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Momentum is the monthly magazine of our church featuring articles, news, information, stories and other happenings for the month.

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welcome

Welcome to the February issue of our Momentum monthly magazine, containing everything you need to know about what's happening at church this month.

2012 has commenced and I hope that everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Years break. For those who have been on holidays I hope you have returned refreshed and ready to go for a new year ahead. Kelly, the kids and I had a great break, even though we stayed around home for the bulk of it. I feel energised and ready to embrace the wonderful opportunities before us as a church.

The year has kicked off hard and fast with the new renovations at our Belmont Church site. Our Sunday School (Go Kids) children haven't had their own room for at least 20 years. The Auxiliary hall has doubled as a fellowship room and children's room for most of this time. We are so pleased that we have been able to make the space necessary to give the children their own room and to also create a new, modern crèche facility. This is all in keeping with our vision that we presented last year at "The Gathering" where we shared the four key ministry areas of focus that we will implement over this year and beyond. You can see some early photos of the renovations on page 20 and an overview of our four ministry focus areas on page 17.

We have a wonderful treat this month with Dr

Barry Chant coming to our Belmont church between the 10th -12th February. This will be a great time to come and sit under some inspiring and seasoned teaching from God's Word on the theme of "Empowered by the Spirit." You can see the meetings we have organised for Dr Chant, and some information about him, on page 14.

Also, I want to bring to your attention our "NASINU PROJECT" in Fiji. We have just received the long-awaited building permit allowing us to commence building our Preschool and Teacher Training building in Suva. We have organised a Charity Golf event to help raise funds for this project which will be held at Curlewis Golf Course on February 24th. Please refer to page 26 to find out more on the Nasinu Project and page 27 for more info about the Charity Golf Day.

There is so much more I could say but I will let you read for yourselves. The Momentum Magazine is vital for us as a Church to communicate information about what is happening across the three sites. Can I encourage you to take the time to read through it and familiarise yourself with the happenings of our church throughout this month of February.

Cheers
Mike

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first time visitors



If you are visiting our church, you are especially welcome! We hope that you will feel included and cared for, whether you are here for one service, or looking for a spiritual home.

new contact details



Have your contact details changed since the last contact list was published? If so, please fill out a new contact list form, available on the info desk. Please note, if your contact details have not changed since the last contact list, there is no need to fill out a new form.

church website



Check out our website for the church at www.wpcc.com.au and don't forget to tell anyone you know who is looking for a church

church facebook

If you are on Facebook, check out the **Waurn Ponds Community Church** page.

Become a fan today!

account details

We have opened a new Church bank account with Westpac where all direct credits can now be deposited. For those who give electronically can you please take note of the new account details. We will keep the old account open for a little while to allow time for everyone to make the adjustment. The new account details are as follows:

For Tithes / Offerings and Missions
Waurn Ponds Community Church Inc
BSB: 033 208
Account Number: 29 6219

We also accept Eftpos & Credit Card (Visa & Mastercard) payments.



“Plugging into God’s POWER!”

This year we will be continuing to pursue God in prayer. Prayer is simply a way of putting ourselves in touch with the life-changing power of God in our lives. We need the power of God!

We are excited to make prayer a vital part of this year’s focus. Prayer is the tool that God has given us to use against the disorder in our lives, in our communities, in our country and in the world. We will continue to have our monthly combined prayer meeting at Belmont (3rd Tuesday of each month) We would like to make this day a day of prayer and fasting.

Our combined monthly prayer meeting commences again in February. We will be holding the combined prayer meeting on Tuesday 21st February, at 7.30pm in the Belmont auditorium. So please put this date into your calendar.

St Augustine once said; “Do you wish your desire to fly toward God? If so, then give it two wings, prayer and fasting!”

When prayer and fasting are working together as one, as a combined effort: then this is the ‘catalyst that WILL change the IMPOSSIBLE into the POSSIBLE!’ Fasting intensifies God’s people to pray. A man or woman who prays when partaking in a fast gives heaven notice that they are very serious about their petitions. Fasting will provide us with the key to unlock doors where other keys have failed.

A lot of us would question the reason for needing to fast. Here are seven reasons why fasting is necessary:

1. To humble ourselves before God.
2. Fasting intensifies our desire to pray.
3. Fasting helps us receive greater insight and revelation from God.
4. To worship and honour God.
5. To develop self-discipline.
6. To intercede on behalf of others.
7. To fast for special needs or to request God’s divine intervention.

Getting a Grip on our Stress

Stress is caused by a combination of emotions in response to circumstances such as worry, guilt, fear, bitterness, anger, tension or anxiety. All these emotions are fuelled by our thinking. That’s why the Bible says if we want to deal with stress, we’ve got to change the way we think. So, how can we lower our stress?

The Bible says that when we’re in compromising situations we need to...

Do the right thing.

Proverbs 10:9 (nlt) People with integrity have a firm footing, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall.

Trust in God for our future.

Proverbs 23:17-18 (tlb) Don’t envy evil men but continue to reverence the Lord all the time, for surely you have a wonderful future ahead of you.

Isaiah 49:4 (nlt) I leave it all in the Lord’s hand; I will trust God for my reward.

The Bible says that when we’re in conflicting situations we need to...

Change our focus when we are in conflict.

Philippians 2:3-6 (nlt) Don’t be selfish... Be humble.... Don’t think only about your own affairs, be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not demand and cling to His rights.

Watch our words.

Ephesians 4:29-32 (nlt) Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement ... Get rid of all bitterness,

rage, anger, harsh words, and slander... Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you

The Bible says that when we’re in a competing situation we need to...

Stop comparing.

Galatians 6:4 (tlb) Let everyone be sure to do his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work done well, and won’t need to compare himself with someone else.”

Remember God’s unconditional love.

Romans 5:8 (nlt) But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners

There’s no doubt many of us can become stressed at life’s situations. Dealing with that stress is so important and to deal with it quickly, sounds hard but we can as we embrace what the Bible says, “Cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for you.” God will care for us if we will trust Him.

Not only do we need to trust in God to care for us, we also need the people of God around us to support us through our stressful time. That is why as a church we believe that our Small Group Ministry is vital. To be part of a close knit small group of people who love you and who will support is vital to help us journey out of our stressful time. Can I encourage you to get into a small group with other Christians who can support and show God’s love. We need people who care for us to help us through the stresses of life. If you are interested in being part of one of our small groups, you will find all the information you need on pages 6-7 of the Momentum.

Cheers, Mike



group life



A New Year....and a new opportunity to discover how good it is to share in a Small Group in 2012. Small Groups are great! Our Sunday church services are good times for celebrating together, but during the week we have around 70-100 people sharing in 14 small groups currently running across our three church locations. To make close friends and feel like you 'belong', you need to check out one of our small groups

A 'Life Group' is an ideal way for you to grow spiritually & learn alongside others. We can all benefit from hearing the viewpoints of other believers as we study what God has said in His Word. We learn to appreciate that it's OK for others to hold differing opinions to us. We begin to accept ourselves more, and judge others less. As we connect with others in a group, we gain confidence to share some of our life struggles and fears, as well as sharing our successes and our sense of humour! The Lord will use other group members to love & care for you, and you can return that love and care in practical ways.

There are a few changes in Life Group leaders and locations for 2012. And ideas underway for more groups to open up. So now is a good time to consider which group

you will attend in 2012. Check out the list of groups on the opposite page. Find the 'Sign Up' sheets on display, and commit to join. I am always available to help you find a group where you feel you fit best.

In February we are starting a great series of group discussions on the Gospel of John, stirring up faith in Jesus.

In March our Life Groups will support the week of special meetings with visiting Evangelist Johnny Lee Clary.

On the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month in 2012, our Geelong groups will all combine with the whole church to pray & seek God. Good things will come from these times, as we sensitise ourselves to hear and respond to the Holy Spirit.

Come and pray for God to touch you in a fresh way!

If you haven't joined a Life Group yet, 2012 brings you a new year and a new opportunity!

Phone the leader to let them know you will be coming.

There are some really great people waiting for you, so.... get connected!

small group meetings

OUR SMALL GROUPS are modelled after the early New Testament home churches. In Acts 2, Christians gathered together in homes for the purpose of studying scripture, prayer and caring for one another and growing together.

Mondays

WOMEN'S GROUP
Leader: Glenda Pedler & Janiece Hannah
Location: Whittington
Glenda: 0429469501
Janiece: 0411186104
Time: 10.00am & 1.00pm

Tuesdays

Leader: Scott & Kylie Fuller
Location: Waurn Ponds
Phone: 0438 324 675
Time: 7.30pm

Leader: Pr Mike Groom
Location: Wandana Heights
Phone: 0400 560 501
Time: 7.30pm

Leader: Gordon & Kaye Johnston
Location: Grovedale
Phone: 5241 5252
Time: 7.30pm

YOUNG ADULTS
Leader: Jason Harper
Location: Marshall
Phone: 0408 622 455
Time: 7.30pm

**YOUNG ADULTS
BANNOCKBURN**
Leader: Steve & Cass Abram
Location: Bannockburn / Hamlyn Heights
Phone: 5278 8621
Time: 7.30pm

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Leader: Chris & Claire Grinter
Luke & Sam Mihail
Location: WPCC, Belmont
Claire: 0430 389 700
Sam: 52432567
Time: 7.30pm

MEN'S GROUP
Leader: James Murrant
Location: Grovedale
Phone: 0412 430 231
Time: 7.45pm

Wednesdays

BANNOCKBURN GROUP
Leader: John Challis
Location: Bannockburn
Phone: 5264 5175
Time: 7.30pm

**YOUTH GROUP
BANNOCKBURN**
Leader: Isaac & Emily Challis
Location: Bannockburn
Phone: 0407 041 497
Time: 7.00pm

PRAYER GROUP
Leader: Jim & Sylvia Blacksell
Location: Belmont
Phone: 5243 5882
Time: 7.30pm

Thursdays

Leader: Alan & Leanne Harkness
Location: Grovedale
Phone: 5243 6023
Time: 7.30pm

WOMEN'S GROUP
Leader: Lorraine Daly
Location: Grovedale
Phone: 0409 023 148
Time: 7.30pm

BENDIGO GROUP
Leader: Nathan & Lydia Poloso
Location: Momentum Christian Centre, Bendigo
Phone: 0430 343 064
Time: 7.30pm

Paul Morgan Small Groups

Pr Paul Morgan is our Small Groups Leader and is the man to talk to if you are interested in joining or hosting a small group.
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for the ladies



WHAT WILL 2012 BRING?

To the Chinese, 2012 is the Year of the Dragon.

To the United Nations, 2012 is the Year of Cooperation.

Here in Australia, some see 2012 as the Year of the Farmer while others see it as the Year of Reading.

What about us? What will we embrace in 2012?

For Amity, I would like 2012 to be a Year of Encouragement.

Why? Because we all need encouragement.

Struggling to know how to keep toddlers occupied? Finding it hard to keep your sanity while coping with teenagers? Need help to stretch the budget or maintain a good relationship with your husband through the changing phases of marriage? Lonely and need someone to laugh with and pray with?

If so, you need some encouragement.

In 2012 let's accept one another - old or young, new Christians or pillars of the church, all personality types, all backgrounds - and let's encourage each other in our faith, and help one another to enjoy the journey.

As the scripture says: "All praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the source of every mercy and the God who comforts us. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

So, why not come along to the Amity events this year. You'll make new friends, enjoy plenty of laughs, learn something more about walking with our Lord, and, above all, you'll be encouraged.

Lyn Morgan



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FATHERHOOD

A father is the first male in a child's life, and dads have a mandate and a responsibility, through the way they relate to their children, to give manhood a good name. A good father will consistently demonstrate the qualities of a balanced and inspiring example of fatherhood. Men tend to see themselves as providers, protectors, heroes, mentors, sportsmen and lovers. These, in themselves, are great qualities but the greatest legacy a man can leave in the world is not so much a great business or name,

MEN'S BREKKY

On Saturday 25th February we will be having a Men's Brekky at Belmont with our special guest, former Australian Test Cricketer, Ian Redpath. Ian will no doubt be entertaining as he shares his life and sporting experiences. This is one not too miss and a great opportunity to invite a mate or two to come along for a great morning.

Brekky starts at 8.00 and will be finished by 9.30am. Cost is \$5 each for a good old fashion bloke-sized hot brekky.



but a 'living' investment in the future, through loving, stable, and healthy children.

Think spot: Parents are the ultimate 'people-builders'. The expectations parents have on their children, the skills you teach them, and the values you model for them will be the bricks and mortar of great future citizens.

MEN'S SMALL GROUP

Tuesday 7.45pm

Location: Grovedale

Leader: James Murrant

Contact: 0412430231



This month our children's ministry is commencing a new series, "FOLLOW YOU!"

This is a large group/small group Children's Ministry Curriculum for children from 5 to 12 years of age, that will ultimately lead children to grow up and boldly and unashamedly proclaim who Jesus is! The goal is to take the children on a journey to be Devoted to Jesus... Devoted to Prayer, Devoted to His Word and Devoted to His Church.

February's Theme: Devoted to Prayer

Big Word: " This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15.



Belmont

Week 1 - BIG IDEA: THE GREATEST CONVERSATION
BIG POINT: I can talk to God as my friend

Week 2 - BIG IDEA: COPYCAT
BIG POINT: I can follow the example of Jesus when I pray

Week 3
BIG IDEA: OPERATION P.R.A.Y
BIG POINT: Prayer is talking and listening to God

Week 4
BIG IDEA: POWER PACKED
BIG POINT: My prayers are powerful and effective

Bannockburn

Week 1 & 2 - BIG IDEA: THE GREATEST CONVERSATION
BIG POINT: I can talk to God as my friend

Week 3 & 4 - BIG IDEA: COPYCAT
BIG POINT: I can follow the example of Jesus when I pray

Belmont Go Kids

Ben and Naomi Bliss are leaders for Go Kids at Belmont.



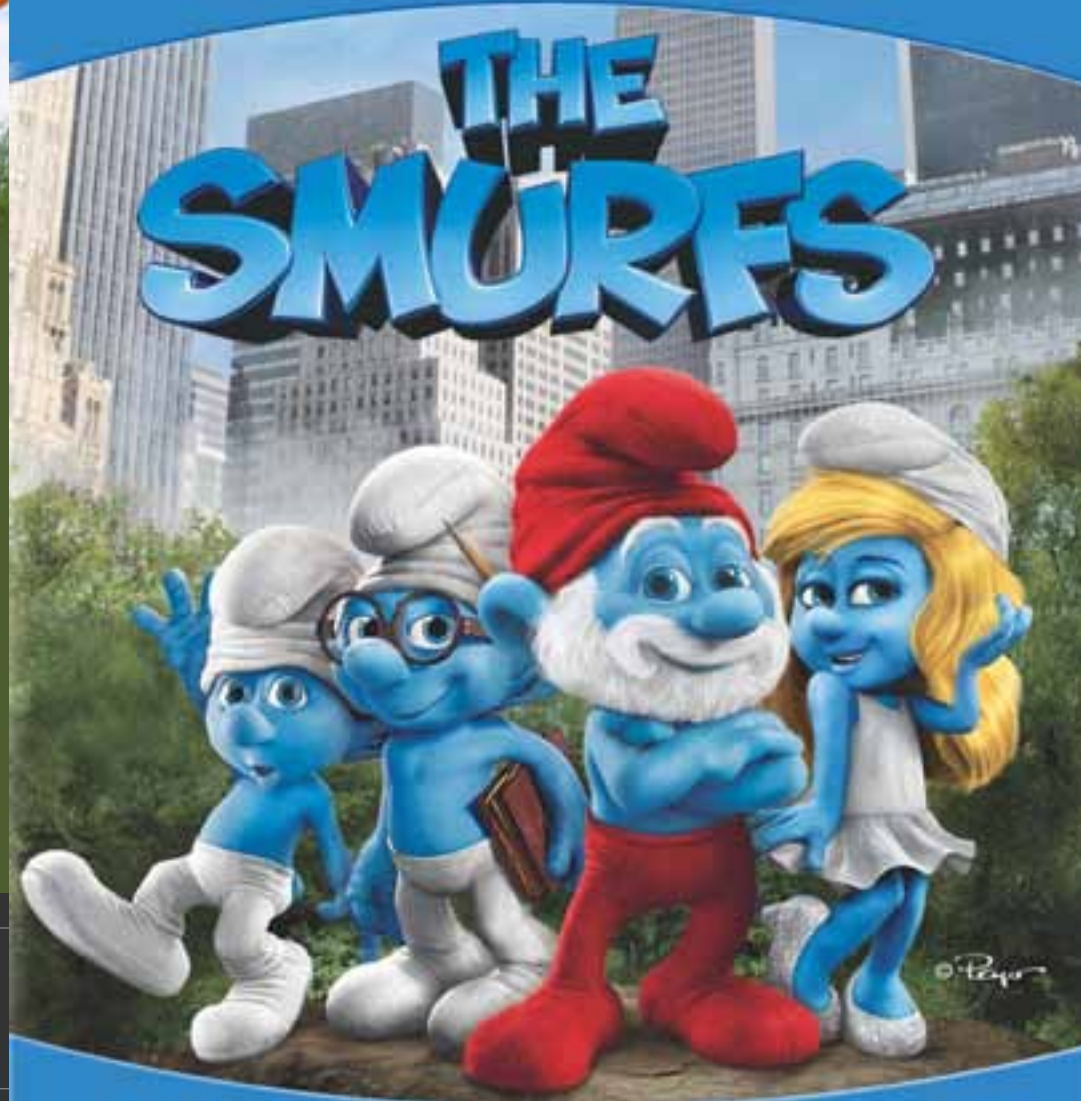
Bannockburn Go Kids

Heather Challis is the leader for Go Kids at Bannockburn.

For all primary school children

When: Saturday 25th February from 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Where: Belmont Church, 48 Waurvale Drive, Belmont.



Popcorn and Drinks are available for \$1 each
Kids, bring your bean bags!!!!

junior youth



FOR GRADES 4, 5 AND 6

FRIDAY 10th February

Dessert and Games night

At Belmont Church from 7.30pm – 9.00pm
\$3 each

MOVIE NIGHT

For all primary school children

When: **Saturday 25th Feb** from 6.30 – 8.30pm

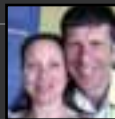


Where: Belmont Church, 48 Waurvale Drive, Belmont.

\$1 for popcorn, \$1 for Drinks
Kids, bring your bean bags!!!!

Junior Youth

Glen and Kim Thomas are leaders for our Junior Youth at Belmont.



Junior Youth

Mike and Kelly Groom are leaders for our Junior Youth at Belmont.



young people

belmont

TUESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Movie Night at Church

When: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Where: Belmont Church Site

Featuring the movie "To Save a Life."

This powerful film addresses the challenges and choices of teens as they seek to navigate through life's peaks and pitfalls. It's main message is that we are never more like Jesus than when we reach out to those who are lonely and hurting.



combined activity

FOR BANNOCKBURN AND BELMONT

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

Eastern Beach Games and Dessert night

Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm

Where: Pick up and drop off at Eastern Beach

Meet at the kid's pool

Cost: \$3 each

Bring your bathers and towel if the weather is nice

small group

HELP TEENS MAKE WISE CHOICES!



This six week series is based on the movie "To Save A Life." In the Life Choices series, we will deal with critical issues like peer pressure, sexual temptation, family conflicts and lukewarm faith. Even though these are difficult topics, the series will help our teenagers learn how to handle life's trials and follow Jesus by reaching out to the people around them.

BELMONT YOUTH STUDY GROUP (weekly)

At Church from 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Tuesday 7th Feb - "To Save A Life Movie"

Theme: This powerful film addresses the challenges and choices of teens as they seek to navigate through life's peaks and pitfalls.

Tuesday 14th Feb

Theme: Life Is Tough - In the face of life's trials, will you give up...or grow up?

Tuesday 21st Feb

Theme: Family Issues - Find help and godly wisdom for handling family issues and conflicts.

Tuesday 28th Feb

Theme: Friend Issues - Resist peer pressure and have a life-changing influence on others.

BANNOCKBURN YOUTH STUDY GROUP (fortnightly)

At Isaac and Emily Challis' home at 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Wednesday 8th Feb - "To Save A Life Movie"

Theme: This powerful film addresses the challenges and choices of teens as they seek to navigate through life's peaks and pitfalls.

Wednesday 22nd February

Theme: Life Is Tough - In the face of life's trials, will you give up...or grow up?

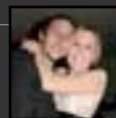
Belmont Young People

Chris and Claire Grinter are leaders for our Young People at Belmont.



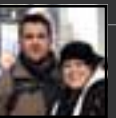
Bannockburn Young People

Isaac and Emily Challis are the leaders for our Young People at Bannockburn.

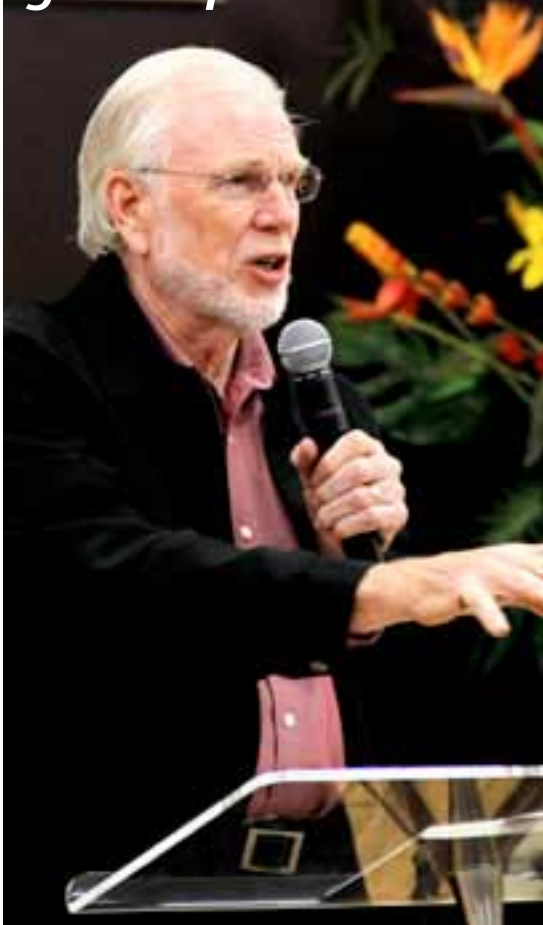


Belmont Young People

Luke and Sam Mihail are leaders for our Young People at Belmont.



guest speaker dr barry chant



We are honoured and privileged to have Dr Barry Chant come and minister on the weekend of February 11-12. Dr Chant will speak at a teaching seminar on Saturday 11th on the theme "EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT." He will continue this theme in both the Sunday morning and evening services on the 12th February at the Belmont church-site. Mark this exciting weekend in your calendar!

Dr Barry Chant has dabbled in many things. He likes to call himself a Christian latitudinarian—someone whose interests range over a wide spectrum. Whatever he says or does, it is always biblical, usually practical and sometimes controversial!

He has a prophetic teaching style and an ability to take profound, biblical truths and present them in a simple, memorable way. He has written over twenty books, ranging from theology to church history to family life and children's stories. Hundreds of thousands of his books have been sold around the world in several languages.

He has degrees in arts, theology and ministry, a diploma in education and a PhD in history. He has over 50 years experience in pastoral and educational ministry. He has been an ordained minister in the CRC Churches Int since 1962, was founding president of Tabor College, a multi-denominational Christian Education Centre with campuses in Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and Hobart and served as senior pastor of the Wesley International Congregation in Sydney for eight years. For Barry and his wife Vanessa, their greatest achievement is their marriage of over five decades and their greatest pride lies in their three adult children, and their marriage partners, and their twelve grandchildren.

EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Saturday 11th February @ Belmont.

7.00pm – 9.00pm

Includes two 45 minutes teaching sessions by Dr Chant and supper.

Cost \$5 per person.

Please note that we will be taking up an offering in both of the services at Belmont on the Sunday to bless Dr Chant for his ministry.

guest speaker johnny lee clary



We are in for a life changing experience when Johnny Lee Clary from the USA visits our churches in March next year.

Johnny Lee will be with us from Monday 12th to Sunday 18th March and we are looking forward to this week as we reach out to our surrounding communities with the gospel as Johnny ministers his amazing story.

Johnny Lee Clary learned to hate at a very young age. He was raised in a family filled with racism, anger, and bigotry.

As a young teenager, after his father committed suicide and his mother abandoned him, Johnny found himself alone and looking for someplace to belong.

At 14 he was seduced by the teachings of the notorious David Duke and the Ku Klux Klan, and he joined the organization.

Johnny went on to spend 16 years in the Klan, finally in the 1980's, being elected to the very top: Imperial Wizard (national head) of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, a branch that originated in Mississippi and was considered to be the most dreaded Klan faction in history.

As the Klan's national leader, it was hoped by the KKK that Johnny could change the image of the Klan, by attracting new members through his many appearances on such television programs as The Oprah Winfrey Show, The Morton Downey, Jr. Show, and others, where Johnny advocated, supported, and defended racism. But then, the destructive mindset and lifestyle he had lived for so many years began to take its toll.

Johnny began to struggle with the beliefs of the Klan (such as their praise of the Holocaust where 6 million Jewish people were slaughtered), and the fact that Nazis and Skinheads were now associating with the KKK and committing crimes which included all sorts of Civil Rights violations - including murder - which Johnny disagreed with.

Riddled with torment, angered over a false arrest in Tennessee on a weapons charge, disgusted with internal bickering between the various white supremacist organizations, under investigation by the F.B.I. as well as the United States Secret Service, seeing people close to him being hauled off to prison, and the final straw, the discovery that his girlfriend was an informant for the FBI, Johnny Lee left the Klan.

Over the next year he found himself derailed by personal issues, losing all of his friends, and struggling just to make an honest living.

These challenges, combined with his feelings of guilt over the life of violence, prejudice, and hatred he had lived for so long, led Johnny to near depression.

On the verge of committing suicide one night, he started reading the Bible and cried out to God to deliver him from his nightmarish existence. God answered Johnny's plea for help. He received a job the very next day and began attending church the following weekend. Johnny dedicated his life to Christ. Johnny began to study the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program where former drug addicts are sent to schools to share their stories of how drugs almost destroyed their lives but then how they were able to get drug free and turn their lives of near destruction into victory.

In the early 90's Johnny developed Operation Colorblind, Inc., using the same tactics as D.A.R.E. From that point on, Johnny Lee has used his life, his experiences, and his near destruction to help others leave the same hate-fueled, evil path that he had walked for so long. Every year thousands of school children around the world benefit from Johnny Lee Clary's highly acclaimed motivational talks that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in racism, drugs, gangs, and violence.

In 1995 Johnny was appointed by Roy Ennis to serve in the Congress of Racial Equality, and is a lifetime member of C.O.R.E. Since then, he has spoken at innumerable Universities, High Schools and churches, and has been a featured speaker for The U.S. Armed Forces, The N.A.A.C.P. Youth Alive and Teen Challenge. He lectures for the FBI and other law enforcement agencies, educating officers on the mindset of white supremacists and how to best fight against domestic terrorism.

Johnny is not only an ordained minister but also an ordained Elder under the Church Of God In Christ, America's largest African American denomination with over 6 million members and has submitted his ministry to their covering (under Bishop George D. McKinney who serves on the national board of the COGIC).

We are excited to present our new Bible training program commencing in the 2nd term of this year; MOMENTUM TRAINING COLLEGE. One of our Ministry Focus area is teaching and discipleship. We have designed Momentum Training College to help facilitate this area of ministry. A prospectus for the school will be available in mid-February. However, if you are interested in finding out more about the courses we have on offer, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Mike at the Administration office on 52411160.

Momentum Training College affirms the following values for ministry training;

Christ

All teaching will be centred in Christ: seeking to bring students into a Christ-like life and thought process.

Community

Student's training will be worked out in their daily life in their various communities; family, church, society, and the broader community of the world.

Character

Building strong character will be the goal of all training, not just an accumulation of knowledge.

Calling

Calling will be observed, developed, and proven within the training process.

Competency

Competency is demonstrated by practical, hands-on training in the immediate context of the local church and community.

Our Courses

Audit / Personal Development Level

At this level, only the course material is provided. This course is for students who wish to train and who do not wish to gain accreditation.

Accreditation Level

Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology

This comprises the teaching/training material of the Standard Level, plus tools developed by New Beginnings Ministry Training Institute that will assist in training students for accreditation.

Christian Leaders Internship (Accredited) (Diploma in Christian Ministry and Theology)

As a local church, we are intentional about developing effective and trained leaders who are well balanced to lead others in life and ministry. Candidates will be invited to take part in the 3-year Momentum Training College (MTC) Leaders Internship programme. This is a formal, intentional programme whereby the Local Church Leadership Team place a high importance on equipping and releasing people with a Ministry/Service Gift into leadership within the Local Church and the wider CRC Churches International movement.

For more information and to order a Perspective contact Pastor Mike Groom on 52411160 or email mike@wpcc.com.au

one church in three locations



our four pillars of ministry focus

We have been able to identify four pillars of strength that have held our church and our ministries together throughout our history.

Ministry Focus ONE Power of God and Prayer.

Ministry Focus TWO Missions and Outreach.

Ministry Focus ONE Children and Youth.

Ministry Focus TWO Teaching and Discipleship.

As we re-align ourselves to these four pillars we pray for a greater measure of God's strength and influence in our life and ministry as a church.

whittington update

During December last year we were in discussions with Warren and Wendy Gibson in regards to the Sunday morning meeting held at Whittington. In our discussions it was apparent that Warren and Wendy

were no longer in the position to continue to carry the responsibility of running the meeting. Due to their ever-increasing mid-week ministry to people and their own ongoing training for employment, it was time to reassess things. We needed to find another ministry couple, with a team of people (including Warren and Wendy), to take on this responsibility. Another CRC pastor was approached to consider this as a non-salaried position however, he and his family were not ready to relocate so early in 2012. As a result we have suspended our Sunday meeting at Whittington until such time that we have an experienced ministry team, including musicians, to take on this responsibility. We have encouraged everyone from Whittington to attend Belmont and most have started to integrate into the life of the church there. However, because of the change of location a few have found other churches to go to.

On behalf of our Eldership team, we want to thank Warren and Wendy for the outstanding commitment and effort that they have shown and for their ongoing commitment to the Whittington area. They are a fantastic couple and we will undoubtedly see their leadership develop and their input into the life of our church grow, both in Belmont and Whittington, as they continue in the mid week activities and programs.

Blessings,

Pastor Mike



Service Times
 Sunday 10.00am
 Sunday 6.30pm

Location
 48 Waurvale Drive
 Belmont

COMMITMENT – Putting Down Roots

True community has to be intentional and nurtured. Intentional community is a core responsibility of being an active member of a church family. The Bible states that creating authentic community is a spiritual 'discipline.' It takes a conscious decision to create a supportive, vibrant and close community with others. Read Hebrews 10:23-25 (niv)

Let us hold unswervingly

Life seems to be designed to knock us off our faith. To keep us from making consistent steady progress in our relationship with God. Even the most seasoned and experienced Christian can stray off course. Life has no favourites

What is the key to not swerving off course?

Hebrews 10:23 (msg) So let's do it - full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps His word.

A key to not swerving is standing firm in God, knowing that as we trust in Him, He will help guide us and keep us on track.

Belmont Leaders
 Pr Mike & Kelly Groom
 p. 5241 1160



Spurring one another on

A western cowboy would use the spurs on the back of his boots to motivate a reluctant horse to ride forward or to turn left or right. The spurs were used as an encouragement. They were used as a motivational technique that helps keep the horse focussed. We are to spur one another on ... but onto what?

Hebrews 10:24 (niv) let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

We are to encourage one another, even to prod and poke each other forward so that together we make steady progress in our relationship with God whilst doing good.

Intentional community is deciding to put down roots.

We need to be committed into a church family where we can be a part of an authentic community.

We will have a much better chance when life throws us a curve ball to stay on track and not swerving all over the place when we are in a life giving circle of friends that care for us.

This is what being in community is all about. Opening ourselves up to another's gentle poking and prodding. Allowing those close to us and who care for us to speak into our lives helping us to stay on track. Some people fail to commit to put their roots down into a church – because of



Service Times
 Sunday 10.00am

Location
 Pope Street
 Bannockburn

accountability.

Mutual encouragement is one way how God designed us to grow. We need others – and others need us!

We are spurred on to love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24 (niv) let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

This is the goal of intentional community – to love and to do good deeds for others. God never designed us to live life in isolation but in community. Nor is our faith meant to be isolated or private. Whilst our relationship with God is personal – the outworking of our Christian life is to be public.

Living in isolation is a recipe for swerving off course

Bannockburn Leaders
 John & Heather Challis
 p. 5264 5175



Service Times
 Sunday 10.00am

Location
 194 Eaglehawk Road
 Long Gully

Hebrews 10:25 (niv) Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

We need to be interlocked with one another in community to be able to withstand the enormous weight and pressure life forces upon us.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Genuine loving relationships provide the care that people need and the context in which life transformation can take place.

Will you commit to putting down your spiritual roots into our church family?

Bendigo Leaders
 Pr Nathan & Lydia Poloso
 p. 0430 343 064





In keeping with our four pillars of ministry focus, one of which is Children and Youth, we have undertaken some renovations at Belmont so our children's programmes can be better accommodated and extended.

Matthew 19:13-15

Some children were brought to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. The disciples told them not to bother him. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." And he put his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

JESUS WELCOMED THE LITTLE CHILDREN

To Jesus no-one was unimportant. Children were never a nuisance to Jesus. Jesus was never too tired or too busy to give Himself to anyone who needed Him, especially children. It has been over 20 years since our Sunday School (GO KIDS) at Belmont has had their own room. With the recent renovations, we have made that happen. We have also revamped our office area and have created space for a new modern crèche/playgroup room as well.

We want to thank everyone for the fantastic effort they have given. Thank you so much to the large number of people who have donated their time and talents to this venture. You are ALL truly appreciated. We really do have a great church and this is so evident when we pull together for the things of God. Well done!



ONE VOICE

1 Corinthians 12:13 *For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*

2 Chronicles 5:13 *The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the Lord was filled with a cloud.*

Recently I was thinking about worship and the phrase 'with one voice'. Immediately the above two verses came to mind. Since we all are baptized by one Spirit into one body and are given one Spirit to 'drink,' wouldn't it be wonderful to worship together under one Spirit with one voice, each heart lifted up, focused

on the Lord Jesus Christ in unity? This kind of worship would provide a wonderful testimony - the testimony of Jesus. Then those around us would say, "Truly the love for the Father and the Son are in this place."

1 Chronicles 16:8-11 *Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.*

Let's continue to raise our voices together in one mind and one accord for the soul purpose of glorifying the one who saved us by grace.

Bruce Walker.

sunday sessions



Sunday Sessions is back in 2012

Every Sunday night at 6.30pm Sunday Sessions is on at Belmont. Sunday Sessions is something that is relevant not only to the Christian but also meaningful to someone coming to church for the first time. We want to keep the content relaxed, relevant and interesting and create an environment that people will want to invite their friends to. We aim to present Biblical truth by using the Arts that connect with everyday life, creating experiences that bring people heart-to-heart with God. As we will not be recommencing the Sunday night Bible Studies this year, we will now be blessed to hear some pearls of wisdom from some of our wiser, older people as they bring the Scriptures alive.

facebook

Sunday Sessions has a page on Facebook. Go to Groups and search for 'Sunday Sessions' to keep up to date with upcoming events and news.

health & fitness

Top 5 Health Factors

The top five health factors that age your body are:

- smoking
- high blood pressure
- diabetes
- obesity
- inactivity

These are all integrated factors that are driven by the lifestyle choices we make. Luckily, regular exercise can help take care of four of these, and if you don't smoke, you'll be better able to exercise. The payoff for investing in healthy lifestyle choices is huge and it's never too late to begin.

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momentum global missions



Momentum Global

Our World Missions Ministry is called Momentum Global. We are now in the process of creating a Missions Action Team (M.A.T.) to oversee our World Missions Ministry (see adjacent article). Following are the objectives of Momentum Global.

Momentum Global Ministry Objectives

1. To train and equip men and women for ministry service.
2. To train church planters and provide financial and ongoing ministry support for new church plants.
3. To provide hope, relief and quality of life for the poor and disadvantaged through projects that provide education in:
 - Medical Assistance
 - Health Care
 - Clean Water, Hygiene and Sanitation
4. To establish, support and maintain:-
 - Local Community Development Centre's for the purpose of providing vocational and ministry training.
 - Medical Centres
 - Support for children at risk
 - Pre Schools
5. To devise and implement programs that promote self sufficiency by providing financial support for farming and small businesses.

Momentum Global Missions Action Team (M.A.T.)

Over the next month we want to create a Missions Action Team across our four church sites to help in overseeing and implementing our Momentum Global Missions program as described above.

The main tasks and responsibilities of the Missions Action Team are to -

- Elevate the Church's awareness of the Biblical basis for World Missions and the need for world evangelisation.
- Educate and inspire the congregation about world missions
- Train and deploy missionary candidates to the fields.
- Stimulate and maintain prayer for the fields and workers with whom the church is involved.
- Care for the missionaries sent from our church and those whom we support on the fields.
- Oversee an annual Missions Conference.
- Prepare the annual missions budget and organise the raising of these funds.
- Oversee four Missions Focus Sundays throughout the year.
- Update and maintain the Momentum Global Missions webpage.
- Process and communicate all correspondence to and from the fields.
- Promote missions throughout our four church sites.

Would you like to enlist in the Missions Action Team? If so, contact Pastor Mike and express your interest.

monthly giving

| | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|
|  | AUSTRALIA | |
| Foundation 61 | | \$150.00 |
| Pr Nathan Poloso | | \$600.00 |
| Pr Barry Silverback | | \$250.00 |
| WPCC Teams | | \$150.00 |
|  | PAPUA NEW GUINEA | |
| Bethel Centre | | \$350.00 |
|  | THAILAND | |
| Grace Home | | \$140.00 |
| Preschool Staff Salaries & Supplies | | \$695.00 |
| Leaders Teaching Schools | | \$200.00 |
|  | MYANMAR | |
| Leaders Teaching Schools | | \$200.00 |
|  | SRI LANKA | |
| Children's Home | | \$300.00 |
| Bible School | | \$120.00 |
|  | SOLOMON ISLANDS | |
| Asasai Family | | \$180.00 |
|  | PHILIPPINES | |
| Feeding Programme | | \$300.00 |
|  | FIJI | |
| Yagomates | | \$300.00 |
| Preschools | | \$570.00 |
| Pastor Samson Jeet | | \$80.00 |
| Navua Church | | \$100.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$4635.00 |



If you haven't already noticed, there is a Church Book Stall at our Belmont Church Site. We are participating in the Word Bookstore Church Consignment Program. We believe this is an excellent means of providing Christian material to church people who may not visit a Christian book shop regularly.

Word Bookstore provide us with stock for sale at our church book stall 'on consignment'. Basically, we choose which products we wish to sell over a calendar month and what is left unsold is returned to Word bookstore.

Brian Weeks is our Book stall manager and all funds raised go towards our Missions programme. We offer EFTPOS and Credit Card facilities for your convenience, however there will be a surcharge of 2% if payment is by Credit Card.

SAMPHAN PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS 2012

We had a fantastic turnout of relatives this year even though it was held on a workday.

Varasorn organised an Akha pastor who is the mother of one of the children to give an evangelistic word to the families.

The children were all given presents and plenty to eat. The children, as you can imagine, were extremely excited as, for most of them, these were the only presents they were going to get.

It was a really good day and Varasorn and the teachers deserve a lot of credit for the effort they put in.

Jan and myself had a lovely Christmas with our children and family. We had fun trying to cook up some of the local food and watched to see how "polite" they would be in the eating. The kids cooked up an Akha feast as well and that seemed to be the favourite. We all had a very special day. Praise God.

A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all back at WPCC.



nasinu project

GREAT NEWS!!!! We have now received our building permit to commence work on our new Preschool and Teachers Training Centre in Suva, Fiji. This has taken nearly two years but after a lot of effort and patience it has finally arrived. We are now in the process of getting final costings for stage 1. Watch this space; over the next month or so we will be communicating the process of building this centre.

We would like to encourage you to consider how you may be involved in this most rewarding ministry; by praying for the teachers and the children and their families as we reach out to them with the gospel, or by participating through visiting the pre schools. You may also like to support this ministry financially. We as a church, across the three locations, are totally committed to this ministry to children and we congratulate you for your wonderful support to date. Thank you.

Note also that this is a "Tax Deductible Project" (see details below).

Our Vision in Fiji

Purpose: To establish Local Community Development Centres (LCDC) that; "Empower and equip the poor and disadvantaged by providing hope, education, vocational training, relief and quality of life."

Expected Outcomes 2011 -2014

1. Upgrade the existing 7 preschool facilities including playgrounds and toilets.
2. Increase the amount of children involved in our program by 50% through establishing new preschools.
3. Commence a Preschool Teachers Training School, training indigenous preschool teachers.
4. Build our first Local Community Development Centre in Suva which will also double as a Teachers Training School

In 2012 we will commence to build our first Local Community Development Centre in Suva - known as the **NASINU PROJECT!**

THE NASINU PROJECT



The pre schools in Fiji are one of our tax deductible projects. If you would like to donate to this project, remember to quote the Tax Deductible Code when you make your donation.

Tax deductible code **J352**



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The day will commence at 12.45pm with registration, light refreshments and instruction by the professional staff at the Curlewis Golf Club. Tee-off will be at 1.00pm with a shotgun start playing the game to Ambrose format (4 per team).

Between the 9th and 10th holes there will be an opportunity to break, during which time a free sausage sizzle and free soft drinks will be provided. Alcohol at Club House prices. During this time there will be a putting competition as you break before heading off to the 10th tee at \$5 for 2 putts.

Throughout the afternoon you will be able to compete for prizes at nominated holes for:

- > Longest drive (male) Longest drive (female)
- > Straightest drive (male) Straightest drive (female)
- > Nearest to the pin (male) Nearest to the pin (female)
- > Other minor prizes included

- Major prize (yet to be announced)
- Trophy to be held annually
- Golfers with handicaps to submit handicap 7 days prior to the event. Non handicap players will receive a handicap by officials at registration.
- Golf clubs and buggies available for hire
- Drinks and snacks will be available from our roving snack cart.

It is anticipated the game will be finished at approximately 5.30pm at which time a 2 course meal will be provided within the entry fee during the presentation of prizes and trophies commencing at 6.15pm. There will also be an Auction held throughout Dinner and Presentations.

For any further information regarding this event please contact Mike Groom on 5241 1160 or Dion Beasley on 5272 2558.



february calendar

| rosters | sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
|---|--|----------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| belmont Morning Tea Roster 5th February AM Kelly G/Rhonda O 12th February AM Jenny M/Jean N 19th February AM Karen B/Molly G 26th February AM Dot F/Barbara P | 4 March Missions Sunday Tin Can Day 10.00am Belmont Service 10.00am Bannockburn Service 10.00am Bendigo Service 6.30pm Sunday Sessions | 5 March | 6 March | 1 February 9.00am Make-a-Memory Craft Belmont | 2 4.00pm Bendigo Leadership Meeting | 3 | 4 8.00am Fit4Life |
| | 5 Missions Sunday Tin Can Day 10.00am Belmont Service 10.00am Bannockburn Service 10.00am Bendigo Service 6.30pm Sunday Sessions | 6 | 7 7.00am Elders Meeting | 8 | 9 7.30pm Bannockburn Leadership Meeting | 10 Junior Youth 7.30pm Junior Youth Dessert and Games @ Belmont | 11 8.00am Fit4Life 7.00pm Seminar with Dr Barry Chant |
| | 12 10.00am Belmont Service Guest Speaker: Dr Barry Chant 10.00am Bannockburn Service 10.00am Bendigo Service 6.30pm Sunday Sessions Guest Speaker: Dr Barry Chant | 13 | 14 7.00am Elders Meeting | 15 9.00am Make-a-Memory Craft Belmont | 16 7.30pm Congregational Care Team Meeting @ Bendigo | 17 Young People 7.30pm Combined Young People - Belmont & Bannockburn @ Eastern Beach | 18 8.00am Fit4Life |
| bannockburn Morning Tea Roster 5th February AM Josie G 12th February AM Heather C 19th February AM Rachael B 26th February AM Angie M | 19 10.00am Belmont Service 10.00am Bannockburn Service 10.00am Bendigo Service 6.30pm Sunday Sessions | 20 | 21 Prayer Meeting 7.00am Elders Meeting 7.30pm Combined Prayer Meeting at Belmont | 22 | 23 7.30pm Elders Team Meeting @ Belmont | 24 Golf Day 1.00pm Momentum Global Corporate Golf Day - Curlewis Golf Club | 25 Men's Breakfast No Fit4Life 8.00am Men's Breakfast Guest Speaker - Ian Redpath 6.30pm Kids Movie Night @ Belmont |
| Please make a note of when you are on and organise a replacement if you can't make it. Thanks! | 26 10.00am Belmont Service 10.00am Bannockburn Service 10.00am Bendigo Service 6.30pm Sunday Sessions | 27 | 28 7.00am Elders Meeting | 29 9.00am Make-a-Memory Craft Belmont | 1 March 4.00pm Bendigo Leadership Meeting | 2 March | 3 March 8.00am Fit4Life |

a huge thankyou

After 21 years of faithful and fruitful ministry Pastor Bill and Margaret have concluded the All Age Fellowship, held on Tuesday mornings. All Age Fellowship has been somewhat of an icon ministry in the life of our church. After taking on the leadership of this ministry 21 years ago Pastor Bill and Margaret have done a tremendous job and have proven to be incredibly faithful servants. Pastor Bill has taught the Word of God and has been such an encouragement to hundreds of people over the years. Margaret has been faithful in playing the piano week after week.

Over the years there have been many who have attended and contributed to the Tuesday meeting in lots of ways. As a church we thank you all for your years of faithful attendance and service. We salute Pastor Bill and Margaret Winfield for their outstanding effort and second-to-none commitment.

WELL DONE!

congratulations

Congratulations to Brad and Kerry Turley on the birth of their son, Jude Allan, on the 17th of January. Jude weighed in at 9lb 1oz and is a little brother to his very excited big brother and sisters, Levi, Asha and Eden.

Also congratulations to Luke and Liz Challis on the birth of their daughter, April Louise, on the 29th of January. A baby sister to Nathan, April weighed 7lb and was 50cm long.

And a big congratulations to James and Kathryn Holder, who, on the 31st of January, gave birth to their 8lb 8oz daughter, Marissa Taylor, a little sister for Dean and Dana.

How exciting is it to have 3 new babies in the life of our church?



new contact list

We are in the process of creating a new Contact List Booklet to be distributed in February.

Have your contact details changed since the last contact list was published?

If so, please fill out a new contact list form, available on the info desk. Or ask your leader / pastor for a form.

Please note, if your contact details have not changed since the last contact list, there is no need to fill out a new form.



budgeting advice

We are offering a free and independent service to give guidance to a better way of life financially.

Contact Peter Donald on 0419 306 909 or the church office on 5241 1160 for any queries or appointments.

"Budget guidance for a better future."



momentum care



tuckerbox ministry

The first Sunday of every month at Belmont is Tin Can Day, where people are encouraged to bring canned or non perishable food items for our Tuckerbox so we are able to make up food parcels for people who find themselves in need of some groceries to see them through tough times. Donated funds help purchase perishable items such as milk, meat, fruit and veges, as well as fuel cards to assist families.

lunch program

Through Damian Carter and Jason Harper, our Belmont church is involved with Christ Church in Moorabool Street, Geelong in helping to provide breakfast and lunch for homeless and needy people weekly.

Every Sunday morning Damo, Jason and a variety of our church folk go to Christ Church and cook breakfast, making packed lunches for the folks to take away with them as well.

Funds are always needed for this ministry, to help cover costs.



What is Foundation 61?

Foundation 61 provides a live-in community which offers hope and direction for people dealing with life controlling issues. These issues are often, but not exclusively, associated with the use of drugs and alcohol.

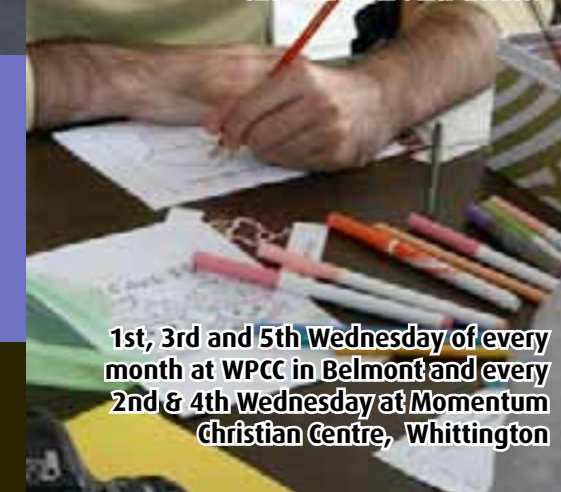
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craft club

Make-A-Memory Craft Club

The primary craft activity is card-making and \$2 will cover almost everything you need, or bring your own craft project and relax with other crafties!



1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of every month at WPCC in Belmont and every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at Momentum Christian Centre, Whittington

february birthdays

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|------|--------------------|------|---------------|
| 1st | Anne Wynhoven | 14th | Ian Mahoney |
| 4th | Rosalie Silverback | 16th | Jack Oliver |
| 5th | Alex Johnson | 21st | Quinn Abram |
| 6th | Aaron Fuller | 22nd | Les Fishman |
| 6th | Peter Swallow | 23rd | Wilma Iaria |
| 9th | Lindy Whiteside | 24th | Jim Blacksell |
| 10th | Laura Fuller | 25th | Corey Paull |
| 12th | Cassidy Chappell | 26th | Joshua Jeet |
| 13th | Barbara Paull | 27th | Travis Turley |
| 13th | Elizabeth Fawcett | 28th | Wayne Oliver |





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