

# Tamborine Mountain Presbyterian Church

'Every member ministry ...

growing to maturity ...

bearing fruit that lasts'

## MARCH 2020

### Dear TMPC Family,

2020 is moving quickly and there are some new initiatives in the church that you would be aware of by now: the Bargain Centre transition being explained this morning at church, and the new weekly Evening Church service which began in February.

Please pray for these new ministry initiatives as they progress into 2020.

On behalf of the church I want to thank all of you who commit your time and energy to the daily work of the church. From working in the kitchen to serving on a committee, leading or hosting a growth group, volunteering at the Bargain Centre, child minding, teaching children and teens, organising music, singing, greeting, media, cleaning, opening up or locking up...and many more 'works of service'. All of these contribute to the maintaining of a local expression of the body of Christ on Tamborine Mountain. Our church building is situated in the middle of North Tamborine and has ministry now reaching to people off the mountain both west and east. This is a challenge and an opportunity for which we need to remain faithful to the gospel as we speak it, and teach it, and share it with those around us.

We meet weekly as God's church to worship him and encourage one another in the faith, as we are reminded in Hebrews 10:24, 'And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,<sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another -and all the more as you see the Day approaching.'

We live in a country that protects our freedom to gather for religious worship. For this we should give thanks. And we should also continue to pray for opportunities (open doors) to publicise that faith through our church ministry and the many conversations that take place through the week in our workplaces and social circles. (If you crunch the numbers there would be a minimum of one thousand conversations a week where we in the church engage with those outside the church!)

**Please pray** for one another so that these opportunities are taken up by us and contribute to the extension and growth of God's church.

*'Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.'* Colossians 4:6

**Pastor Dale**



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## Food Hampers for families in need on the mountain.

We are - on an on going basis - helping families in our community by supplying food hampers, when the need arises.

A container will be located in the foyer of the church where you can donate non-perishable items for families in need.

NB: TMPC bank accounts are now with Suncorp Bank. Direct Deposits can be made into the Church account (Offerings) or into the Building Fund account using the BSB and account numbers below.

NB: Cards with Deposit details can be picked up from the church foyer.

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

If you do not wish to carry cash, Or may be absent from Services, Deposits can be made online (internet banking) Directly into our Church account (Offerings).

**BSB 484-799 A/C No: 167 867 395**

◆ **Building Fund Bank Account** (for Direct Deposits) BSB 484-799 Account #167 867 409



### How does your photo look?

If you would like your photo updated please see Chris Wilson after church .... the photos are used for the church directory and the photo board.

Also, Please notify Chris Wilson of any updated information before the new directory is published in April.

Address  
Phone/Mobile Numbers  
Email



Hello Church Family,

I would like to pass on a heartfelt thank you to all those wonderful people who have supported us over the past weeks since my accident in Brisbane.

The visits, borrowed equipment, cooking, texts, phone calls, odd jobs, best wishes, the plant gift from the church and especially the prayer coverage, are all very much appreciated by Robyn and myself. Thank you so much. Brian Marsh

*Thank You!*



# Introduction to the Cults -

# Invitation

You are invited to an ‘Introduction to the Cults’ class that will run in March. Please see details below.

We will meet for 4 sessions on Wednesday 4, 11, 18, and 25 March, from 6:00 to 7:00pm in the church. All welcome. We will be looking at how to identify the teaching of cults as well as looking at several different cults that are active today.

Contact me if you have any queries. [kdale7@bigpond.com](mailto:kdale7@bigpond.com)

Many thanks, Pastor Dale

## **PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

### **UZBEKISTAN**

Uzbekistan is located in Central Asia and is bordered by Kazakhstan to the west, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan to the east and Afghanistan and Turkmenistan to the south. It is the 57<sup>th</sup> largest nation in the world and was a Soviet socialist republic from 1924 until 1991.

Barnabas Fund has reported that the good news from Uzbekistan is that:-

- Under President Mirziyoyev, who has been in power for 3 years, the pressure of persecution has been considerably less than it used to be. Their country was for a generation the hardest for Christians of all the Central Asian republics.
- It is now legal to own a Bible in their own language, so long as it is one of the copies authorised by the government.
- Court cases against unregistered churches for ‘illegal assembly’ (e.g. gathering for worship or prayer) used to run at about 200 a year, but now it is about 20 a year.
- Legal fines imposed on churches for “illegal assembly” are lower and often cancelled altogether by the higher courts when the churches appeal.
- Registration of church buildings that used to be extremely hard to obtain, are now being granted at the rate of about one a week.

**Thank God** for the changes that have happened in Uzbekistan, but also **pray for** Christians in rural areas who are finding themselves under pressure from local Muslim leaders.

In addition, the growing religious freedom has not extended to making evangelism legal, and the activities of foreign missionaries have been noticed by the government’s Public Council for Religious Affairs, who have announced they will be discussing how to combat missionary work and proselytism.

*Pirjo*

# Friendship Club

Friendship Club will be held on Wednesday, the 11th March, 10am in the church hall.

We will have an informative speaker for this special day.  
If needing transport please phone 5545 1429 or 0422 024 520



## You Are Invited

You are invited to this year's **World Day of Prayer**, featuring the country of \*\*\*\*\* Zimbabwe \*\*\*\*\*

### Where:

Tamborine Mt Baptist church

### When:

Friday, 6th March, 10.00 am

Morning Tea provided.

You can be assured of a special morning of fellowship, prayer and blessings.

More Info: Lynne Brown-Kenyon

0417 726 875

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March 2020

Pray for Zimbabwe

World Day of Prayer

Date: Friday 6th March



Location of local service: Liberty Baptist Church  
48 Keswick Road, Nth Tamborine

Time of local service: 10 am

*Everyone is welcome to attend.*

[worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://worlddayofprayeraustralia.org)

## Missionary Updates - Japan.....

Please keep our 3 Missionary families there in your prayers, in particular, over the coming weeks.

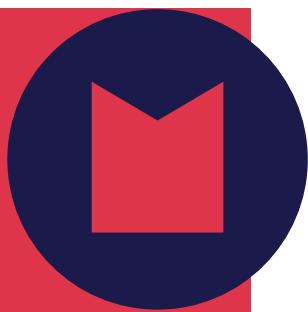
❖ OMF David & Wendy Marshall, Callum Douglas & Jamie

❖ APWM Nathan & Tomaka Stewart, Natan'el & Setsuli

❖ OMF Adam & Helane Ramsay, Leo, Ellie & Albert

NB: The 3page Newsletter, emailed from The Ramay's, arrived early February.

If you are reading the TMPC B&W (hardcopy) Newsletter, then check out the other 2 pages, of colour photos from Japan, that are printed & pinned to the church hall noticeboard.



# CMS

The  
Ramsays  
in Japan

## Diary Dates

- March 25-28 Team Retreat
- March 25 Kids finish the School/Kindy year

## Prayer Points

- Opportunities to read the bible with people
- Answers to people's questions
- Reaching Leo's school friends
- Next steps for schooling

It's February already, the coldest month has rolled around and we feel deeply thankful for the flowers that bother to bloom at this time of year. They help have confidence that despite the chill we're in currently, spring is coming. It's been a while since we've been able to write so I imagine you're keen to hear how your prayers for us have been answered.

On December 21st we started the day by helping out our Japanese friend with her end of year Christmas concert, playing carols, showing our new Christmas movie and hosting a Christmas quiz. We went on to the tree house to be ready to set up for our own Christmas Event. As we waited with our bags it dawned on us that it was quite a cold day compared with the ones we'd been having, and only the very bravest of friends would be bringing their little ones outside in it. Nevertheless we had a good smattering of friends and new faces, and it turns out we couldn't have fit more kids in for the craft anyway.

The band got set up and started playing as night fell. O-chan, a guitarist and pastor from a church in our network introduced the carols, explaining that Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, who Christians celebrate at Christmas. A visitor remarked that the carols made more sense once you understand that. The cold made it hard to play our best (O-chan said "These feel like someone else's fingers!") but that didn't dampen people's enjoyment. We showed the Christmas movie to this group too. Afterwards we hosted a Christmas dinner for some friends from the community. We loved seeing them getting closer to our Christian friends.

The next day Albert came out with chicken pox. Ellie got it at New Years and Leo once school had gone back. Being in quarantine meant that Albert's birthday party was postponed, but it also meant an enforced rest and family time. A quiet Christmas can be a blessing!

The year continued with 'Coming of age' day, Omochitsuki (rice ball pounding) a trip to the seaside, Albert's postponed birthday party and most recently Setsubun. Helane is realizing that the Japanese calendar affords a lot of opportunities to talk about Jesus, if she could only get her head in the game quicker. Friends will ask "Did you go to the temple and pray at New years?" "Do you throw beans to chase out bad luck for Setsubun?" and we get opportunities to express our complete trust in Jesus, and that we can ask for his blessing and protection anywhere and at any time. Pray that we'd be ready to give an answer to these questions.

Helane's friendships at Kindy are developing more quickly now, pray that she'd show lots of love and hospitality, and be ready to say yes to invitations that come up. The kids are finishing up their school year with exams and ceremonies. Pray for Leo especially as he looks to the final year ahead, that he would have opportunities to share his faith with his friends before they all change schools. Pray for us to think with wisdom about his next steps for schooling. Albert is speaking more Japanese now and showing a little more interest in other children.

Thank you for your prayers and support, they're invaluable to us right now.

# An Invitation to Membership

The Session would like to encourage those who worship at TMPC on a regular basis, and support the ministries of the church, but are not currently members, to consider applying for membership. You can do this by calling me 55452041, Chris Wilson 55453508, or by speaking to one of the elders.

There are several aspects of TMPC membership that are important to keep in mind:

1. Membership is based on a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. \*(see questions below)
2. Membership is a mutual agreement between the individual and church; that the individual will make every effort to attend worship regularly, support the church through active participation and willingly submit himself/herself to the biblical/spiritual oversight of the pastor and elders. The pastor and elders are committed to overseeing and nurturing the spiritual life of the members of the church.
3. TMPC is a 'confessional' church which means that it is related to other Presbyterian churches by a 'confession', (the Westminster Confession of Faith). The Pastor and elders vow to uphold the WCF as our church's confession. Members who join the church are encouraged to be familiar with its teachings. (Copies available on internet or call me).
4. Members have the right to vote in both temporal and spiritual matters of the congregation.
5. Those who want to retain membership in another Christian Church or who cannot in good conscience join the Presbyterian Church, yet who want to worship at TMPC regularly and make it their church home, can apply to the Session for Adherent membership.
6. Those who are current members in a Presbyterian Church can have their membership transferred by requesting the Session of TMPC in writing.

Please do not hesitate to ask me in person or by phone any questions you may have regarding church membership.

On Behalf of the session,  
Pastor Dale 5545 2041

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## T.M.P.C. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

1. Do you understand that you are a sinner and have fallen short of the glory of God? (Romans 3:23)
2. Do you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God? (Matthew 16:16)
3. Do you understand that God has demonstrated his love for you by sending his one and only Son to die for your sins? (Romans 5:8; Galatians 2:20; John 3:16)
4. Do you confess Jesus as Lord and do you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead? (Romans 10:9)
5. Do you believe that it is by grace, through faith, you have been saved, and not by works or righteous things you have done? (Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5)
6. Will you strive, by God's grace, to live a holy and godly life as you look forward to the return of the Lord? (Colossians 2:6; 2 Peter 3:11-12)
7. Will you also strive, by God's grace, to bear the fruit of the Spirit, to love your brothers and sisters in the Lord as Christ has loved you, and will you make every effort to (keep the unity of the Spirit) and be at peace with other members of the church? (Ephesians 4:3; Galatians 5:22-26)
8. Do you commit yourself to use the gifts God has given you for the building up of the church? (1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:16)

As the apostle Paul reminds us, “Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people”.  
Ephesians 6:7

## CHURCH ROSTERS

*IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME!  
Or speak to Chris Wilson*

DATES	GREETERS	TAKING UP THE OFFERING	SERVING MORNING TEA
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### MARCH 2020

1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Wilson	Buena & John Waters	Ivor & Kathryn Watt
8 <sup>th</sup>		Mandy Curnow & Ellie Paton	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Wilson		
22 <sup>rd</sup>	Vivien Barton	Vivien Barton & Mandy Curnow	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Vivien Barton	Vivien Barton & Ellie Paton	Carol & Trevor Mok

### APRIL 2020

5 <sup>th</sup>			
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### COMBINED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 10<sup>th</sup>

10 <sup>th</sup>			NO MORNING TEA
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### EASTER SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup>

12 <sup>th</sup>			
19 <sup>th</sup>			
26 <sup>th</sup>			



Glenn Lorimer	1st
Carol Mok	1st
Bev Kerridge	2nd
Huat Ho Lim	2nd
Seth Mugridge	5th
Bernie Sawden	7th
Jackson Campbell	9th
Debbie Williams	9th
Alwyn Horne	11th
Naomi Clements	14th
Lyn Nantes	14th
Ian Shephard	15th
Stefanie Lorimer	21st
Tony Wilson	22nd

# March Birthdays



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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:40am Morning Prayer 9am Worship MSKids and <b>Lord's Supper Night Church 5pm Service</b>	2	3 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Playgroup 9:30am	4 8am-12noon Bargain Centre <b>Intro to Cults 6-7pm</b>	5 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	6 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	7 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
8 8:40am Morning Prayer 9am Worship MSKids  <b>Night Church 5pm Service</b>	9	10 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Playgroup 9:30am	11 8am-12noon Bargain Centre <b>Friendship Club 10am</b> <b>Intro to Cults 6-7pm</b>	12 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	13 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	14 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
15 8:40am Morning Prayer 9am Worship MSKids  <b>Night Church 5pm Service</b>	16	17 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Playgroup 9:30am	18 8am-12noon Bargain Centre <b>Intro to Cults 6-7pm</b>	19 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	20 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	21 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
22 8:40am Morning Prayer 9am Worship MSKids  <b>Night Church 5pm Service</b>	23	24 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Playgroup 9:30am	25 8am-12noon Bargain Centre <b>Intro to Cults 6-7pm</b>	26 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	27 8am-12noon Bargain Centre	28 8am-12noon Bargain Centre
29 8:40am Morning Prayer 9am Worship MSKids  <b>Night Church 5pm Service</b>	30	31 8am-12noon Bargain Centre Playgroup 9:30am	<b>Youth Friday Evenings. Contact:</b> Barry Nicol 0419 667 685 Dave Mugridge 0432 278 138		<b>MAIN STREET YOUTH</b>	
						<b>April Newsletter DEADLINE</b> 1st April, Wed Night