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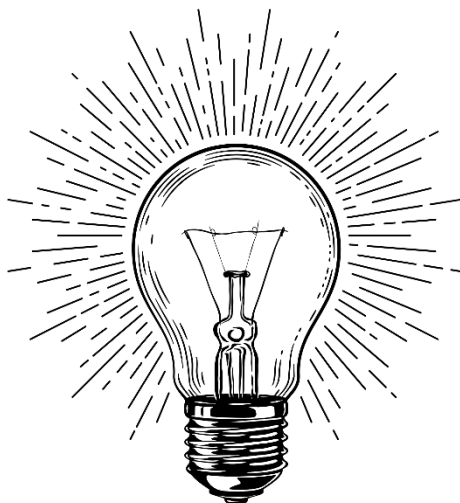
Have you ever been walking to your bed at night but then someone switches off the light before you get there? Naturally, you stub your toe on something and lose balance. You then reach out to lean on your bedside table which you thought was twenty centimetres to your right, when in actual fact, it was twenty-three centimetres and your hand falls through space and your body slams to the floor. You reach out to your cupboard to help you stand, but of course, find it's the curtain and you bring the whole lot down on top of you?

...And you're left in a heap on your bedroom floor wondering where it all went wrong?

When you're in the dark, simple things are suddenly hard. Everything you thought you knew is now uncertain. When things are dark, people lose their way. Fear creeps in, they make mistakes, they hurt themselves. They hurt each other. It's so easy to forget what your purpose is when you're just trying to survive. Just trying to get through a dark room makes us single-minded. Feeling around for things around us that can stable us. But not everything around us is safe to rely on. This is dangerous enough when one person is trying to get through life this way. But how about when whole cultures, whole nations are flailing about in the dark?

But the good news is, throughout history, light has always had a habit of returning. Darkness exists. But darkness does not win. Even when it seems to be prevailing, there is always Someone greater. And rescue often arrives from outside the places we expect.

And it did.



The outside came in. A Light. And anyone who's ever been stuck in a dark room knows that the smallest source of light suddenly brings reality back. Suddenly brings assurance, understanding. Suddenly shows you where it's safe to place your feet.

But God's light is not small...

"Did you know that according to the Bible, God created light before He created our sun? And if that's the case, this would mean that there is more to light than electromagnetic radiation,

which (in case you were wondering) is the type of energy the sun produces. Maybe... just maybe... 'light' is an idea as well as a type of energy. Physical light is made of things called photons, but what is an idea made of? Or wisdom, or knowledge or understanding? Many people say that these things produce a non-physical, non-photon kind of light."

(Excerpt from "The End of the Night" the fifth in the 'Train Flight' series by Elizabeth Newton)

Genesis 1:3-5 – (First Day) *And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.*

Genesis 1:14-19 – (Fourth Day!) *And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.*

This fact that God created light before He created the sun (and moon), I find deeply comforting. Not only because

of what scientists say about the sun eventually dying or that the Earth will eventually fall out of the sun's orbit... but also because it reminds me that God's light is independent of the physical universe. That my hope is anchored to something eternal rather than temporary. My ability to see does not depend solely on the light of this world. If the sun dies and the Earth fades away, God will still remain. And if I have been clinging to Him and walking in His light I can rest secure, knowing that my future is held by the One whose light can never be extinguished.

Jesus said: *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* (John 8:12)

But there's more to the story. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus says, *"You (disciples, His other listeners, believers) are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

Jesus passes the concept of being light to His followers, He urges them not to hide their faith, but to let their good deeds be shown for all to see so that God can be glorified.

And why? Because we live in a dark world. If you've caught yourself

thinking, *'gee, this world is so dark. And it's just getting darker and darker...'* and you've perhaps felt a little bit scared. I know I have. We think *'this world needs the light more than ever!'* But you know, of course, what that means...

It needs you.

It needs us as Christians. We **are** the light! (And our light comes from God of course.)

Jesus mentions how a lamp can give light to the house. But how much more light does a city of lights produce? A city on a hill cannot be hidden! This gives me a beautiful picture of many believers coming together, each giving off an individual light, to create a super-bright beacon – a city on a hill, radiating light. Of course, this ought to be the Church – shining Christ's light. God never intended us to follow Christ in isolation. While we ought to be individual lights, shining in dark places wherever we go, He designed His

Church as the body of Christ, where every believer has a unique place. Notice that He didn't simply say, "You are a light." He described His followers collectively as the light of the world.

John reminded us that *"if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another"* (1 John 1:7). As we walk together in God's truth, His light binds us together in genuine fellowship. And Hebrews urges us to *"consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds"* (Hebrews 10:24). Every encouraging word, act of service, prayer, and act of kindness adds another light to the city's glow.

The more we live in unity together, building each other up, supporting and encouraging one another, the more the light of Christ shines brightly through His people, drawing a watching world to Him.



BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST



August Happy Birthday!

10 Hedy	21 Nev	31 Caleb
17 Jenny S	24 Brian	31 Nick
19 Sharon	28 Bill	31 Tony N

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Phil 1:3

Celebrating birthdays is one way we can honour the gift of life God has given each of us. Happy Birthday from us!
Your birthday not showing up? Tell us when your birthday is so we can celebrate with you.

UPCOMING DIARY DATE REMINDERS	
31 ST JUL	Kid's Club Returns for Term 3 (5:15pm Friday Nights)
1 ST AUG	BICC Prayer Breakfast – 7:30am @ BCUC
16 TH AUG	Music Practice – 12-2pm



Kids CLUB

Fridays 5.15-7.00P

RECOMMENCES
TERM 3 | 31 JULY

\$3per child | \$2per sibling



PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE

August Teaching Series

MARK 10-13

*Heaven and Earth will pass away...
But my words will never pass away."*

Mark 13:31

2 Aug Ben Delaney

9 Aug Ben Delaney

16 Aug Ben Bonython

23 Aug Ben Delaney

30 Aug Ben Delaney



TERM 3: "YOU CAN'T ASK THAT"



2 TIMOTHY 1:6

DOES
EVOLUTION
DISPROVE
GOD?

WHY DOES
GOD WANT ME
TO WAIT FOR
MARRIAGE?

IF GOD IS SO
LOVING WHY
IS THERE
SUFFERING?

DO ALL
ROADS
LEAD TO
HEAVEN?

WHY DOES A
LOVING GOD
SEND PEOPLE
TO HELL?

WHY DOES MY
SEXUALITY
MATTER TO
GOD?



**JOIN US TERM 3 FRIDAYS, 6:30-8:30 PM
AT BURNSIDE FAMILY CHURCH**



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August 2026

July '26							September '26						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4							1	2
5	6	7	8	9	10	11		6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25		20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31			27	28	29	30		

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	9.30a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering Little Sparks	27	W2 28	29	30	31	1
			9.00a Prayer	7.00p Flourish Connect	10.00a Good Life Group	5:15p Kids Club 6.30p Ablaze Youth	7.30a BICC Prayer @BCUC 6.30p Intercess. Prayer
2	9.30a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering Little Sparks	3	W3 4	5	6	7	8
		7.00p Elders	9.00a Prayer 10a Talking Tuesday 7.30p enCourage Connect	10.30a Magill Estate		5:15p Kids Club 6.30p Ablaze Youth	
9	9.30a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering Little Sparks 5.00p Burnside Tamil Christian Fellowship	10	W4 11	12	13	14	15
			9.00a Prayer	7.00p Flourish Connect 7.30p Glenside Connect	10.00a Good Life Group	5:15p Kids Club 6.30p Ablaze Youth	
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30	9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering Little Sparks	31	W7 1	2	3	4	5
			9.00a Prayer 10a Talking Tuesday 7.30p enCourage Connect	10.30a Magill Estate		5:15p Kids Club / Youth	6.30p Intercess. Prayer

AUGUST SUNDAY TEAM

Date	Teaching Team			Kids Ministry		Music Team (see elvanto for musicians)		Service Team					Hospitality Team		
	Sermon	Com- munion	Chair/ Notices	Little Sparks	Helpers	Sound Desk	Media Desk	Comm Serving	Welcome	Collection	Count	Lock Up	Kitchen	Coffee Team	Comm Prep
2/08	Ben Delaney	Hugh Milchen	Sheila	Lily	Bron	Joshua	Andrew	Lyn Renee Tony A Vicky A	Jelita Sharon Vicky A	Amayah Beth	Jenny S Leonie	Nev	Carol	Ben D Brandon & Benjamin	Amayah
9/08	Ben Delaney	Tony Alkmim	Elizabeth	Laura	Joshua	James	Brandon	Nima Vicky A Monica Aaron	Sheila Hannah	Ally T Amy	Donovan Devinder	Jim	Renee Lily	Scott Jenny S	
16/08	Ben Bonython	Lily Nippress	Ben	Carol & Jim	Jeremy	Joshua	Sheila	Sunny Joanne Leonie Jeff	Renee Lisa	Benjamin Brandon	Mark T Aaron	Mark H	Vicky A	Nima Ben	Amayah
23/08	Ben Delaney	Laura Duke	Lily	Mel	James	Jeremy	Nima	Brian Jelita Jenny S Cheng Yi	Vicky A Tony	Elsa Annabelle	Sheila Lyn	Nick	Leonie Joshua	Lachlan Joshua	Helene
30/08	Ben Delaney	Scott Nippress	Jeremy	Laura	Hugh Lyn	Nev	Annabelle	Tony N Vicky A Smita Devinder	Aaron Monica	Beth Clara	Jenny S Leonie	Mark H	Ally C	Hannah Amayah	

Thank you for serving the Lord, and blessing our Church family. If you need to swap with someone, please contact another person directly. A copy of the roster is up on the bulletin board.
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August

1 ☐ 1 Tim 1:1-11 | Ez 1-2

2 ☐ 1 Tim 1:12-20 | Ez 3

3 ☐ 1 Tim 2 | Ez 4-5

4 ☐ 1 Tim 3:1-10 | Ez 6

5 ☐ 1 Tim 3:11-16 | Ez 7

6 ☐ 1 Tim 4 | Ez 8

7 ☐ 1 Tim 5:1-15 | Ez 9

8 ☐ 1 Tim 5:16-25 | Ez 10

9 ☐ 1 Tim 6:1-10 | Ne 1-2

10 ☐ 1 Tim 6:11-21 | Ne 3

11 ☐ 2 Tim 1:1-7 | Ne 4-5

12 ☐ 2 Tim 1:8-18 | Ne 6

13 ☐ 2 Tim 2:1-13 | Ne 7

14 ☐ 2 Tim 2:14-26 | Ne 8

15 ☐ 2 Tim 3:1-9 | Ne 9

16 ☐ 2 Tim 3:10-17 | Ne 10

17 ☐ 2 Tim 4 | Ne 11

18 ☐ Ti 1:1-9 | Ne 12

19 ☐ Ti 1:10-16 | Ne 13

20 ☐ Ti 2:1-10 | Es 1

21 ☐ Ti 2:11-15 | Es 2

22 ☐ Ti 3:1-8 | Es 3-4

23 ☐ Ti 3:9-15 | Es 5-6

24 ☐ Phi 1:1-11 | Es 7-8

25 ☐ Phi 12-25 | Es 9-10





INDONESIA TRIP 2026



2026 INDONESIA MISSION TRIP REPORT

What a joy it has been to receive these wonderful updates from Ally who was one of the team members that attended the Bukit Karmel mission trip in Indonesia this year.



The first Burnside Church team of eight arrived safely after a long journey and were warmly welcomed by the children. Every afternoon, the orphanage gathers for chapel, where the children enthusiastically lead worship with guitars, drums and singing. God's presence was so tangible as the children worshipped together.

Throughout the week, the team used their individual gifts to encourage the children. Jim captivated everyone with Bible stories, including a memorable retelling of David and Goliath that had the children laughing while learning important truths from Scripture. The team also led crafts, sewing, music, games, sport and small group activities that reinforced the Bible lessons. Ally especially treasured spending time

with her group of younger children, who delighted in the craft sessions – and, just as importantly, remembered that "Aunty Ally" always brings chocolate!

One special moment came when an eight-year-old boy produced an extraordinary drawing of Goliath in full armour after hearing the Bible story. His remarkable artistic talent was evident, and the team was thrilled to encourage him.

The orphanage itself continues to be an inspiring place. Founded more than 45 years ago by Mavis, who is now 81, it has become a true family. Older children lovingly care for toddlers, the staff serve with great compassion, and every child is deeply valued. Although Mavis believes this may be her final visit, her legacy of faith and love is clearly reflected throughout the home.



The second week brought a different focus as Ally's family joined the ministry. Medical care became a

major emphasis, with Melissa and Monica conducting eye examinations, health checks, blood pressure testing and general medical assessments for around 65 children and staff members. Monica also spent time teaching the children good dental hygiene while distributing donated toothbrushes and toothpaste.

One particularly moving story involved Bunga, a 14-year-old girl who had been struggling with severe vision problems for years because glasses were unaffordable. Despite her poor eyesight, she is one of the top mathematics and science students in her class. Ally personally paid for prescription glasses for both Bunga and another teenage boy named Alex. She says it was "worth every cent." It was a practical gift that could significantly change both of their futures.

Meanwhile, Ben and Michael repaired the orphanage vehicles, installed new basketball hoops, purchased sporting equipment, and organised repairs to the children's climbing equipment. Others led Alpha groups for the teenagers, ministered in local churches, preached at youth services, and continued building meaningful relationships with the children.

Ally also shared a personal testimony of God's care. During the

trip she developed severe pain in her foot and became concerned about travelling home alone. After prayer and treatment from Melissa, the pain completely disappeared. Ally gratefully gives God the glory for His healing.

Among the many stories that touched the team's hearts was that of a three-year-old boy who arrived at the orphanage severely undernourished and unable to speak because of difficult family circumstances. Within just one month, he had gained weight, begun talking, and was thriving. When his grandmother returned to visit, she wept with gratitude at the transformation she witnessed.

As Ally reflected on the trip, one theme stood above everything else: God's love changes lives. Whether through a warm hug, a Bible lesson, a medical check-up, a repaired vehicle or a new pair of glasses, every act of kindness became an opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ.

Please continue to pray for Mavis, Femi and the staff as they faithfully care for these precious children each day. Pray also for the children themselves – that they would continue to grow in faith, hope and confidence, knowing they are deeply loved by God.

Good Life Group

When: Thursday 10-11:30am fortnightly
Coffee at 10am

Upcoming dates:

Thursday 30th July

Thursday 13th August

Thursday 27th August

Thursday 10th September

Friday 25th September



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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EACH DECIDE IN YOUR HEART HOW MUCH TO GIVE.
AND DON'T GIVE RELUCTANTLY OR IN RESPONSE TO
PRESSURE. "FOR GOD LOVES A PERSON WHO GIVES
CHEERFULLY" 2 COR 9:7

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GROUP
10AM
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'ENCOURAGE'
MEN'S CONNECT

730P
FORTNIGHTLY
TUESDAYS
ANDREW JENKINS

GLENSIDE
730P
2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAYS

ALLY/ALF
CHEHADE

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DISCUSS



TALKING TUESDAY
(WOMEN)
10.00A
FORTNIGHTLY
TUESDAYS

BRON LANGMAN

'FLOURISH'
(WOMEN)
7.00P
FORTNIGHTLY
WEDNESDAYS

SHARON
JENKINS

BURNSIDE TAMIL
CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP

5.00P
2ND & 4TH
SUNDAYS

DAISY & KUMAR

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could dream for the
brokenhearted to call on the
name of Jesus [as vision]

...sent to make a difference every
day in the name of Jesus to all
generations [as mission]

10.00A SUNDAY

Starting at 10.00a, we usually finish by 11.30a. You will be greeted at the door and receive our newsletter and invited to take a seat of your choice. Our gathering begins with music with words shown on a media screen.

During the service, we share in communion which reminds us of the death and life of Christ we share. An encouraging message from the Bible follows and afterwards, everyone is invited to the Back Hall for tea and coffee.

We have a video stream into the rear Hall we call our Family Room and a recording of the service is posted online each week.