



Hills

the family church

Monthly Newsletter

December, 2011

A word from our Officers...

Consider again Christmas.

Here is a quote taken from a book by Brian L. Harbour and James W. Cox.

When Pope Julius I authorized December 25 to be celebrated as the birthday of Jesus in A.D. 353, who would have ever thought that it would become what it is today.

When Professor Charles Follen lit candles on the first Christmas tree in America in 1832, who would have ever thought that the decorations would become as elaborate as they are today.

It is a long time since 1832, longer still from 353, longer still from that dark night brightened by a special star in which Jesus the king was born. Yet, as we approach December 25 again, it gives us yet another opportunity to pause, and in the midst of all the excitement and elaborate decorations and expensive commercialization which surround Christmas today, to consider again the event of Christmas and the person whose birth we celebrate.

In all that we do during this busy season of Christmas. Lets all give some time to pause and think of the amazing act of God, who transformed this world forever in his incarnation of Christ. Giving us a saviour, who would pay the ultimate price for our salvation.
Thank You Jesus.

May you all enjoy time with your family and friends over the Christmas/New Year period.

Chad & Jodie

Prayer Points

Please continue to pray...

CORPS FOLK

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| Loughhead | Tony, Melissa & Medeleine |
| Love | Sean, Liz, Vanessa & Rachel |
| Michaux | Steve, Cassie & Jackson |

REACH OUT DINNER

Planning is now well under way for our dinner on Christmas Eve. At present we have one family attending consisting of 4 adults and 1 baby. Please add this to your prayer list – that people accept the invitation to come along. We're believing 20 people from the community will turn out but God may exceed those expectations. Here are the details:

- Jasper Road Public School Hall Christmas Eve
- Serving commences at 6:30pm BUT volunteers will be encouraged to get there from 5pm onwards in order to assist with set-up etc (tables, chairs, and decorations, food preparation, ushering & directing people).
- Dinner consists of a bread roll, hot meal & dessert. Provided to volunteers as well.
- Light entertainment will take place around dinner (carols, short items, videos) and should conclude by 8:00pm. Clearing up will take longer – hopefully finished by 9pm.

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SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING

9.25 AM,
EVERY SUNDAY MORNING
JOIN CORPS FOLK FOR PRAYER PRIOR TO THE
COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING AT 9.30AM.
ALL WELCOME

DATES TO REMEMBER DECEMBER 2011

Mini Muzos will conclude on Thur 15th Dec 2011 and recommence on Thur 2nd Feb 2012.

- 1st Carols Meeting
- 2nd Women's ministry break-up dinner
- 10th Carols in the Park
- 14th Girraween Public School Carols
- 19th – 24th Christmas Wrapping Winston Hills Mall
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Boxing Day

MATTERS OF INTEREST

Carols in the Park

Carols in the Park is looking really good this year, and the event is coming together well. We will need as many volunteers as we can get to help out – helpers to man collection and information points, clean toilets, decorate trees, assist at stalls etc.

We will be a visible presence of the Salvos on the night and it's a wonderful opportunity for ministry. Please contact Richard if this is something you would like to do, or if you can help out elsewhere.

MORNING TEA ROSTER

- 4 Dec Adele
- 11 Dec Jodie
- 18 Dec Helen
- 25 Dec Christmas Day

HILLS HAPPENINGS...

SMALL GROUP

RUDD'S – WENTWORTHVILLE
RECOMMENCING FEB 2012

STATIONS – TOONGABBIE & PENDLE HILL

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNINGS RESPECTIVELY

WINSTON HILLS COLLECTING

RECOMMENCING FEB 2012

HOTEL MINISTRY

5.30 – 8PM, EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

INDOOR CRICKET

EVERY MONDAY NIGHT

WOMEN'S & MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

RECOMMENCING FEB 2012

Birthdays

- 3 Dec Sue Capon
- 8 Dec Caitlin Capon

Dates for January

Friday Night

Friday Nights in January will again be a games night. More info will follow. See Terry for more information.

Alpha

29th This will be the first week of Alpha. Be sure not to miss it. This is a 10 part series and will conclude on Sunday 18th March 2012. Please arrange your calendar around it so that you can be there for each one. Individuals will be placed into small groups in the near future.