of resources from the  
Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation (CCEF)

- ▶ We have a variety of books by **Ed Welch**, our 2011 Fire On the Mtn speaker. Grab a copy of *'When People Are Big and God is Small'*, the book featured in the May newsletter.
- ▶ Take a look at our newest addition to the resource room, *'Relationships, A Mess Worth Making'*, by Lane and Tripp, reviewed by Kim Dale in this month's newsletter.

*Please see Charissa Campbell if you have any questions.*



**Relationships: A Mess Worth Making.** Tim Lane and Paul Tripp, New Growth Press.

It's hard to say 'if you only read one book this year, read this one'. It's hard to say because it is only half way into the year and who knows what other gems will show up! But, at this point I can sincerely say that this book is one of the best I have read on how to live out and apply gospel principles in our relationships with other people. And I would say, 'if you only read two books a year make this one of them'.

I have heard it from other ministers and I have seen it myself, in my own life and in the lives of many Christians...sometimes we just have a hard time knowing how to live out the realities of the gospel in our relationships with others. We get the basics of the Christian faith; we understand and believe the vital teachings of our faith and have an ongoing personal relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; we worship regularly and pray and read our Bible and serve God's people in some capacity. But when it comes to having good healthy relationships with other people we falter and stumble along and wonder why it seems so hard to love others as we are called to do.

**This clearly written and easily understood book is like getting a new pair of glasses and being able to see things much more clearly than before.** Listen to several quotes:

- 'You can't take the gospel seriously and not take your relationships seriously'.
- 'Your relationships will take you beyond the boundaries of your normal strength'.
- 'God chooses to surround us with people who are different from us because he knows it will promote his purpose'.

There are about a dozen people in the church who are currently reading their way through this book in small groups or on their own. I have almost finished a study/discussion guide as a help to work your way through it. It would be great for your Growth Group to consider using, or just to read through on your own. If you have any questions about it feel free to ask me.

Good reading,  
Pastor Dale

*Now Available in the  
C.L. Resource Room*



**BLUE  
CARD**

Chris Wilson will be away from 5th June until 20th of June. If you need Blue Card paperwork signed in that period Pls see Pastor Dale.



**HOLIDAY CLUB**

Did You Know?!??? Holiday Club has been running 16yrs!  
Held in the Church Hall, the first week of the winter school holidays.

Dates & times: Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July,  
9am to 12 noon daily

Cost: \$30 per child with maximum \$100 for families with  
four or more children.

What will happen at Holiday Club? Our theme this year is "Lost World" and includes a play about children on a walk in a rainforest, who meet smugglers, and much more! There will also be singing with a live band, craft, sport, games, and on

Friday a special treat, a rainforest walk and picnic at the Knoll, which parents are welcome to join.



**Youth Missions**



**Fundraising  
Car Wash**

Concert By

## Tamborine Mountain Ladies Choir

Celebrating TMPC's 80th Anniversary

Date: Thursday 23rd June

Time: 2:00 - 4:00pm

Venue: Church - followed by Afternoon  
Tea in the hall



All Welcome

Proceeds going to  
the building Fund

**Jan - May 2011**

## TMPC Worship/Offering

Offerings \$66,035 95% of Budget \$69,550

Budget Short fall <\$3,515>

### 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**

## PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

1 Corinthians 12:26 says, *“If one part suffers, every part suffers with it...”* Let us thank the Lord for the privilege of entering into the sufferings of those Christians who are persecuted in many parts of the world as they are a part of God's family.

### Orissa, India

Sunemia, a Christian girl in Orissa State was kidnapped by 2 young men with the help of local Hindu extremists. She was returning home after attending classes in a nearby town. Her father, who is a pastor, immediately went to the police station and filed a missing person complaint. The following day, the pastor heard from local villagers that the young men had taken her to a temple of the Hindu goddess Kali and one of them had forcibly married her there. He then took her away and her present whereabouts is unknown.

Please **pray**:-

- for Sunemia that God will strengthen her and give her His peace and that He might make a way for Sunemia to return to her family.
- that those who have committed this offence might be brought to justice.

### Also in India

The Christians in India are in danger from an extreme form of Hindu nationalism known as Hindutva. This movement wants to make India a religiously “pure” Hindu nation and is very hostile to non-Hindu religions, especially Christianity. Through its political party, it now holds or shares power in 10 states, and has great influence with the police and the legal system, where it promotes discrimination against Christians and others.

Violent attacks on individuals and churches are widespread and whole Christian communities have sometimes been targeted. **Give thanks** for the boldness of Indian Christians in sharing their faith despite these threats to their safety, and **pray** for protection for them.

### Pakistan

Please **pray** for Sarfraz Ashraf, the son of a Pakistani pastor, who has received death threats from an Islamist organisation that is trying to stop his Christian activities. He was shot in the face and severely injured in a drive-by shooting.

### Iran

**Thank** the Lord that three Christians have been released from prison in Iran after 239 days behind bars. Please **pray** for Pastor Vahik who was arrested with them and still remains in detention.

*Pirjo*



## WANTED—Volunteer

Anyone who may have a spare hour a week to clean the 4 rooms under the hall, would you please contact Steve Wilkinson on 0414 818 423. **NO equipment needed.**

### Mission SPOT

<http://tambopc.org.au/missions.php>

Remember your church website has regularly updated info from all our missionaries

**You are Supporting our School Chaplains when you purchase**

**GRANITE COUNTRY**

# CHAPLAINCY

**100% Pure Stanthorpe Apple Juice  
A Drink For All Occasions**



**A quality product: Price \$4.50 per 1 litre bottle  
\$50.00 per box of 12 bottles**

**Available at Tamborine Mt Presbyterian Church's  
BARGAIN CENTRE**

**Open Wed – Sat: 8:30am – 12:00 noon**

**Enquiries phone Ian 5543 6077 or Dorothy 5545 3999**

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

# Happy Birthday

Lorraine Dippelsmann 4th  
Gary Phillips 5th  
Miriam Sims 7th  
Muriel Baker 8th  
Neil Bell 10th  
Matthew Healy 12th  
Russell Harden 14th  
Chris Mott 14th  
Belinda Lovington 14th



Samantha Howe 15th  
Kathrine Lim 15th  
Rachel Harden 16th  
Julian Nicol 18th  
Kristie-Mei Nieuwoudt 20th  
Amos Nicol 22nd  
Joelle Campbell 24th  
Bill Scovell 25th  
Newton Eaton 28th

## ROSTERS

### JUNE 2011

Greeting \_\_\_\_\_ Glenn & Megan Pyne  
Offering \_\_\_\_\_ Glenn & Megan Pyne  
Morning Tea \_\_\_\_\_ Reina Attewell & Pirjo Fry

### JULY 2011

Greeting \_\_\_\_\_ Bernie Sawden & Peter Hall  
Offering \_\_\_\_\_ Ian & Bev Kerridge  
Morning Tea \_\_\_\_\_ Daryl & Lyn Furness  
Jeanette B(2) & JoanCB(2)  
Alan & Dorothy Robert(wk5)

**We appreciate your time!**

## JUNE 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 KFC Lord's Supper Youth Group Equip@ 5:30pm	6	7 Playtime 9:30am	8 <i>Ladies Friendship Club 10am</i>	9	10	11
BARGAIN CENTRE Open 8:30am-12noon						
12 KFC Youth Group Equip@ 5:30pm	13 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14 Playtime 9:30am	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	July 1st Fri	
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