

TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

NOVEMBER 2011

Dear TMPC Family,

OF RACISM AND THE TOWER OF BABEL

As much as racism is an intensely ugly and often violent thing, I have often been very frustrated with the ways modern political correctness try to suppress it, in the mistaken belief that they can by force of law or guilt-tripping change peoples basic behaviour and thinking. I am firmly convinced from reading the Bible and from general observation that the efforts of the politically correct brigade in this respect are doomed to failure, however resolutely they try and plug the holes of the rusty colander in which they are paddling.

In considering this, I am drawn back to the narrative in Genesis 11:1-9, which deals with the Tower of Babel. Here God had been looking upon the actions of the people of the world, and seeing what they were capable of when united against Him in their fear (expressed in not wanting to be scattered) and pride. So, in an act of judgment, God confuses their speech, so that they cannot unite properly, thus reducing the potential effect of their wickedness, but also bringing people into conflict with each other on the new grounds of language. The necessary implication we can draw from this, and from the rest of history (whether it be in the Bible or outside it), is that attempts to unite humanity without God are doomed to utter failure. No law or threat of prosecution can reverse the curse of the Tower of Babel.

Further, I am also drawn back to the basic assumptions of human origins and nature.

For if we take an atheistic and evolutionary perspective, there is nothing that necessarily unites the human race, and the idea of one race being superior to another is at least conceivable. Therefore on that basis racism is almost impossible to fight. Some of the most monstrous crimes that were perpetrated against Australian aboriginals were justified on the basis of them being lower down the evolutionary scale, and therefore not worthy of the dignity accorded to so-called higher cultures. However the Bible is clear; we came from the same roots, and share both the nature of being creations in the image of God, and of being fallen and sinful.

FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE, HUMANS ARE DOUBLY EQUAL, AND RACISM DOUBLY WRONG.

So what is God's way of dealing with this problem then? I think when we read Genesis 11 we need to do so with an eye on Acts 2:5-18. Here God gives the Apostles the ability to speak in other tongues, where the Spirit of God enables believers of diverse language to hear and understand one another. We also need to keep an eye on Galatians 3:28, where Paul talks of how we are all one in Christ Jesus. Whilst at Pentecost God did not remove the different languages, what He has accomplished through the gospel was to draw together all believers through their common faith in the one and only Saviour of the world.

In Jesus we understand our sin, and our need of forgiveness, and the only way of reconciliation with God. This, more than anything else unites humanity. Here are none of the paths of self-pity and victim-hood which only serve to inflame racial tensions. Rather there is the knowledge that we are united by our humanity, our fearful fallen-ness, and our blessed Saviour. Unity of this kind cannot be engineered, it is a product of the work of the Holy Spirit. In the words of theologian Bruce Waltke, it is when we are filled with the Spirit that we can hear, understand, and sacrifice in love for one another.

In conclusion, political correctness presents an entirely inadequate basis for human unity, because it does not address our deepest issues. However in Christ we can go to all races in love, knowing that we ourselves are debtors to God's mercy. I listened once to a man who was describing an interaction with a bunch of Aboriginal children in a settlement in Northern Australia. He began by talking to them about the history of his tribe. He was of Scottish origin, and described to his stunned listeners the violence of the Celts; their body tattoos, head-hunting and other practices. He then said to them that the thing that changed his culture for the good was the gospel. No race can look to God and justify themselves; we instead all must come to Him through the mercy He has shown in Jesus. On that basis let us love all our fellow humans deeply.

Yours because His,

Roger

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**Christian
Living
Resource
Room**

Christian Living Resource Room

The next Koorong shipment:

Grab a catalogue from the Resource room and special order your Christmas gifts.

I will collect them for you on Nov 17th, **Charissa**.



New additions to the Library:

- *Australian Presbyterian magazines
- *Creation Magazines
- * Adventures in Odyssey audio stories for all ages, produced by Focus on the Family.

NB: Date Extended - You can still get your order in!

13th November will be the closing date for ordering the Presbyterian Inland Mission Christmas Cards. Please support PIM to minister to the people of the outback by purchasing these Christmas Cards. Each pack contains 10 cards and is \$6.50 per pack. Orders can be placed with Charissa Campbell.

DEACONS' PROJECTS - taking Your church into Your community

Annual Christmas High Tea. Tuesday 13th December



The traditional T MPC High Tea for our church seniors. Invitations will be given out later, but please mark this date in your diary. This is an event that the Deacons love to host and all who attend have a special time together during the Christmas season.



Christmas Hampers. Now Collecting- please place in collection bins in church foyer & hall

We have seven (7) Sundays to collect goods for our Christmas hampers.



We will be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable groceries, Christmas goodies / cooking ingredients, toiletries, toys, Christmas decorations and anything that would be appreciated by a family at Christmas.

**Sunday 18 December-
final day for collection of goods for Christmas hampers.**

This will also be the day to bring any home baked Christmas goodies to add to the hampers (please, for baked items, only on the 18th).

Lynne Brown-Kenyon (on behalf of the Deacons.)

ROSTERS

**We
appreciate
your
time!**

NOVEMBER 2011

Greeting _____ Youth Group
 Offering _____ Daryl & Lyn Furness
 Morning Tea _____ Ivor & Kathrine Watt

DECEMBER 2011

Greeting _____ Vivien Barton
 Offering _____ Elyn Young & 'friend'. Is that you?
 Morning Tea _____ 4th Vivien Barton & Tony Wilson
 11th & 18th Annette & Russell Harden
 25th Christmas Day - No morning tea

**2012
VOLUNTEERS**

We are needing volunteers for all rosters in 2012. If you think you might be able to help, or would like more information, please speak to Christine Wilson or Naida Freeman. The rosters are done by month and we do understand plans change & the unexpected happens. Other volunteers will cover a weekend or swap months, if this happens with your nominated month.

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

UNITED KINGDOM

A Christian teacher in the UK was ordered by her school not to talk about religion after a girl in her class had asked if the Christian God and the god of Islam were the same. She had replied they were not, and was then asked to explain how they were different. When the child's Muslim parents complained, the school at first defended her actions but subsequently asked her not to discuss any religious matter with the children. A Christian doctor has also been reprimanded by the General Medical Council for talking about God to a patient.

This kind of treatment is being replicated in various other countries.

Pray that Christian professionals will have the freedom to share their faith in the workplace.

SUDAN

The civil war that split Sudan into 2 separate nations saw the North fighting to Islamise the mainly Christian South. Now after 22 years of civil war South Sudan gained its independence on 9 July 2011 and the Christians there are looking forward to greater freedom to practise their faith education.

There are a few problems though, so please **Pray** for the following matters:-

- ▶ That the fighting in Sudan's border region, which has threatened a return of the civil war, might cease.
- ▶ That God would prosper this new nation as there is widespread poverty and tens of thousands of people have been displaced as a result of both current and past violence.

EGYPT

25 DEAD, HUNDREDS INJURED AS CHRISTIAN PROTESTORS ATTACKED

Thousands of Christians protesting against torching of a church and other injustices came under brutal attack by security forces, Islamists and violent thugs on 9 October 2011. It was the worst violence since the fall of President Mubarak in February.

The army and the Police fired at them. Eyewitnesses saw an armoured vehicle coming at great speed and drive into crowds, going backwards and forwards over people – 15 people were crushed. Even the hospital came under attack and Christian businesses were targeted by thugs. Some Muslims defended the Christians. 100,000 Christians have emigrated since March, being forced out.

Egypt has elections at the end of November. Here are some prayer points:-

- ▶ For restoration and peace between all sections of society;
- ▶ For all those who lost loved ones that the Lord would comfort them in their grief and pain.
- ▶ For the future of Christians – that their rights as citizens will be upheld and that they will be allowed to live peaceful lives in their homeland.

Pirjo



Have you done your refresher yet?

Re-reading the team members pocket guide counts as a refresher. Once you have read your old copy please let Christine Wilson know.

If you did your Childsafe training before 2009 you must do this refresher to stay qualified. If you don't have access to a booklet, please ask.

Chris 5545 3508 tonychriswilson@bigpond.com

team member



From: Tim Mander, SU QLD [mailto:info@suqld.org.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 November 2011 7:16 AM
To: Dorothy
Subject: Your voice has been heard — Government announces 1,000 new chaplains!

Mission SPOT Update

Dear Dorothy,

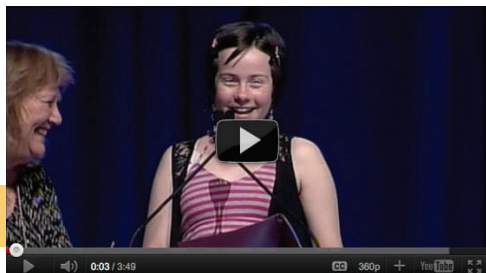
As you know, the High Court case was heard in August this year, and while we don't yet know when a decision will be reached, here's what we do know.....

75,000 people just like you have raised their voice in support of the School Chaplaincy program, and that voice has been heard!

Last month, **the Federal Government confirmed its commitment to our kids**, announcing continued support for our current chaplains and **funding for an additional 1,000 schools** across the country.

SU QLD chaplains provide a distinct and unique service which includes pastoral care and acts as a spiritual resource for students like Kristy.

11-year-old Kristy comes from a broken home. Her father is constantly ill, she has been separated from her twin sister, and for years she struggled to find acceptance and friendship. She recently shared her life's journey at a dinner in Brisbane, and you can watch her remarkable story on YouTube, using the address below:



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_6IBTWfuFo

Dorothy, thank you for standing with 75,000 others to tell the Government that kids like Kristy deserve access to a chaplain. Because our kids are worth it!

Tim Mander
SU QLD, CEO



Missions Committee Report

" At our last Mission's C'tee meeting, it was agreed that we send \$1000 to Presbyterian Inland Mission for the purchase of a Church building in Albany, Western Australia.

A congregation in Albany has been founded not only to revive the long standing Presbyterian work in that town, but also to provide a base from which the PIM Padre might patrol. The Congregation has grown well in recent times under the leadership of the Rev Leon Kruger who was appointed Home Missionary there in March this year. Because of the growth, steps have been taken to purchase a Church building near central Albany, the most important town on the rapidly developing south-eastern coast of WA. The building costs \$650,000 and is well suited for congregational activities and outreach, as well as supporting the work of the PIM

There are 660 Presbyterian congregations throughout Australia... if each gave \$1000, the purchase would be complete.

We praise God for His blessing here on Tamborine Mountain that we are in a position to help His work this way.

Look out for more exciting updates from the Mission's Committee next month!

Bernie Sawden.... Mission's Committee Chairman

Mission Prayer Meeting

The prayer group continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at Bob Densley's home, meeting from 9am.

The group pray for those from our church involved in mission/evangelism locally on the mountain as well as those overseas whom the Church supports financially and with prayer support. Urgent prayer needs coming from those with whom we are in regular contact are distributed among the group members.

The meeting is open to all who have a heart to see the Kingdom expanded.

Contact Bob on 55454209

New Mission
Committee Members
If you would like to
join us, please talk to
Bernie Sawden
5545 1130

Mission SPOT

VISIT OF CATHY AND VAUGHAN PIRIE

Cathy & Vaughan Pirie will be visiting us from 4th to 14th November

Cathy and Vaughan are missionaries with OMF who have been supported by our church during their four years in Thailand. They are currently on home assignment. They have more recently been based in Pak Panang Thailand and have been innovative in the methods they have used in bringing the Gospel to an area of Thailand that is not only strongly Buddhist but which has had little if any contact with Christians and westerners.

They will be sharing in the mission spots in the services on Sunday 6th Nov and 13th November. They will also be visiting home and youth groups.

There will be a MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 9th NOV AT 6.30 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL to which ALL ARE INVITED. Please BRING A PLATE of food.

If you wish to host Cathy and Vaughan to a lunch or dinner or to prepare a meal for them to enjoy in the cottage where they will stay from Monday 7th please advise Dorothy Robert or Bob Densley and their hosts.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY 4	ACCOMMODATION –RUSSELL AND ANNETTE HARDEN
SATURDAY 5	Free Day
SUNDAY 6	9:00 TO 10:30am CHURCH SERVICE 5:30 pm Youth Group with meal afterwards
MONDAY 7	ACCOMMODATION –KEITH AND LORRAINE DIPPELSMANN 9:30 Vaughan-- Men's Group@ Church contact Kim Dale 55452041
TUESDAY 8	9:30 Cathy and Vaughan--Pat Filmer's group. Contact Pat 55451925 3:15 Cathy to Cindy Mott's group. Contact Cindy 55452061
WEDNESDAY 9	6:30PM Combined Home Group/Congregation meeting with meal (congregation to bring plate to share) Church Hall, Contact Russell Harden 0407110183
THURSDAY 10	9:15 am Cathy to Jo Jenner's ladies group. Contact 55450404 / 55454951
FRIDAY 11	7 pm Cathy & Vaughan to Brian Marsh's group. Contact Brian 55452459 or David 55453235
SATURDAY 12	Free Day
SUNDAY 13	9:00 TO 10:30am CHURCH SERVICE



COLLECTING:- Small Glass Jars/Bottles with Metal Lids



Playtime Ministry (Tuesday mornings in the hall) would like to give a small gift to each of the Mums (& Grandparents, Carers and the occasional Dad) who bring their children to Playtime.

Please give jars to Christine Hall, or jars can be left in the kitchen marked for Playtime. Jars can also be left with Joanne Jenner, Lynne Brown-Kenyon, Maurene Terpening, Charissa Campbell. *Thank you*



PLEASE! Place food rubbish/scraps from the kitchen into the plastic bags provided (NOT straight into the bin) and take those plastic bags to the OUTside bins when your event has finished. *Your Help in this matter is appreciated.*



**Celebration
Party**

You are invited to help Sidney and Sonia
Celebrate their 55th Wedding Anniversary

at Keith and Lorraine Dippelmann's home

2pm Monday 14th Nov

Please RSVP Pat 5545 1925 if able to attend

The Dippelmann's
35 Esme Street
North Tamborine
5545 1219



Ladies Friendship Club 10am Wednesday 9th Nov

November 9th will be our last get together for the year. All Welcome!

We will be having lunch at Hillbilly Coffee Cafe. Christmas Blessings to All.

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

"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

Worship/Offering 2011

Thank You

Year to Date Oct: Short fall **<\$6,705>** Budget \$141,300 Offerings \$134,595

TMPC 2011 Budget

Our church's total expenses budgeted for 2011 = \$210,000

Working on a weekly average of 90 people/families and with weekly offering plans ranging from \$10 to \$90, the budget should be achievable. Small change can make a big difference.

Consider a \$2 'gold coin' more a week each.....less than a cup of coffee.

90 givers x \$2 = \$180 x 52 weeks = \$9,360 extra over the course of a year

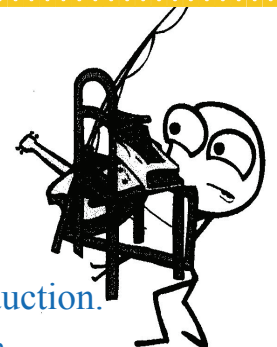
Putting the Fun in Fundraiser

\$3,897.50

Was raised at the fun filled Auction, Dinner, Movie night.

A **BIG** thank you to people for coming and contributing, & bidding at the auction.

As always, there were many who gave time and effort, organising and running the auction, bringing food plates and serving food, and even the after event clean-up....another **BIG** thank you!



The money raised goes towards the building fund, helping to offset the budget shortfall. Thank you.

A note from the Session-

Recently the Session received **Gary Williams'** resignation from the eldership due to his current travel commitments and other circumstances related to his role as National Director of Christian Management Australia.

Gary has been an asset to the Session over the years he has served and will be missed.

Alan Wogandt has also moved from his active role of *Elder* to *Elder Emeritus* due to ongoing health concerns which have kept him from functioning as fully as he would like to. (An Elder Emeritus, on account of old age, infirmity or sickness, may ask Session to be declared an Elder Emeritus and when so declared he shall retain his seat and vote on Session and may perform any duties of the office of Elder of which he is capable from time to time.)

Alan has served on the Session since the early 90s and has been a continued asset to the oversight of the church during these years.

We trust that God will continue to lead both Gary and Alan and their families as they serve him in their ministries.

On behalf of the Session,
Pastor Dale



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FREE

Family Concert & BBQ

featuring ventriloquist

Natalie Miller & The Sally Squad

Sat 19th November

2:30-4:30pm

**at
TMPC**

Bring your
friends!
Bring your
neighbours!

Bring your
relatives!
Everyone
Welcome!

Kids Christmas Celebration



Kids Kapers and the Sunday School Children
will present two songs at a special
**Christmas Celebration on
Sunday 27th November at 2pm.**

All Welcome

There will be a short Christmas Message,
some Christmas Craft and Afternoon Tea.



For more Info, Please contact Annette

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

Anna Van Bennekom
 Kim Dale 3rd
 Allison Drysdale 3rd
 Marius Nieuwoudt 4th
 Trinity Drysdale 7th
 William Marsh 8th
 Maurene Terpening 10th
 Anna Van Werkhoven 12th
 Tarnie Errika 15th
 Alla Ward 15th
 Frank White 17th



Matthew Gerrard 19th
 Lachlan Drysdale 20th
 Emmanuel McComber 23rd
 Elyn Young 23rd
 Elwyn Anderssen 24th
 Paul Campbell 24th
 Jennifer Nicol 24th
 Bethany Errika 25th
 Maurie Cullen 27th
 Val Dunlea 27th
 David Marsh 28th

NOVEMBER 2011 NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Need to use church or hall facilities in November? *Please contact Cathy Wogandt for availability ph5545 0653</p>		<p>1 Playtime 9:30am</p>	<p>2 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Kids Kapers 3:15-5pm</p>	<p>3 8am-12noon Bargain Centre 10:30am Prescare</p>	<p>4 8am-12noon Bargain Centre 9-10am Missions Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>5 8am-12noon Bargain Centre</p>
	<p>6 9am Worship Lord's Supper The Piries 9:30am KFC 5:30pm Equip 5:30pm Youth</p>	<p>7 LAST Chance (Sunday 6th) to book for Operation Mobilisation Dinner/Talk</p>	<p>8 Playtime 9:30am COM 7pm</p>	<p>9 8am-12noon Bargain Centre 10am Ladies Friendship Club Kids Kapers 3:15-5pm 6:30pm</p>	<p>10 8am-12noon Bargain Centre</p>	<p>11 8am-12noon Bargain Centre</p>
<p>13 9:00am Worship The Piries 9:30am KFC 5:30pm Equip 5:30pm Youth Order PIM cards</p>	<p>14 Wedding Anniversary Party 2pm</p>	<p>15 Playtime 9:30am</p>	<p>16 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Kids Kapers 3:15-5pm</p>	<p>17 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Koorong Orders collected</p>	<p>18 8am-12noon Bargain Centre 9am-10am Missions Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>19 8am-12noon Bargain Centre FREE Family Concert & BBQ 2:30-4:30pm</p>
<p>20 9:00am Worship 9:30am KFC 5:30pm Equip 5:30pm Youth</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Playtime 9:30am</p>	<p>23 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Kids Kapers 3:15-5pm</p>	<p>24 8am-12noon Bargain Centre</p>	<p>25 8am-12noon Bargain Centre</p>	<p>26 8am-12noon Bargain Centre</p>
<p>27 9:00am Worship 9:30am KFC 2pm Kids Celebration 5:30pm Equip 5:30pm Youth</p>	<p>28 2pm Kids Christmas Celebration 27th Sunday Songs, Craft, Afternoon Tea</p>	<p>29 Playtime 9:30am</p>	<p>30 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Kids Kapers 3:15-5pm</p>	<p>Growth Groups are happening in November *Please contact Chris Wilson for info ph5545 3508</p>		