

# TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## OCTOBER 2011

### Dear TMPC Family and Friends,

I've seen my share of 'reality' renovation shows and done enough amateur renovations to know it's not at all like it is on TV. They even make the mistakes look easy as they zoom out or cut to another 5 second shot. Wouldn't it be great if life was like that! You want to make some basic changes, you get an instruction DVD, watch it, tweak your lifestyle a bit and voila! It's done. Too easy!

Real life renovation is a continual process with ups and downs, wins and losses. Like someone said the other day.....it's a work in progress.

To begin with we need to be fairly well convinced that the change we are looking for is worth it. We will need some motivation to move off dead centre and pursue our goal. Some goals are not attractive at all. I am not personally interested in looking like a bundle of muscles wrapped up in the latest styles (good thing too, goals have to be realistic!).

So spend a little time looking at your goal and what it seems to promise; peek behind it. Is it worth it? Will it deliver what I am looking for? What am I looking for? You may save yourself a bit of time, effort and money.

As a Christian I have a goal that is set out for me that I fully and willingly embrace. It is an essential part of being a Christian. If I refused to want this 'life renovation' yet insisted that I was a Christian, I might make a 'good' hypocrite, but would be missing the reality of being a Christian. That goal of life renovation is to be conformed to the 'likeness' of Christ. I am painfully aware of what a tall order this is and it is foolish to try to quantify it by measuring my changes in behaviour over a certain number of years.

Yet we are promised by God that he will do this work in us and we are encouraged to keep going. The 'likeness' of Christ is literally, his 'icon', though we do not use icon this way. For us icon is more of a picture or a symbol. But in scripture it is not so static. It often refers to the character of Christ. So I am not to try to look like him physically, (who knows what he looked like?), but I am to emulate his character. I am to forgive like he forgave me. I am to love others as he loved me.

### **Now this is an amazing, life transforming, life renovating goal!**

It is humanly impossible but God is at work in us, *"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."* (2 Cor. 3:18)

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"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.

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## Worship/Offering 2011

Thank You

Year to Date: Budget \$126,950 Offerings \$119,310 Short fall <\$7640>



[Christian Living Resource Room](#)

### Christian Living Resource Room

You're invited to check out our new stock from *New Growth Press* and *Koorong*.  
Any special orders need to be to **Charissa** by Sunday Oct 9, please.

NB: During October the order form for the Presbyterian Inland Mission Christmas Cards will be in the C.L.R.R.

## NEWS FROM THE DEACONS

**Thank you** to all the folk who responded to our powerpoint presentation in church in August. This will be repeated in mid-October, in case you missed it!

We are grateful for the response with the purple envelopes and appreciate those who are available to cook occasional meals, or drive, or visit, when asked. We will not be distributing envelopes again in the church pews, but if you missed receiving one and would like us to know of your availability to help in a practical manner or willingness to donate to the Deaconate, please take an envelope from the church foyer or ask a Deacon to supply you with one.

**Thank you** to those who have donated money towards our ongoing work. These funds will be put towards our Christmas hampers and ministry to families in our community, leading up to Christmas.

### Some date claimers:-

Tuesday 13 December- our annual Christmas High Tea.

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

*(Our Christmas hamper project will be launched in October.*

*Please think about non-perishable goods, ingredients for Christmas cooking, toys, decorations, home baked goodies etc.)*



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



## Do you still have this booklet?

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.

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team member



## *Ladies Friendship Club 10am Wednesday 12th Oct*

Join us in October, in the church hall, for a fun photo morning.

We All Welcome!

# PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

## TAJIKSTAN

Imagine living in a country where you could not take your children along to Church or Sunday School or even Youth Group if they were under the age of 18.

That is what is happening in Tajikistan which is a small country in Asia that shares its borders with China, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan.

In Tajikistan there is a new bill that bans children under the age of 18 from “participating in the activities of religious organisations”. This means that children cannot go to places of worship, including churches. The bill, which was passed overwhelmingly by the lower house of the Tajik parliament on 15 June, is aimed mainly at preventing the growth of radical Islam in the country, but it will impact Christians as much as Muslims.

**Pray** that if the bill becomes law it will not prevent the Christians from raising their children in the fear of the Lord.

**Pray** that the Tajik government will uphold the country’s constitutional commitment to religious freedom.

## EGYPT

Some good news for Christians in Egypt! On 3 July the Supreme Administrative Court ruled that Christian reconverts could have their registration changed back to “Christian” on their national ID cards and Birth Certificates. It means that those who return to Christianity having converted to Islam, or those whose religious identity was automatically changed because one of their parents converted to Islam, can be officially identified as Christians rather than Muslims.

Many Christian women and girls are kidnapped by Muslims and forcibly converted to Islam, and the number of these incidents has greatly increased since the revolution broke out in January. ID cards are also required to perform many everyday acts in Egypt, and for important areas of life such as marriage and education.

**Pray** that the converts from Islam to Christianity will also be granted the right to change their ID cards.

## PAKISTAN

*Remember to keep praying for Aasia Bibi, wife and mother of 5, who is currently on death row. She has appealed to the Lahore High Court but lawyers associated with the case have indicated she may have to wait years before she receives a hearing.*

**Pray** that the Lord will uphold her in prison and protect her from harm and that she will soon be released.

*Pirjo*



## ROSTERS OCTOBER 2011

Greeting \_\_\_\_\_ Huat Ho & Kathrine Lim  
Offering \_\_\_\_\_ Ed Achterberg &  
Dennis Brown Kenyon  
Morning Tea \_\_\_\_\_ Muriel Shepherd &  
Lynne Brown Kenyon  
Alan & Dorothy R (wk 5)

## NOVEMBER 2011

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

**We appreciate your time!**



Presbyterian Inland Mission is selling Christmas Cards to raise funds to support Missionaries in the field. If you would like to purchase a pack/s of cards, during October the order sheet will be in the Resource Room to fill in.

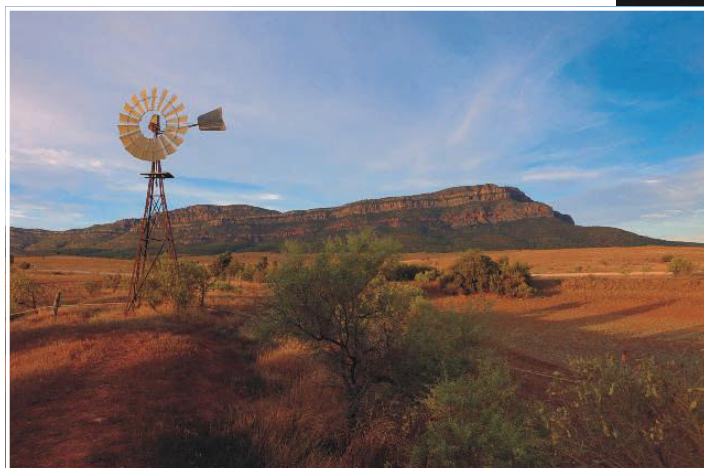
**Mission  
SPOT**

Each pack contains 10 cards (5 of each scene) with envelopes

**Text inside Card -**

*"May God's peace and joy be with you this Christmas"*

**Verse - Isaiah 9:2 -** *"the people who walked in darkness have seen a Great Light."*



Their web address.

<http://www.pim.org.au/merchandise.htm>

**Text inside Card -**

*"May God's peace and joy be with you this Christmas"*

**Verse - Luke 2:10 -** *"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."*

## Putting the **Fun** in **Fundraiser** Auction, Finger Food and Movie Night

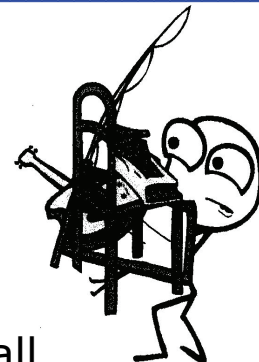
Please: *Sign-up sheet in church foyer or see Pirjo Fry*  
( [pirjof@bigpond.com](mailto:pirjof@bigpond.com) ; AH 5545 3460 ) *or any COM member*

*When:* Saturday, 15th October, 6pm *Where:* Church Hall

*What:* The guest auctioneer will lead bidding on a wide variety of items, followed by a finger food supper and then the movie screening.

*Cost:* Adults \$18; Pensioners/Students \$13; Children *Free*

*Proceeds will go towards the building loan, for these amazing facilities our church family now has the blessing to use, in Him.*



## Can **You** help with?

***Auction Items:*** Please leave at the church marked as being for the fundraiser.

***Finger Food:*** If you can bring a plate, Please contact  
Pirjo Fry email: [pirjof@bigpond.com](mailto:pirjof@bigpond.com) ; AH: 5545 3460

**Putting the **Fun** in **Fundraiser****

## *A Personal Testimony*

### **GOD'S LOVE, IT'S FAITHFUL, ENDURING AND BEYOND COMPREHENSION**

10 months ago my life had hit an all time low. I was ill, lost my job, overweight and still a heavy smoker. The illness turned out to be Type 2 Diabetes. My family has a history of cancer, heart disease and tumours and the way I felt, I thought I was going down the same path. Finally, the pain of living would be over, so this became depression, anxiety and panic attacks. I shut myself off from the world literally waiting to die.

Then God moved and somehow I ended up at the Dalby Hospital. That was the start of my turn around. Over the next 9 months God's love poured out over me. The levels of my blood sugars, cholesterol and blood pressure returned to a state that was well under what the doctors required or thought could even be achieved.

My financial state at this time was in a bad way. At this stage my brother and his wife took me into their home and their hearts, showing me a love that I thought I didn't deserve, but their love and patience broke through. Things had really turned around, I had finally accepted that I was loveable by people but especially by God. Could He love me the way I was. YES! He who knew me at the beginning did indeed love me.

My walk with him grew immeasurably closer, my walls went down, God became real, a loving Father. Peace like a river did indeed flow into my soul. Depression left, so did the anxiety and panic attacks AND after 42 years, God delivered me from smoking!!

I returned to work part time. Things kept improving and I started full time work.

But I had a problem – my ute was barely running so I went to the Lord about it. Going to the Lord had become a natural thing to do, my prayers were almost conversational with God. I admit I wanted to help God. He made it clear he didn't need my help. I waited ANXIOUSLY, then His peace came.

To cut a long story short, the Lord has provided me, through my brother-in-law, a ute which was owned by a friend of his and when I went to pay for the ute, I was handed a receipt for the purchase of the ute so that I could pay stamp duty on it. This Christian man, who I did not even know, gave the ute to me as a gift. I was stunned. Also, a couple of days later, someone unexpectedly bought my old ute.

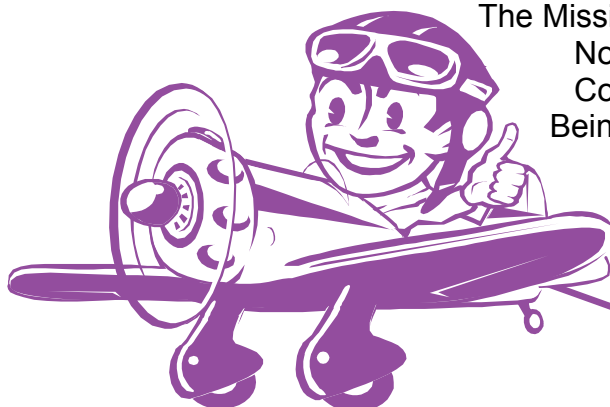
Did I start out afraid of God	YES
Did I try to hide from God	YES
Do I now love God	YES

So is God merciful, is He gracious, does he love me and is he faithful to his word 'YES'.  
So be anxious for nothing, wait upon the Lord, and in His perfect time he moves mightily.

My God is amazing. Be encouraged.

Yours in God's love,

*Peter Fry*



The Missions Committee is looking for new ideas and fresh enthusiasm.  
Not sure what we do? Talk to us. Come along for a look.  
Contact: Bernie Sawden 5545 1130 nedwas@optusnet.com.au  
Being a member of the Missions committee can be very rewarding

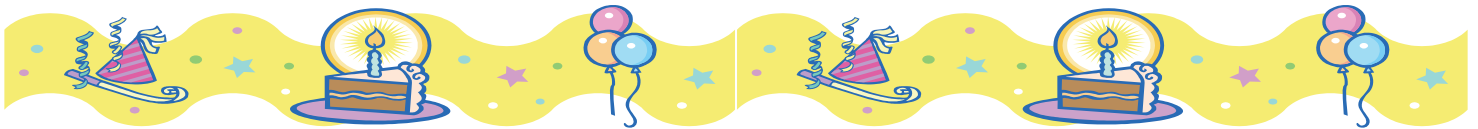
**The Lord needs you...!**

Please, if any ministries want to use the Church or Hall they **must** contact Cathy Wogandt **first** re availability - ph: 5545 0653 e: alanandtinka@bigpond.com Thank you

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Peter Whitelock	3rd	Ed Achterberg	13th	Charissa Campbell	22nd
Jackson Bartle	4th	Cindy Mott	13th	Dorothy Robert	22nd
Phillipa Westerman	5th	Gerard Healy	14th	Vivienne Horne	23rd
Robin Schilkowski	8th	Dorothy Arnold	17th	Robyn Marsh	24th
Elwyn Paton	8th	Matthew Bull	18th	David Lovington	24th
Gary Williams	11th	Roger Marsh	18th	Catherine Marsh	24th
Hal Morris	12th	Thomas Marsh	19th	Peta Wilkinson	27th
Gloria McKenzie	12th	Alisdair Harden	20th	Brett Drysdale	29th
Ella Marsh	12th	Katelyn Rose	22nd	Betty Oxley	31st



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <b>New Equip starts 5:30pm Sun Oct 2<sup>nd</sup></b> </div>		*Please contact Chris Wilson for Growth Group information 5545 3508	*Please contact Cathy Wogandt for Church or hall availability 5545 0653			1 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
2 9am Worship <b>Lord's Supper</b> 9:30am <b>KFC</b> 5:30pm <b>Equip</b> 5:30pm <b>Youth</b>	3 <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <b>Back to School</b> </div>	4 <b>Playtime 9:30am</b>	5 8am-12noon Bargain Centre <b>Kids Kapers 3:15-5pm</b>	6 8am-12noon Bargain Centre 10:30am Prescare	7 8am-12noon Bargain Centre 9am-10am Missions Prayer Meeting	8 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
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