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# CONNECT

DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Our Family Christmas Service is coming up on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. See all of the details inside this edition of Connect.

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## MISSIONS PRAYER

We have a few missions prayer points included in this edition. Please keep our missionaries and ministries in prayer.

**Prayer points on page 3**

## HUGHES UPDATE

Pr Warwick Hughes has written an update about his family and their life in Walhalla, South Carolina, United States of America.

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# WELCOME TO NLCC

I came home after work recently to find my Christmas Tree up and some decorations and lights displayed. Further Christmas lights have been put up in our front yard since. It looks great! And I didn't have to do any of the work thanks to a very creative daughter and wife.

People comment to me how nice my home looks with all the lights. "Yes", I say, "it's a lot of work"! But, alas, after basking in the glory for a moment, I confess I did nothing at all towards it. And promptly point to those to whom credit is due.

We are so blessed beyond our wildest imagination as God's people. Think for a moment about the vast inheritance we have in Christ! Astonishing really! And... we did absolutely nothing to gain it, earn it, deserve it, or work for it! Someone else did all the work for us. His name is JESUS!

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son so that whoever

would believe on him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Let's give Him praise upon praise, thanks upon thanks, this Christmas season and on into the new year for all that Christ has done for us.

I want to say thank you to our wonderful congregation here at Christies and to all in our ACC Churches and ACC ministries. People are blessed and God is glorified because of you. It is such a joy and pleasure to serve with you!

I believe 2024 is going to be a fruitful year as we continue to serve together.

Here at Christies we are looking forward to the completion of our New Building Extension, and the potential that brings to be more effective in reaching out to our community for Christ.

Our heart is to see people come to receive the single most wonderful gift in all of history, Jesus, and to come into all he has planned for them.

God bless and I pray that you and yours will have a truly blessed Christmas and new year! **Pr Greg Crome**

# MINISTRIES PRAYER

**Launch Youth:** Launch Youth is on a break and will relaunch in 2024.

**Youth and Children (CYC) Sundays:** CYC is on a break and will relaunch in 2024.

**All connect groups are on a break and will relaunch in 2024.**

**Tuesday Night Young Adults Connect Group:** Combined with ACC in the West and South. Please visit [www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/).

**Wednesday Night Connect Group:** In recess. 7:00pm at 75 Riverview Drive, Port Noarlunga (0417 857 515).

**Thursday Night Connect Group:** Twice a month. 7:00pm at the Odis' house (0452 634 630).

## Missions Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Benjamin and Asinate Wari as they are now in Vanuatu. Pray that they continue to settle in smoothly and for doors to open in their ministry.
- Please pray for Mikaela Groom as she continues her missionary service in Papua New Guinea. Pray for Bethel Sunday School, specifically for the development of 2024's curriculum. Also pray for Mikaela's wedding on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

## Church Prayer Requests

- Please contact the church office if you have any prayer requests.



## FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Please join us for a beautiful Christmas service celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. The service will take place the week before Christmas on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. It will be held at NLCC and will begin at 10:00am.

## EVENING SERVICES ON BREAK Recommencing Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Our Sunday evening church services are taking a break over the Christmas and New Year period. Our evening services will conclude for 2023 on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December and they will recommence in 2024 at the beginning of February.

# HUGHES FAMILY UPDATE

Firstly, it was great to have Pr Mike and Kelly Groom and Shekinah Sagun visit us in October. This released our family to go on a vacation which we enjoyed very much as a family, we are thankful and appreciative of them being able to do that.

We visited three cities that we had chosen and we really enjoyed our time as a family. It was great.

They also blessed the family of God here with their visit and ministry of the Word of God and other practical ministry they did while here.

For November myself and Omega started the month off at a three day 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference with a ministry called Evangel Fellowship International.

Faith Center Church has had connections with this ministry and its global influence for many years. It was a good conference, we got to meet a lot of new people and receive great encouragement from the preaching that was given.

Jethro and Warwick Jr stayed home and took care of themselves for those three days. They did well.

Straight after the conference I went to a men's summit meeting near a city called Greenwood almost two hours away from us. 30 of us men meet at a State Park called Hickory; a very nice place with a great golf course.

It was a great time of fellowship, meeting with others and receiving encouragement through the preaching of the word relating to destiny and being destined in the purposes of God for our lives.

I was asked to minister. I ministered from my journey and how as I obeyed God stepping out in faith, He confirmed it as I journeyed along to where I am with my family today. I came away very encouraged and refreshed.

We have seen a number of our congregation going through various back and hip problems for sometime now and one or two having gout and diabetic issues. Please pray and believe with us for healing in these people's lives.

Otherwise everyone else is doing well and are seeing God move in their lives through various challenges and daily living.

We had one man visit who was in the Marines some years ago (he is at a place where I go regularly and do some teaching). He came to church and gave his testimony of what he had been through, and how he then knew Jesus in his head, but not in his heart. He shared that after going through some bad situations in life after coming out of the Marines, he came to know Jesus in his heart, spirit, and what a real relationship with Jesus is.

What was so awesome about him giving his testimony, was that his wife who he had been estranged from for some time, was in church when he gave his testimony. It was the first time for her to hear it. She told him later that she liked the person he is now, compared to the

person she knew before. God is restoring their relationship and marriage. Praise God.

Please pray for this man as he has been told by doctors he has a major heart problem and only has five years to live

Our men's meetings and ladies' meetings are functioning well and it is great to see how everyone is encouraging each other.

One of the men has now taken on board the responsibility of following others up and reminding them of our men's meetings.

Omega follows up the ladies and coordinates the women's committee she put together.

Our children's church ministry is going along well. Mandy Wright is doing a good job with the children. We have mainly had four in attendance.

The three teenagers in the church continue to take a leadership role in the children's church. They have been putting together a Christmas video for us to watch in December at our Christmas party.

We mainly have five teenagers attending our youth nights. Two of them are not yet going to church regularly. I spoke to the father of the two teenagers and invited the family to church as he did say they were looking for a church but are at the moment having church at home. Pray that this family will come in. The wife is having some serious health issues at this time also.

We have a good number of interactive games and we minister the Word to the

teenagers. What's great at this time is that they want to be here. Praise God.

Mr Mizell, one of our congregation members, helps me with the youth night when he is able to do so. One other congregation member has been attending more and helping. He is a single dad with two sons, one a teenager and the other a six year old. At this stage the six year old has been enjoying interacting with the older boys as if they are his older brothers which is good.

We played a game where I had the boys make shields with the noodles you use for floating in a swimming pool. We made swords and we had a competition where you had to touch the stomach, back or feet, but not the head or arms with the sword. It was so much fun. The youngest even got in with only his sword, not the shield but got out each time.

We shared how it's like being with only two of the parts of God's full armour and what can happen without the whole armour yet only having two parts. We emphasised the importance of having the whole armour and not just having two - the shield of faith and sword of the spirit. We also need the gospel shoes to protect our legs and feet, belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, and the helmet of salvation.

There is much needed renovation work to be done downstairs at the church. Please do pray for this renovation work.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we together harvest these fields that are ripe unto harvest.

**Pr Warwick Hughes**



## ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: [www.newlifeonline.org.au](http://www.newlifeonline.org.au)

YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg4l1yAy\\_YQQ5c17STow](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg4l1yAy_YQQ5c17STow)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/NewLifeChristies/](http://www.facebook.com/NewLifeChristies/)

Instagram: [@new.life.christian.centre](https://www.instagram.com/new.life.christian.centre)

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## GIVING DETAILS

### Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: [www.newlifeonline.org.au/giving/](http://www.newlifeonline.org.au/giving/). Press the 'Online Giving' button under the 'Giving' heading.

### Option Two: Bank Transfer

Deposit your funds into the general account and in the reference section please specify if your funds are for tithes, missions or whatever else.

**GENERAL Account Name:** New Life Christian Centre

BSB: 035-053

Account Number: 127 021

## OTHER CHURCH LOCATIONS

### Adelaide Christian Centre

Address: 33 Sturt Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Web: [www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au](http://www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au)

Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

### Tennant Creek Christian Family Church

Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

Web: [www.tccf.com.au](http://www.tccf.com.au)

Service Times: 10:00am and 6:30pm

### Faith Center Church

Address: 115 Worley Lane, Walhalla SC 29691, United States

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla](http://www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla)

Service Time: 10:00am