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CONNECT

APRIL 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

A range of events are coming up this month. Have a look inside to familiarise yourself with what is taking place in the life of our church.

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BUILDING OPENING

New Life Christian Centre has undergone major facility upgrades. The new facility will officially be opened this month!

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OUR TIME IN SRI LANKA

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom, and Chrioni and Mikaela Geno, recently travelled to Sri Lanka to visit our children's homes.

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WELCOME TO NLCC

We are joining our Adelaide Christian Centre family and connected churches in '21 Days of Prayer and Fasting'. If you haven't joined our Facebook group for , please scan the QR code.

Please join us in prayer as we believe NLCC will be thriving congregation that:

- Is effective in evangelism, making disciples and growing leaders.
- Is growing numerically and spiritually with people being saved monthly (and baptised, discipled).
- Is seeing a growing number of godly men with a passion to serve Christ.
- Has leaders to lead a second adult connect group.
- Has its own young adults connect group ably led.

- Has 15 children with parents/carers regular at playgroup.
- Has at least 20 regulars at youth (and discipling ministry via youth).
- Attracts at least 10 new young families.
- In Church services: gifts of the Spirit operating with healings, miracles and salvations.
- Has a growing missionary influence, even sending missionaries short and long term.
- Is filled with people passionate about serving the Lord.



OFFICIAL OPENING DAY Sunday 13th April

Although we have been using our new church facility for some time now, we are looking forward to holding an official opening this month. This is an invitation to all of our congregation members to join us as we celebrate our new building

extensions. Following our morning service, we will have light lunch on the lawn from 12:00pm. From 12:30-2:00pm we will have a walk through our new facility. You are invited to celebrate our grand opening with us. RSVP is essential. Please text your acceptance to 0417857515 or email info@newlifeonline.org.au.

MINISTRIES PRAYER

Play Group: Every Tuesday from 9:00-11:00am during the school term.

Launch Youth: Every Friday night at church during the school term from 6:00-8:00pm.

Youth and Children Sundays: Sunday mornings during the school term.

Tuesday Night Young Adults Connect Group: 7:00pm at Paolo and Ester's house (0490 249 263).

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

Thursday Night Connect Group: Two Thursday nights a month at 7:00pm at Peter and Janin's house (0452 634 630).

Missions Prayer Requests

- Pray for our staff and students at Bethel International Training College in PNG. Our 2025/2026 academic year has begun and we have more than 50 students across four courses.
- Pray for our preschool in Vanuatu. They have began classes for 2025 but they are still believing for more students to enrol and attend.
- Pray for all of our dedicated missionaries who are serving overseas and in Tennant Creek.

Church Prayer Requests

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



GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST Friday 18th April

You are invited to Good Friday breakfast at the Cromes' house (75 Riverview Drive Port Noarlunga) at 8:30am. We will have a brief time of reflection on the Cross and worship, followed by breakfast. Please register with Pr Greg.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICE Sunday 20th April

Everyone is invited to join us for our Resurrection Sunday church service. Our service will begin at 10:00am. Please note that there will be no evening service on Resurrection Sunday. We trust you all have an enjoyable Easter.



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

New Life Christian Centre's New Building Extensions and Refurbishment

We are excited to announce the official opening of our church building will be on Sunday 13th April. It has been a long but exciting journey to reach this point.

The church began as a home group at Mrs McMurtrie's house in the late 1950s, when people stepped out in faith to plant a church in the South. This small gathering soon grew into a vibrant congregation, meeting first at the Old Noarlunga Institute, then the CWA Hall in Port Noarlunga, before purchasing the current site. The church facility was built and extended throughout the late 1960s and 1970s. Over the years, it has been a spiritual home for hundreds, many of whom were saved and baptised here – a wonderful testimony to God's grace.

While we are deeply grateful to past members and pioneers for their vision, sacrifice, and contributions, which provided a debt-free property for the church, it became clear that our ageing 1970s-style building – with its 'dunnies' out the back – needed renewal.

We explored various options, including relocating or a complete rebuild, but ultimately decided to maximise our existing land by refurbishing and extending the facility.

Our journey towards renewal began in the late 2000s when we approached Mr Lin Andrews of Lin Andrews Real Estate (LARE) with a question: "What can we do

with our vacant land across the road to raise capital for a renewed facility?" After much discussion and consultation, we established a property trust to develop the land.

In partnership with the Lin Andrews Property Group (LAPG), we built an office complex and completed other commercial projects for lease or sale through the Trust. These ventures have been truly fruitful, enabling New Life Christian Centre (NLCC) to raise most of the necessary capital while retaining investments through our Property Trust.

Our co-directors for the Trust, Lin and Mr Anthony Moore, have been outstanding in their role, bringing all the expertise and wisdom needed for the Property Trust's success. We are very grateful to them for their hard work over many years, and to the team at LAPG, and LARE.

A core aspect of our partnership is a shared vision to serve Christ, using our talents and resources for His glory and the expansion of His Kingdom.

Our congregation has also given generously to complete the project. Well done, NLCC!

We are immensely thankful to Mr Peter Claridge and the team at Claridge Construction for their excellent work in turning plans and drawings into reality.

In 2023, we launched 'A Time to Build'! We moved operations to the back hall – cramped, but functional. The congregation showed patience and cooperation during this period.

Claridge Construction laid the foundations and began building new

extensions and refurbishing the existing auditorium.

Working with the Claridge team has been a pleasure, and we celebrated ‘handover’ together in late 2024.

It’s an exciting time for our congregation as we enjoy the new facility. In our church we now have dedicated spaces for fellowship, meals, coffee, and ministry, along with a full suite of toilets, a sound room, a babies’ room, and meeting rooms.

Buildings are essential to the family of God, providing a place to gather, serve others, and reach out to the surrounding community with the love and good news of Christ.

Just like the early pioneers, we have stepped out in faith to build afresh for the coming season and future generations.

All glory to God!

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, “I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus said, “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

A local church facility is a physical home for the local church – a base of operations for the mission of Jesus Christ.

Pr Greg Crome



OUR TIME IN SRI LANKA

On Monday 10th March, Chrioni and I headed to Brisbane from Port Moresby and then onto Sri Lanka via Singapore the following day. We spent two weeks in Sri Lanka visiting Bethel Children's Home in Valaichenai, and Pr Somanathan's church in Colombo. This was Chrioni's first missions trip and we had a great time.

Mum and dad arrived in Colombo one hour after us. We stayed the night at Pr Somanathan's house before driving to the children's home the next morning. During our first few days, we spent time with the staff and children, enjoyed their Sunday school, and had a great time in our church on our farm property.

Mum and dad made their way back to Colombo after the church service, but Chrioni and I stayed for another week. Chrioni spent the week preparing the kitchen and dining room for painting. This included patching the walls, sanding and cleaning. He was then able to go in and paint the walls and ceilings. Both rooms looked amazing after they received a much-needed paint job.

I spent a large bulk of my time teaching English. Luckily the students were on one-week break during our visit. It was an unexpected holiday, but it worked out so well. I taught from Monday to Friday. The youngest girls were from 10:00-11:00am, the next group was from 11:00am-12:00pm, all the boys were from 3:00-4:00pm, and the oldest girls were from 7:00-8:00pm.





We went over very basic greetings and sentences, played fun games to learn vocabulary words, and learnt how to introduce ourselves. It was great fun, and I believe everyone enjoyed the lessons.

On top of our painting and English classes, I was able to complete some of my general work and spend time playing games with the girls. Chrioni enjoyed playing different sports with the boys - cricket, soccer and volleyball.

We also enjoyed our time getting to know all of our staff members more. The young couple looking after the boys' home are similar age to Chrioni and I. We really enjoyed our afternoons spending time with them.

We spent the weekend in Colombo with Pr Somanathan's church before we headed to Singapore for a few days on our way back to Papua New Guinea. I was given the opportunity to preach, which I really enjoyed. Chrioni was asked to introduce himself and share about his trip so far. He shared very well.

This was my first time preaching with a translator. I have introduced myself through a translator before, but this was my first time delivering a full sermon. I actually enjoyed it. It was very helpful when Pr Somanathan translated my sentences, as it gave me time to think about what to say next.

Chrioni and I both enjoyed our time in Sri Lanka. It was special being able to travel with my husband, usually I am alone or with dad. Dad, I still enjoy travelling with you, but it was fun travelling with Chrioni. We look forward to our next visit!

Mikaela Geno

ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBgg4l1yAy_YQQ5c17STow

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NewLifeChristies/

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

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

GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: 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

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

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

Faith Center Church

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla

Service Time: 10:00am