

CONNECT

DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Events on pages 2-3

USA TRIP REPORT

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom recently enjoyed a trip to our church in Walhalla. Photos and a report can be found inside!

Report on page 4-5

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Our preschool at Bethel Centre in Port Moresby enjoyed their graduation at the end of November. Photos are included within.

Photos on pages 6-7

WELCOME TO NLCC

A joyful and blessed Christmas and New Year to you and yours!

It's been a wonderful year for our congregation with opening our newly renovated and extended building; new faces are appearing regularly; and all our groups and ministries have had a fruitful year with many people blessed. Also, Pr Paolo and Ester and family are now serving mostly here in the congregation. Such a great blessing!

Next year I'm believing for people to come to faith in Christ, people baptised, and entering into new life in Christ. Let's stand together and serve together.

It's been a delight to see missionaries Benjamin and Asinate Wari, and Enoch Kupla doing well in Vanuatu. Recent

weeks have seen up to 20 people gathering on a Sunday in the new church plant, and the preschool has regular children. Let's believe for growth in reaching more people for Christ and more children in the preschool. Also we are thankful that the solar we have installed is now operating fully.

There is so much more God has done, but too much for the space here to mention. Praise God for His wonderful faithfulness and goodness to us all!

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 Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6) **Pr Greg Crome**



FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE Sunday 21st December

All are invited to join us for our special Family Christmas Service taking place from 10:00am. Celebrate the joy of Christmas with music, skits, worship and morning tea. Please invite your family and friends.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE Thursday 25th December

We will be holding a special morning service on Christmas day. The service will run from 9:00-9:50am. This will be a lovely time of celebrating the birth of Jesus. Feel free to invite your family and friends.

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 all of our missionaries serving throughout the nations. Believe for fruitful ministries, good health and God's guidance in all they do. Benjamin and Asinate Wari, and Enoch Kupla are serving in Vanuatu. Pr Warwick, Pr Omega, Jethro and Warwick Jr are serving in the United States of America. Viema, Alisi and Ilisoni Jr are serving in Papua New Guinea. Pr Jeremiah, Delia and Nellie Winnie Madimadi are serving in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory.

Tuesday Prayer Meeting at Church

- Everyone is welcome to join us for prayer at 11:45am every Tuesday.



ALPHA COURSE Advanced Notice

Our Alpha course will continue in February 2026 during our Sunday evening services. We still have some sessions remaining. Anyone can sign up to join in. Please register online during January.

MINISTRY AND OFFICE CLOSURE December and January

Our Sunday evening services are in recess in December and January. Our office will be closed from 22nd December until 5th January 2026. All mid-week groups are in recess from 8th December to 30th January.



A WEEK OF FELLOWSHIP AND MINISTRY IN WALHALLA

On the 11th of November Mike and I headed off to the United States of America (USA).

Our journey took us from Adelaide to Sydney, then across the Pacific to Dallas, and finally on to Atlanta—a full 24 hours of travel, including stopovers.

The next day we travelled to Walhalla, South Carolina and were welcomed by Kathleen and Vilmarie.

It sure was nice being back at Faith Center – such a lovely part of the world and so enjoyable seeing friends and church family again.

Walhalla truly is a beautiful part of the world, and returning felt a bit like coming home.

Pastors Warwick and Omega Hughes, along with their sons Jethro and Warwick Junior, had already left for a well-earned family holiday in Charleston.

They were away for six days, and we were very glad they had the opportunity to take a break and enjoy some quality time together.

Mike and I thoroughly enjoyed our week in Walhalla with our church folk there.

On the Thursday night that we were there, I had the privilege of sharing with the ladies.

We enjoyed worshipping God together, sharing the Word, praying for one another and having some fellowship and food.

Mike had the opportunity to share in the midweek meeting and in the church service on Sunday morning.

He also had meetings with several people to discuss some possible developments on the property and some outreach initiatives.

We enjoyed several meals with different folk and especially enjoyed visiting a couple of the congregation members in their homes.

I always love driving around Walhalla and the surrounding areas; the lakes and natural scenery are breathtaking, and it's such a peaceful place to visit.

On our final night in Walhalla, we had dinner with the Hughes family upon their return from Charleston.

It was lovely to hear about their holiday adventures and to spend some time together before we left.

Please continue to pray for the Hughes family, especially for their visas to come and for provision for Jethro's tuition fees.

He has been offered a place at a nearby university, but the family is in urgent need of substantial tuition fees.

Kelly Groom



BETHEL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

This year, Bethel Christian Preschool in Tokarara, Port Moresby enrolled 35 students between the ages of 4-6 years old. Along the way, seven students left us due to personal reasons; however, we successfully graduated 28 students on Friday 28th November 2025.

14 of our students graduated with a Certificate of Completion and will be moving on to primary school next year. Two of our graduates will attend Bethel Sunrise Christian School next year.

14 students, aged 4 and 5 years old, received a Certificate of Participation and will continue with us again next year.

Our pioneer students graduated last year, so this year marked our second graduation. The ceremony was held at Bethel Christian Centre. It was a wonderful time spent with the children, parents, families, guests, the Bethel pastors and their families, and the Bethel International Training College student body.

With the devoted and hard-working teachers, the graduation was a great success. The children performed their items and demonstrated their alphabet sounds. They performed very well on the day.

A parent representative shared some very important comments and feedback

on the preschool and the curriculum taught here, which many parents agreed with, especially regarding both the spiritual and physical development of the children.

Some of the encouraging feedback included:

- Children can pray long prayers.
- They sing Sunday school songs.
- They can blend letters.
- They identify shapes, colours, etc.
- They speak good English.
- They have grown in maturity and independence.

It was truly encouraging to hear such good comments from the parents.

Pr Gwaibo Badira was our graduation speaker, with the theme 'Sparkling Arrows', taken from the key text Psalm 127:3-4.

We also invited the Nature Park Manager from the Education Division to present the Top Explorers Certificate to the school, as our preschool was selected among the schools that participated in the educational program run by the Nature Park team.

Firstly, I personally, on behalf of my team, want to take this time to thank you all. Pr Mike Groom, his family and the ACC family, thank you for your partnership, support, and prayers throughout this whole year. Without your prayer and support, we could not have finished this year successfully. Again, thank you very much.

Peggy Harupa

ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/channel/UCgBqg4l1yAy_YQQ5c17STow

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NewLifeChristies/

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

CONTACT DETAILS

Office: 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165

Postal: P.O. Box 431, Noarlunga Centre, SA 5168

Email: info@newlifeonline.org.au

Phone: (08) 8384 4814

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

GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: <https://www.newlifeonline.org.au/give/>.
Press the 'Online Giving' button under the first option and follow the next steps.

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.

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