

GROWTH GROUPS

Tuesday @ 1pm> KYB @ Connect Meeting Room
 Tuesday @ 5pm> Senior Youth @ Connect Meeting Room
 Wed @ 6:30pm> @ the Barkers/Raywards (6pm for dinner)
 Wed @ 6pm> @ the Willis' (soup to start!)
 Thurs @ 2pm> @ Connect Hall
 Thurs @ 3:30pm> Christian 12 Step @ Connect Meeting Room
 Thurs @ 6pm> @ the Hatfields
 Friday @ 1pm> Ladies @ the Raywards
 Friday @ 7:30am> Blokes @ the Emporium Cafe (1st & 3rd Friday)

If you would like to **join a Growth Group**, please chat to Jason, Colin or Roy.

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THIS WEEK

Tues	6am - 7am	Glory Days (men's exercise group) @ Connect (meet out the front)
Tues	7:30 - 8:30am	Prayer Group @ Connect Meeting Room
Tues		Connect Youth is on HOLIDAYS
Wed	6am - 7am	Women of Action (walking group) @ Connect (meet out the front)
Wed	9am - 9:30am	Nursing Home Service @ St Francis Aged Care (2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month)
Wed	9:30 - 11am	Connect PLAYGROUP @ Connect (in the old church building)
Wed		Connect KIDS is on HOLIDAYS
Thurs	8am - 10am	Clarence Valley Aboriginal Men's Group (brekky) @ Connect Hall
Sun	8am - 8:45am	Connect MUSIC @ Connect Hall
Sun	8:15 - 8:45am	Prayer Meeting @ Connect Meeting Room
Sun	9am	Family Worship Gathering @ Connect Hall

ROSTER

Date	Preacher	Service Leader	Prayer	Bible Reader	Kids Talk	Welcome	Kids Church	Cleaning	Projector	Sound	Morning Tea	Lawns/Garden
Dec 17 th	Jason	Jason	Jason	Judy	Colin	Connect Kids	Colin & Judy	Connect Kids	Mick	Matt	Caramana + Evelyn	Ken
Dec 24 th	Jason	Pat J	Pat J	Gav	Jason	Joy & Tina	School Holidays	Barkers	Isaac + Jeremiah	Mick	Ladies + Evelyn	Tony

GIVING

Bank: Westpac Bank Grafton

Name: Presbyterian Church Middle Clarence Parish

BSB: 032 537 **Account No:** 751 767

Reference: giving (no names please)

As a church, we pass on at least 10% of giving to local, national and international missions. So, by giving to church, you are also giving to missions.

CONTACT INFO

Pastor: Jason Barker

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(Saturday is Jason's day off)

Elders: Colin Lang & Roy Hatfield

Kids/Youth Workers: Luke & Liz Stanford

WELCOME!

Family Worship Gathering • 9am Sundays

17th December 2017

Our prayer for the church family (and visitors!) in 2017 is that each individual would get to **really know the love of Jesus**, and then **saturate** the community with that same love.

TODAY'S TALK IS ...

"LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WORLD TO COME"



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HOUSEKEEPING

- If your children would like to attend Kids Church (we'd love them to be a part of it!), please send them downstairs with the Kids Church leaders after the Kids Talk.
- For those with little ones, there is a creche room set up downstairs with a change table, toys and space to play. You are also welcome to stay upstairs for the service though, and use the play pen at the back.
- Bathrooms are located through the folding doors, down the back, near the kitchen.

NEWS & EVENTS

- **Kids Church Presentation**
We welcome the Kids Church kids today. We acknowledge their commitment to learn about Jesus in 2018, and give thanks for the commitment of their teachers to tell them about God's project to save us!
- **AFES visit**
We welcome Jenny Bradshaw today. Jenny works with AFES in Darwin and will be sharing with us about her ministry to uni students in the Top End.
- **Christmas Eve Service**
As Christmas Eve this year is on a Sunday, we've decided we won't have a Christmas Day service (on Monday) - we will have a Christmas Eve service instead! 5pm for pancake desserts, followed by a family service. N.B. No morning service on Sunday 24th.
- **Planning Retreat**
On January 19th-20th the leaders of the church will head to Yamba to think through and pray through ministry at Connect Church in 2018. Please be extra prayerful for the church leadership.
- **Church consultancy**
In February 2018, a church consultancy team will be coming to Connect Church (over two consecutive Sundays) to help us consolidate our vision and values. Please be praying for this time of aligning our purposes with the Lord's purposes!

Saturate Discussion...

Have a read of the latest 'Eternity newspaper' (page 3) which graphs the relationship between regularity in God's word and world view (in the case of the article - views on euthanasia). The wash-up is, the more we are in God's word, the more we are influenced by God's word. At a time when God's word is under increasing attack from the secular/atheist world, may we have an assurance of the constancy and truth of His word...and be prepared to share that truth in our community.

Please pray for ...

- Jenny Bradshaw - as she endeavours in 2018 to continue to build relationships and respect with tertiary students, and, God willing, is given the opportunity to speak the Good News of Jesus into the lives of many young Territorians.
- A Christ-centred Christmas - that people across Aussie will pause and remember the birth of the Christ this Christmas season. Prompt Christians to remind Australia that the story of Christmas isn't just about a baby in a manger, it's about the birth of the Saviour of the world!!

TODAY

- Welcome & Notices
- Music - *Jesus, At Your Name*
Overwhelmed By Love
- AFES - Jenny Bradshaw
- Kids Church Presentation
- Kids Talk
- Prayer
- Music (+ offering) - *Purify My Heart*
It Is Well With My Soul
- Bible Reading - Isaiah 65:17 - 66:2
- Message - *Looking Forward To The World To Come*
- Music - *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*
- Close
- Please join us for morning tea!

IN NEED OF SOME PRAYER?

Please remain in the hall after the gathering and one of our church leaders would be delighted to pray with you.

Mission of the Month

Foodcare

Our mission for the month of December is 'local foodcare.' Over this Christmas/New year period may we as individuals and as a church family look to actively practice social care for the needy in our community (and there are plenty of needy individuals/families!!). As per usual, as a church we will collect a food hamper that we will share with the needy. Please feel free to contribute non-perishable food items to this hamper (speak to Shirley for more details).

Ministry of the Month

Hall-User Ministry

Our ministry of the month for December is the ministry towards those that use our hall facility. As a church family let's express a warm welcome and show respect and kindness towards those that use our hall facility. May we also practice being invitational towards these groups; that is, to invite them to things that we have on.

NOTES FROM TODAY'S MESSAGE

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WORLD TO COME ... ISAIAH 65:17 - 66:2

1. Looking forward to _____ 65:17-25

2. Looking forward to _____ 66:1-2