



AUGUST 2023

WEEK OF SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

By Brayden Morton

At North West Christian School, we believe that our school is a mission field that we can share Jesus with students and their families. One way we can achieve this is by hosting a Week of Spiritual Emphasis (WOSE). Students participated in leading the music, drama, icebreakers, Bible readings and prayers. Our guest speaker, Eric Nella, spoke on the theme "Divergent"; encouraging our students to live differently and devote their lives to God.

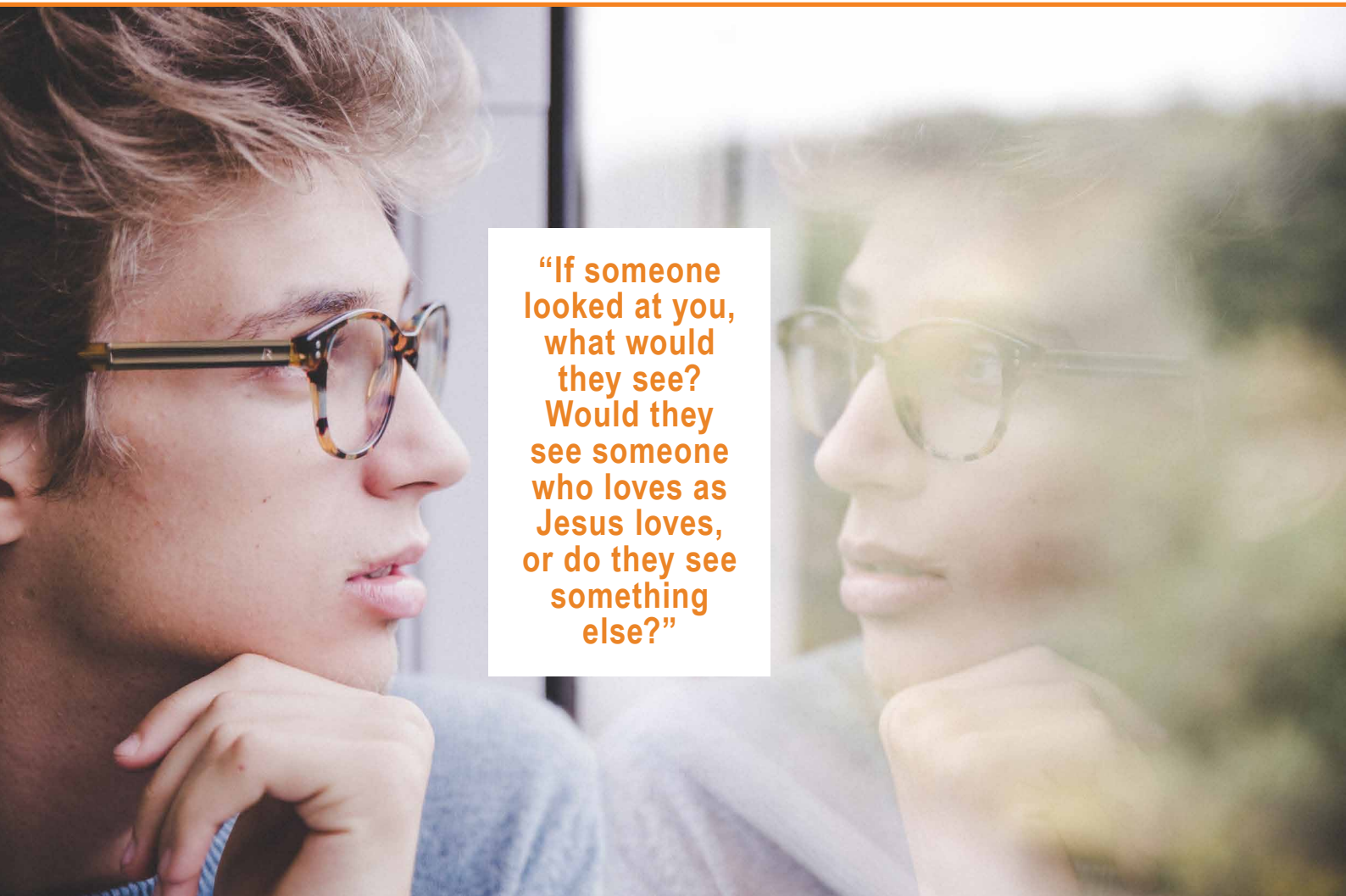
At the end of the week, students were invited to make a decision for Jesus. Of the 71% of students that made decisions:

- 36 students want to renew their relationship with Jesus.
- 25 students want to start a relationship with Jesus for the first time.
- 47 students want to learn about Jesus through Bible studies.
- 37 students want to demonstrate their decision to follow Jesus through baptism.

The Holy Spirit is moving amongst the students at North West Christian School. Please continue to pray that God will continue to reveal himself to them. All praise and glory go to Him.



A NEW COMMANDMENT



“If someone looked at you, what would they see? Would they see someone who loves as Jesus loves, or do they see something else?”

By Pr Rick Hergenhan

As Seventh-day Adventist Christians, we know a thing or two about the Bible. In fact, we often pride ourselves on our knowledge of the Scriptures and our well-thought-out doctrines. We have Bible studies, radio and TV programs, an online presence, books, and tracts that all share this knowledge for the entire world to hear. And I agree that it is certainly worth sharing.

Jesus, while living as a man on earth, lived in a society that also knew a thing or two about the Scriptures. The church people of His day prided themselves on their knowledge of the Scriptures and their understanding of the biblical commands. In fact, they were experts in keeping all 613 commandments and helping everyone else do the same.

It was in this setting that Jesus gave His followers another commandment.

You can read it in John 13:34-35. It is very short and to the point: “Love one another.”

At first read, it sounds simple enough. I can love the people who love me most of the time. But on closer inspection, it starts to get a little difficult. How well do I love someone who is different from me, who has different cultural norms? What about someone who is unkind to me? What about someone who has hurt me with their words or deeds? What about someone who has a different opinion about how to keep the Sabbath or manage the church’s finances? How well am I loving them?

Jesus goes on to add to His new commandment with the words, “All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

I want you to reflect on this for a moment. What sends the world a message that we are Jesus’ disciples is not how well we have memorized Scripture, or our stance on the seventh-day Sabbath, or how well we can articulate that Jesus is returning soon, or how closely our diet aligns with the Edenic ideal. According to Jesus, the true witness to the world that we are His disciples is our love for one another.

So my question is simple: If someone looked at you, what would they see? Would they see someone who loves as Jesus loves, or do they see something else?

My prayer is that the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tasmania will be known for its love and that it loves like Jesus.

NORTH WEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (NWCS)



By Brayden Morton - Principal

NAIDOC

NWCS was able to celebrate NAIDOC week through a well-designed day of indigenous activities learning more about Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander culture. The student engagement on this day was incredible and a special thanks to Uncle Charlie, AJ and the organiser Myressa Redman for an incredible program. It was a blessing to be able to celebrate the indigenous Australian culture in this way.

Hong Kong Students Visit

We have been blessed to have 9 students from Hong Kong continue to join us and be part of our school program. This is something that has not happened since 2019 and COVID. It was great to have them as part of our school for the two weeks and we were blessed with them sharing part of their culture with us and we could in turn share some of our culture with them. We were also able to spend some time touring them around to see some of our local attractions and points of interest.

Eisteddfod Winners

NWCS strings and music program was blessed to win the Burnie Eisteddfod. With both Primary and Secondary orchestras winning the competition amongst some strong competition from other local schools. This is the second year running that the school has won this award as the NWCS music program continues to grow. Well done to Sarah Scheermeijer and Luisiana Morton for their efforts to further this music program.

Alaska Scheermeijer and Meila Morton won their individual categories at the eisteddfod also!



HILLIARD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (HCS)



By Elizabeth Chaplin - Principal

DISCOVERING JOYFUL BEGINNINGS: Hilliard Christian Schools Early Learning Centre Set to Open in 2024

In a burst of exciting news for parents and families in the community, Hilliard Christian School is proud to announce the forthcoming opening of its much-anticipated Early Learning Centre in early 2024. This visionary addition to the educational landscape promises a fresh and modern environment where children from as young as 3 years old can embark on a journey of learning, growth, and spiritual discovery.

Nestled within a newly designed building, the Early Learning Centre stands as a testament to Hilliard Christian School's commitment to fostering holistic development in the youngest learners. This thoughtfully planned space will serve as a nurturing haven where children can thrive intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. Every corner of the facility has been crafted with care to provide an inviting atmosphere that sparks curiosity and encourages exploration.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the Early Learning Centre is its emphasis on not only academic development but also spiritual enrichment. Children will have the opportunity to get to know Jesus in an inclusive and welcoming environment, where Christian values and teachings

are interwoven into the fabric of everyday learning experiences. This unique approach ensures that the children not only build a strong foundation of knowledge but also develop a sense of moral and spiritual awareness.

A cornerstone of this endeavour is the appointment of Mrs. Cassie Mwarabu as the Director of Early Learning. With an extensive background in education and a deep-rooted passion for nurturing young minds, Mrs. Mwarabu is poised to lead the Early Learning Centre with dedication and insight. Her commitment to fostering a warm and engaging learning environment is palpable, and her expertise promises to shape the educational journey of countless young learners.

The Early Learning Centre will offer long day care services five days a week, for 50 weeks each year. This commitment to consistency and availability underscores Hilliard Christian School's dedication to supporting families in their busy lives. Enrolments are now open, and parents are encouraged to reach out to the school to secure a spot for their child in this exciting new chapter of early education.

Furthermore, Hilliard Christian School is actively seeking suitably qualified staff to join their team. If you're an educator who shares the vision of providing top-notch education within a brand-new Christian early learning environment, this could be the opportunity you've been waiting for. Submit your resume to info@hilliard.tas.edu.au to be a part of this transformative journey.



HILLIARD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (HCS)

Striking the Right Chords: Hilliard Christian Schools Instrumental Music Programme Strikes a Winning Note.



Hilliard Christian School's instrumental music program is on a winning streak, and it's not just about trophies and certificates. Recently, the students took the stage at the Hobart Eisteddfod, showcasing their talents in strings ensemble and solo performances. The result? A collection of highly commended and commended certificates that speak volumes about their dedication and progress.

The event marked a milestone for these young musicians, who demonstrated their skills and passion for music in front of an audience that included both judges and fellow enthusiasts. The recognition they received is well-deserved, highlighting their commitment to honing their musical abilities and striving for excellence.

Among the standout moments of the day was the performance by the guitar ensemble, which clinched the first-place position. This achievement underscores the hard work put in by both the students and their instructors, making it clear that their commitment to music is paying off.

Hilliard Christian School's instrumental music program is a testament to the

supportive environment it provides. Through a well-rounded curriculum, students have the chance to explore their musical talents and develop their skills. It's not just about music; it's about learning important life lessons like discipline, teamwork, and creativity.

The success at the Hobart Eisteddfod is just the beginning. This accomplishment will serve as a stepping stone for these young musicians, encouraging them to continue refining their abilities and pursuing their passion for music. The school's commitment to their musical journey is unwavering, and there's no doubt that they'll continue to achieve great things.

Ultimately, Hilliard Christian School's instrumental music program is about more than just performances. It's about nurturing a love for music, fostering growth, and providing students with opportunities that will stay with them for a lifetime. As the program continues to thrive, it's exciting to think about the musical journeys these students will embark upon and the melodies they'll create along the way.



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By Joshua Wood

TRUST SERVICES

Our Trust Services Director is taking some leave. Due to processing times for Wills we are not currently taking new appointments until later in the year. If you require a Will drafted urgently, please contact a local solicitor for assistance (this would be at your own expense).

For access to Wills for deceased Estates and most other enquiries please feel free to contact Lisa Walczak, Trust Services Departmental Assistant on (03) 9264 7777.

By Pr David Maxwell

RENEWAL OF VOWS



On Sabbath the 29th of July, Mr Barry Evans and Mrs Anne Evans renewed their vows in a moving ceremony in the Launceston SDA Church. During the lead-up to their wedding in 2021, Anne had a heavy fall and was bruised and perhaps even concussed, as later she did not remember anything of the day. They had decided to renew their vows so that she would have a nice memory of the event to look back on. Pr David Maxwell spoke on "Pricey Pearls", highlighting the importance of Love and Tolerance. Barry & Anne wish to send out a big thank you to the ladies of our church who went to great effort to make it a memorable day.

By Pr David Maxwell

LAUNCESTON FORGIVE TO LIVE



Launceston church recently ran a Forgive To Live course in the Launceston Church, with a number of enthusiastic members and friends attending. Here is a testimony from an attendee Miss Sandra Peterson:

"After decades of reliving traumatic memories of feeling so alone, ignored and unloved, I now have the resources and strategies to face the past memories that intrude unbidden. I now see that along with the horrible experiences, there were many overlooked beautiful encounters with kind, caring people that God sent to minister to me. I had a team assisting me to get through and succeed in every challenge, transforming me from a lonely victim, filled with self-pity and sad stories, to an overcomer with so much to be thankful for. I now have so many new skills, new friends made, and best of all, the reassurance that I am never alone. I don't have to be afraid of anything or anyone anymore. Together with God, I can now face anyone and anything confidently, knowing He will see me through it all. I don't even need to be afraid of myself, when I face each day yielding every part of me to be used for good. I highly recommend the "Forgive to Live" course, to challenge getting stuck in the past, and find release to make the most of each day. It helps you to be more sensitive to the good hearts and intentions of others that could easily be overlooked."

By Cheryl Walsh

WYNYARD WINTER CAMP

Do you sometimes get tired and just need to take a break from the rush of life? A Church Winter Camp is the answer. This year 22 Wynyard members (aged from 1 to 75 years old) visited the ghost town of Guilford (zero population) to spend the weekend at the Forestry Indoor Campsite. It was relaxing, spiritual and lots of fun - even though it rained most of the time. There was a blazing open fire to sit around and worship on Sabbath.

In the breaks in weather we walked around part of Talbot Lake (normally off limits), travelled to Waratah, walked to the bottom of the falls, explored the 1869 water tunnel (first Hydro in Tasmania) and visited the Whyte Hill Lookout over the great Tarkine forest.

My delight was seeing two wedge-tailed eagles soaring on the wind updrafts - doing somersaults!



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By Cheryl Walsh

WYNYARD FAREWELLS A FAITHFUL MEMBER



On Thursday August 3, a celebration of the life of Aubrey Charles Reeve was held. Aged 98, Aub has been a member of the Wynyard Church for 60 years, previously a member of Glenorchy. Aub was an avid cyclist, winning Tasmanian cycling races. However after discovering the Sabbath truth, he gave up racing to serve God. Aub also loved tennis and bush walking, having completed the Federation Peak - Arthur Ranges walks. He was involved in Moonah Pathfinders before moving to his Uncle's farm, in Calder near Wynyard.

Aub supervised the renovating of the Wynyard Church. He completed three years volunteering in the Solomon Islands building an 800 seat Adventist Church, slip ways, houses for the Mission, preaching and for months faithfully visiting every house west of Wynyard to the Sisters Hills on the Appeal for Missions.

Aub was Wynyard Church's longest serving head elder for over 40 years.

Unfortunately a fall on July 24 resulted in his death on July 28. To watch the Celebration of his life, visit the Wynyard Seventh-day Adventist Church website.



SCAN TO VISIT
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Church

www.wynyard.adventist.org.au/

By Robyn Dunlop

SPRING BEACH YOUTH CAMP



We would like to welcome Warren and Joy to Spring Beach Youth Camp. They are here over the next couple of months to help while Ian is recuperating from his operation.

They come to us from South Australia where they are the managers of Ankara Youth Camp. They are currently awaiting insurance outcomes for their campsite which was inundated by water from the Murray River floods earlier this year. Results so far suggest a demolition job and complete rebuild.

They both have a passion for camping ministries having been involved in many summer camps over the years at Yarra Adventure Park and now at their own campsite.

Warren's trade is as a fitter and turner but he has done many things over the years from rally car driving to upholstery. He loves adventure, anything challenging and has a knack for problem solving. He enjoys water skiing and anything technical, especially sound engineering.

Joy has a degree in landscape architecture and completed the secretarial course at Avondale College. She loves plants and the lessons God teaches her through gardening. In her spare time she loves doodling, creating her own patterns and bringing them to life through colour. In her younger years she worked with horses, working in a riding school and with her own horse.

They both enjoy getting into nature and taking photos of all the amazing things God has created. They did this while travelling around Australia in their early married life on and off for three years and continue today as time allows.

If you see them around, make sure you make them feel welcome.

By Natasha Jordan

NORTH WEST ADRA NEWS

What a thrill it is to serve the Lord. The opportunities in the North West are becoming astronomical.

1. Firstly there has been a great increase in the number of Overseas workers who are not supported in any way. They are not covered for general medical issues, food is short of supply for weeks before a payment is received. We have been able to assist with warm clothing, weekly food, paying medical costs and with many visits offering spiritual support to the Adventists among these people.
2. Home Rental availability is almost non-existent and many elderly people are struggling to find somewhere to live after houses are being sold. Recently help has been given to a number of elderly folk in finding them a home, helping them to move, offering support and furnishing homes for the homeless who have recently found somewhere to live.



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By Bianca McArthur

FAITH & SCIENCE CONFERENCE

The South Pacific Division's Faith and Science Conference 2023 was held on the Gold Coast. More than 160 people, including some from Tasmania, gathered at Surfers Paradise from 3rd to the 6th of July to explore the historicity of the biblical Flood account and its related geological issues.

Presenters at the conference included Professors Stacie Hatfield and Richard Davidson from Andrews University, Michael Oard and Dr Tasman Walker from Creation Ministries International, Dr Birgir Óskarrson from the Icelandic Institute of Natural History, Dr Limoni Manu from Fulton Adventist University College, Professors Suzanne Phillips and Leonard Brand from Loma Linda University, and Dr Joses Imona from Pacific Adventist University. They presented delegates with a flood of fascinating biblical and scientific evidence over these three days and



pointed out the evidence that supports a global Flood. The presenters agreed that our beliefs need to be based on the Bible, and that using the biblical position as a starting point leads to achieving better science. They also acknowledged areas of uncertainty and the need for further research and understanding.

North West Christian School teacher Joel Ackland, who attended a conference, recently shared a sermon on the topic "Was Noah's flood an historical event?" It was hard to summarise all the things he would like to share into a short article so he would

like to direct anyone who wants to know more to the web address below.



www.education.adventistchurch.com/seminar-2-2023/

The SPD Faith and Science Committee is also interested in hearing from you about fascinating and relevant areas that we can focus on which would be helpful for you in your education or ministry situation. You can contact the Faith and Science Committee by email SPDFaithandScience@adventist.org.au.

By Verona Kerrison

BIGGEST MORNING TEA CELEBRATED AT MARGATE

Late in the month of May, Margate church held a Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer. Invitations were letterboxed to the community and 18 people turned out, about a third of them were not Adventists and had been invited by friends. There was plenty of food and a well-stocked Trade Table. Approximately \$420 was raised for the cause and a big thanks to all who attended.



Monday 6th of November
Tasmanian Conference Office,
5 Eady Street Glenorchy 6pm-7:30pm

Tuesday 7th of November
Launceston Church Hall, 125
Talbot Road South Launceston
6pm-7:30pm

Wednesday 8th of November
North West Christian School
Performing Arts Centre, 18 Ling
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Pr David Leo

CHOSEN

“Chosen” is a week-long event that the Australian Union sponsors every two years. Local churches are asked to identify 14-16 year olds that they see as leaders. At “Chosen” the AUC puts together activities, speakers, resources and fellowship to invest into the chosen teens.

This year Tasmania sent Alex Bobongie and Pr David Leo as mentors. The teens that attended were Jessica from Rosny, Uriah and Anabelle from Glenorchy and Eli from Ulverstone. During the week, our teens met with other teens from across the conference and participated in fun games and activities that encouraged them to build healthy communities. During the mornings, we had a speaker named Sharon Witt who has written a range of books for teens in helping them to build their character. Derek Rippingale, a founding business manager, spoke to the teens about being good stewards and challenged them to read the book of Proverbs. Various speakers were brought in to speak in the evenings.

Arabella said she appreciated the talk from the ADRA manager Woodridge, Sam Luteru. “I really appreciated how



he showed us that there are other ways of doing church”. Sam presented how they started a street church in Woodridge and how much of a blessing street church is in their community. Trainer Graeme Fraunfelder led in morning and evening mixers and the daily afternoon activities. Space was also provided twice a day to split into “Guy Talk” and “Girl Talk”, focusing on topics relevant to teenagers. And Pr Tim Ah-Sam took the kids through their paces by leading the teens in physical exercises in the late afternoon to get the blood flowing again.

The whole event revealed how much our Australian church wants to ensure that we as local churches also invest in our teens to be leaders in our communities. The five teens that attended did a great job in representing our Tasmanian conference, and they were inspired to serve in their church communities where they can. I encourage our local churches to create opportunities to hear what ideas our teens have to share Jesus in our communities and to be on the lookout for teens that you would like to nominate for the next Chosen event in 2025.

By Natasha Jordan

ANGELS CARE FOR A SIMPLE ENVELOPE

Two weeks ago a member of Wynyard Church popped into the Church mid-week. There sitting in the front gate, wedged between the bars was an envelope. For those who haven't been to Wynyard: the Church is on the main road out of town, without a letter box, with many people walking past each day on their way to the shops. Who knows how many days/hours the envelope had stayed in that position!

The wonderful news is, the envelope contained a \$2000 cheque for the Waratah ADRA Op Shop/Food Pantry from and the Estate of a wonderful lady who valued the work being done by the ADRA volunteers in Waratah.

By Pr David Cherry

UPDATE ON GLENORCHY AND MARGATE CHURCH

Over the last 40 Days Glenorchy church provided each family with a 40 Day Devotional book to encourage special prayer for the Holy Spirit for us as individuals, our church family and our community. We are looking forward to seeing the difference it makes when the whole church prays together.

Glenorchy and Margate churches have both been having a daytime and a nighttime small group Bible study each week this year focusing on our fundamental beliefs. Those attending have reported the blessing of studying God's word together.

In the first week of August both Margate and Glenorchy have started a series of



10 presentations called “We All Have HOPE.” These will focus on the soon return of Jesus and the Hope this brings as well as the blessings experienced through a personal connection with Jesus. Anyone is welcome to attend and we encourage people to bring a friend or three.

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By Mary Maxwell, TAS Director of Family Ministries

ARMOUR AND THE FAMILY ALTAR

Have you ever considered what our church might look like if every family was involved in daily family worship? Maybe you've tried before but it didn't work. Building a habit of having regular family worship takes time. A habit of family worship is sometimes referred to as the family altar.

Altars in the Old Testament were made with loose rocks, so over time, the altars had to be rebuilt, sometimes due to the climate elements or lack of use. The same is true for our family altars; if you try family worship and it doesn't work, do something different. Rebuilding the family altar means to establish a regular habit of setting aside time to worship God as a family.

There are many benefits to having a family altar and one is that God gives us His Armour for protection each morning and evening at His altar.

Remember the story of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel chapter 17?

The Armour that Goliath is wearing was made by human hands, covering him from head to toe. While it may look impressive and intimidating, its purpose was to terrify you by sight, before the battle had even started. Goliath shouts, insults and taunts you, trying to terrorise and cripple you with fear.

The Armour that David wears, His Spirit, His might and His power, are made by the hand of God. It might not look like much on the outside, not at all intimidating or the least bit terrifying. But the best weapons are made from the best materials. To cover you from head to toe and protect you for the battle each day.

I want to encourage you to be prepared for the battle each day, as you spend time at the family altar in God's presence. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, and every weapon God has issued. When you're under pressure, you can take truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation into your daily life, and let Him fight the battle for you.

By Pr David Leo

NORTHWEST YOUTH RALLY

The Northwest Youth Rally was held at Ulverstone church on 24th of June. It was a great fellowship with good music and food. At Sabbath School, there was a discussion on social media and having discipline in its usage. Our guest speaker Pr Jayden Croft from Melbourne spoke on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5 and how it has everything to do with us living a life that is counter culture. In the afternoon, we did a workshop on sharing our stories. We were all inspired as we enjoyed and were challenged by Pr Jayden and three of our own young people shared the story of their journey with God. At night we all joined together for sports night at Somerset. Keep your eyes peeled for our next Youth Rally in Launceston on August 26.



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By Pr Afilpu Tuaoi

MEN'S MINISTRY AT THE NORTHWEST

A new ministry program, 'Men's Ministry' has just started on the Northwest coast. The men of the Northwest have seen a need to come together to share with one another their dreams and concerns, to encourage one another and to grow to become Godly men. We are men on target to honour Jesus, love our families, and serve our churches and communities.

The 'Men's Ministry' have been meeting fortnightly on Thursday evenings, at the Northwest Christian School, sharing meals together, having discussions on various topics and issues, devotions and games. They have also assisted other men through the week, who need work around their home, as also helping a family move into their new home.



Future plans include a Father/Son camp at Guilford Lodge in Waratah on August 11-13.

The Men's Ministry is run by the Ulverstone Church, with other Men's ministry leaders from the various churches on the Northwest coast.

Men's ministry goals are:

- To walk with God and grow in my Christian life.
- To be a pacesetter at home and at church.
- To be consistently sharing the Gospel with the lost and unchurched.

STAFF NEEDED

TWEEN CAMP 2023

MY JESUS RULES

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TWEEN CAMP

2023

MY JESUS RULES

3rd-8th October

SCAN TO REGISTER

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By Pr Eugene Estil

HOBART CHURCH PLANT

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:25

Greetings fellow believers of Tasmania! In our beautiful land, we're seeing a few small groups of believers coming together one Sabbath a month. As we journey through the southern part of Tasmania, we find four dedicated clusters of believers who are persevering in their noble work within our beloved community. It's a testament to the strength of our faith that even with small numbers, we're making an impact. Every passing month brings a new opportunity, bringing these small yet passionate groups together. This shared endeavour lets us support, uplift, and strengthen each other on our individual journeys of faith.

Just three months ago, this heartfelt initiative began in New Norfolk. Our brothers and sisters from the Hobart Church Plant, the Huonville Fellowship Group, and the New Norfolk Church united to have a combined fellowship. During this gathering, we enjoyed special songs and Pastor Eugene Estil led training sessions during Sabbath School. He graciously shared insights on engaging in Personal Ministries, reaching out to our community through Friendship Evangelism, and creating an inviting atmosphere within our church. Of course, we can't forget the fellowship lunch. This is when we come together to enjoy healthy vegetarian meals prepared by our fellow believers and get to know each other better.

This continued in June at the Hobart Church Plant, followed by a gathering in New Norfolk the following month. As we approach the final Sabbath of August, we're heading to Huonville, eagerly anticipating the wisdom and inspiration that Pastor Rick Hergenhan will bring as our guest speaker. Looking ahead, September will find us in Collinsvale, ready to continue this wonderful practice of coming together in faith. May our spirits stay uplifted, our bonds grow stronger, and our impact resonate far beyond our numbers.

Sister White said, "Believers should never neglect meeting together, for this is God's way of leading His children to unity, so that in Christian love and fellowship, they can help, strengthen, and encourage one another..."

Let's look to the future with hope, unity, and unwavering faith. Blessings to you all.



FIRST COMBINED FELLOWSHIP AT NEW NORFOLK



COMBINED FELLOWSHIP AT HOBART FELLOWSHIP



SECOND FELLOWSHIP AT NEW NORFOLK

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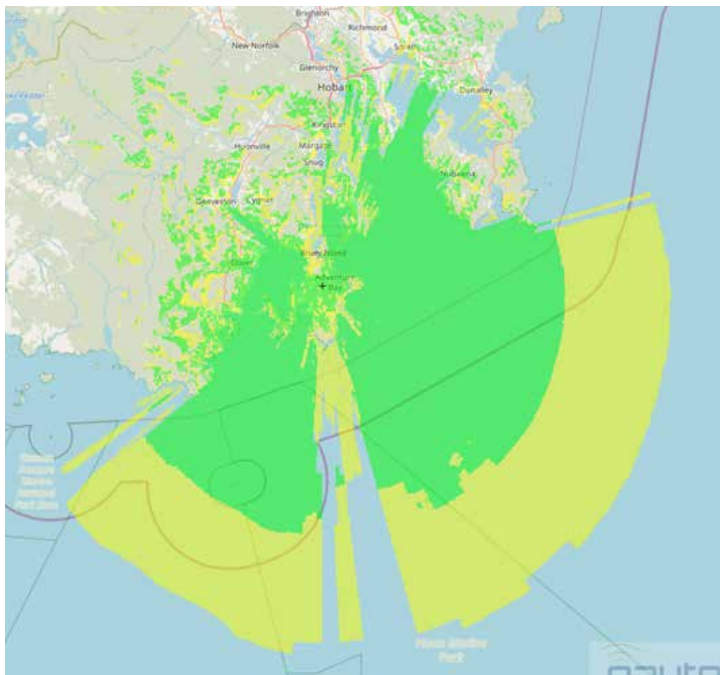
By Kyran Stanton

BRUNY ISLAND ADVENTURES

On the 6th of August, eleven volunteers ventured to our Faith FM transmission site on Mount Mangana, Bruny Island, to perform some much-needed maintenance and repairs. The volunteers came from various Adventist congregations around Southern Tasmania. Due to old, worn-out batteries, the transmission site was only operational during daylight hours when power was supplied by the solar panels. This had been the case for the past two years. In addition to replacing the batteries, the solar panel mounts were structurally improved and reinforced to withstand the high winds that occur in this location.

The journeys to and from the site were strenuous. What was normally a thirty-five-minute hike one way, turned into a two-hour struggle! This was due to the very difficult terrain, and the encumbrance caused by the equipment and materials. They say, many hands make light work, but in this case it was not light work. And yet, with cooperation and determination, the objective was successfully carried out without major injuries except the unavoidable aches and pains of doing some heavy work. Praise The Lord! Due to energy, time, and weather constraints, not all of the used were able to be removed from the site and still need to be collected in the future. Any fit and strong volunteers to assist with this endeavour would be greatly appreciated.

The experience was a great opportunity to learn about telecommunication technology used by Faith FM and how it can be used to serve The Lord, through the sharing of his word. The experience was also a great opportunity to demonstrate the importance of community and teamwork – carrying each other's burdens and uplifting one another in times of struggle.



Expected Radio Coverage from Bruny Island not accounting for contention with other operators



Figure 1: Jason, Prince, Rafael and Theo; Figure 2: Alan, Anthony, Nathaniel, Nigel and Russel; Figure 3: Russel installing Solar Panel mounts; Figure 4: The beautiful view

Figure 5: Newly installed batteries with enough power to run for 3 days with no sun; Figure 6: The transmitter equipment; Figure 7: Resulting panel reinforcement; Figure 8: Newly re-installed panels at the bottom of the tower

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New and Upgraded Radio Transmission Sites

Several new radio transmitters have been installed in recent months. Acton Park transmitter covers most of Acton Park, Seven Mile Beach area, Cambridge Park, Hobart Airport area, and right up to the west side of Midway Point. Similarly, an upgraded transmitter in Margate now covers from Huntingfield in the Southern Kingston area right down to Snug.

Targeted Letterboxing

Flyers need to be delivered to residents in these new areas mentioned above to raise awareness of the presence of Faith FM. Any volunteers to engage in letterboxing would be greatly appreciated. Over the coming months we will survey signal coverage in other locations around our transmission sites and provide a map to the nearest local church to assist in targeting the best areas for letterboxing.

Additional Works in Progress

Minor repairs were recently made to the transmitter at Latrobe to increase its reliability, and the Mole Creek site requires a new antenna cable and antenna. The previous installation lasted around 20 years so it did well but now it is time for refurbishment. Ideally, a new transmitter is required at Mole Creek but due to limited conference funds, donations from individuals or local churches would be required to make

that happen in 2023. The Hobart radio has a broken antenna cable (due to ice or lightning) and we are still awaiting for a qualified contractor to schedule a date for repairs to be completed. Prayer is greatly appreciated here to speed this process up.

New Licences and Sites

New licences have been acquired for Cygnet and Evandale. There is a search for suitable transmitter locations in these areas so if you are aware of somewhere, let us know. We would like to get these sites up and running before the end of 2023. The Evandale transmitter will cover the main township which has an influx of people on weekends for the markets. It also should reach the Launceston Airport precinct depending on the location of the site.

Reorganisation of Southern Tasmania Frequencies

Faith FM are currently working with Vision Christian Media and other commercial operators to cooperatively come up with a plan to improve each of our signal coverage areas and minimise contention between our stations which when implemented will significantly improve our coverage across the Southern Tasmania area.

By Jason Cook

THANK YOU TO OUR FAITH FM VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank all of our volunteers who contribute in different ways to the installation and maintenance of our Faith FM infrastructure. Of course there is always more to be done so if you would like to be involved, please get in touch with Jason Cook – jasoncook@adventist.org.au or 0419 108 495.

I know it is dangerous to mention people by name and so if I miss you, please forgive me (and let me know).

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FAITH FM DINNER

On 29th July we held our Hobart Faith FM Community Dinner in Claremont which was a great success. We each enjoyed a three course meal and were privileged to listen to a short presentation given by Pr David Maxwell. 68 people attended with approximately 30% of attendees being non-Adventists. It was good for our presenters and hosts to be able to meet some new people and have some conversations with them. It was also good to see some of our Adventist attendees mingling and having conversations with the attendees who had unfamiliar faces. All guests were invited to participate in the Hope program being hosted by Pr David Cherry at Glenorchy and Margate. We plan to run other community dinner events in the North-West and in Launceston in 2024.



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