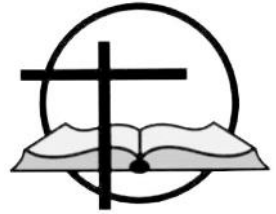


March 2018



BELONGING PEOPLE



Katherine Warlpiri Church celebrates Christmas



From the President

They brought their friend to Jesus, a guy, deaf/mute from birth. A physical tragedy, especially back then with no real medical help available and those born deaf usually had little or no speech. But it's also an example of a spiritual tragedy. Jesus said: *If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.* The original intent is: 'Hear, so as to do'.

All seven letters in Revelation record pretty much the same statement, except it goes further: *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.* In those seven letters, hearing *what the Spirit says* was a pre-requisite to receiving the letter's promised reward. Hear so as to do, receive it as revelation. Too often we hear, but reject because we don't understand, which Isaiah describes as *Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.* It's about hearing but rejecting coz its outside our mindskin. Or maybe our own precious understanding is offended by the truth. And we miss the reward.

However. To hear and perceive what the Spirit is saying means we need to be baptised in the Holy Spirit: *1Cor 2:14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

Even mysteries of the Kingdom are revealed to those who have ears to hear, leading to accurate speaking. Hearing and doing go together with discernment. While discernment can be about right and wrong, it's often about right and almost right, the difference between good and God. Hearing to 'understand so as to do' is inextricably intertwined with speaking clearly and accurately, opening us to the realm of seeing and perceiving. And then we receive the reward.

Bruce Clow

‘A Once In 25 Years Event’ Warren Douglas is Ordained

The President of the Baptist Family of Churches, Pastor Bruce Clow, jokingly referred to the ordination of Pastor Warren Douglas, as a “Once in 25 years event.” Our Family is small compared to other State Church Families, so an ordination comes along rarely.

This little joke highlights the significance of the event, where someone is ordained to the Christian Ministry following a rigorous process of study, research and practical experience. Warren is a pastor in Darwin Baptist Church and also a pastor who is commended to the churches of Australia as both suitably qualified and who has been through a process of spiritual formation and practical experience under the guidance of his peers.



At the 9 am service on 3rd December at Darwin Baptist Church, the congregation witnessed Warren’s statement of faith and his commitment to the Lord Jesus to serve Him by serving the Church, its people and the community. A number of visitors were there, including those who had the task of supervising Warren’s accreditation process over the last two years, and friends from the community.



Prayer was offered by a number of people, and Warren was declared by the President to be ordained to the Christian Ministry. He is in the prayers of all of us as he continues to serve the Lord at Darwin Baptist Church, and also the community through ministries such as Food For Life.

Rev. John Whitbourn

Kalkaringi

Daily life on community can be difficult when the weather is so hot. In the evenings the women often sit out in the cool of the evening sharing, praying and encouraging each other. Serena and Leah will complete the paintings in the church over the holidays, The 'Fruits of the Spirit' and 'Hands Praying'.

A highlight for the children was a Sunday School Christmas Party attended by 30 children of all ages. Ellen read the Christmas Story, Deanna and Serena led some singing and all the parents assisted with the Christmas craft. With the Christmas lights flashing and carols in the background all the children enjoyed Christmas goodies and drinks with the added joy of little bags filled with assorted gifts.



Kalkaringi Sunday School Party

*Christmas Breakfast
at Lajamanu*

Lajamanu

Church continues having weekly women and men's Bible studies. The women have been keenly studying a series called "Prepare For Battle" allowing for Bible reading, teaching and discussion. There have been new women attending which has been encouraging to everyone.

On a warm Christmas Eve the church folk sat outside, enjoying the excitement of the expectation of Christmas Day singing some Carols joined by dogs trying to reach some high notes. An early morning

Christmas Breakfast held at the church gave everyone an early start to the morning sharing in cereal, bacon and eggs and pancakes. Sitting in a large circle in the church a Christmas service with Jerry Jangala giving the message on the birth of Jesus and the importance it is in our Christian life. The service concluded with Jangala and Joe playing the boomerangs singing the Christmas Purlapa.

Bill & Pauline Morrison



Ali Curung Perseveres On

The community has had much unrest during 2017 with many service providers having their premises broken into. The church has been vandalised and the mission house in Ali Curung has been severely damaged many times during the year. This is frustrating, disappointing and of course, costly. This is a problem the community is struggling to know how to deal with..

The good news is despite difficult community issues people have continued to meet together at the church for prayer and worship. At times there have only been few in number but Praise God for faithful followers of Jesus persevering through tough times.



Bill and Pauline

A Heart for God's People



*Matt and Shannon with
Elizabeth and Peter*

Yuendumu Willowra and Ali Curung churches are all looking forward to **Matt and Shannon Anderson** and family joining them in 2018. Please continue to pray for Matt and Shannon as they raise their support and prepare for the move to these communities.

Please pray too for **Bill and Pauline Morrison** as they complete their summer leave with family and deputation in NSW and prepare to return to the NT to continue serving with Global Inter Action. Working alongside local leaders in five indigenous communities they offer Bible teaching, encouragement and leadership training.

CASUARINA BAPTIST CHURCH

Taking the next step together



In September 2017 we introduced a vision for the year 2020, or, if you like, a 1000-day journey. With any journey of this nature there is always the unexpected. The thing is, the unexpected is often what keeps life interesting. So, what is Casuarina Baptist Church's vision for the year 2020? (by the way, it's not that far away!)

By 2020 Casuarina Baptist Church: -

- will be a place where the heart languages and cultural expressions of both men and women, are heard and seen weekly in our services.
- will have an ethnically diverse Leadership Team, consisting of both men and women, that is representative of our membership.
- will have the skills and heart's desire to reach out to Darwin's northern suburbs and beyond, with the Good News of God's Kingdom.
- will have grown numerically, through conversion and or re-engagement, who then joined with us in ongoing fellowship.
- will have most of its members actively participating in Connect Groups for Prayer Accountability, Care and Teaching

- will be a place where people are encouraged to take the Next Step with clear options available.

We can often think about what the next step on our journey of faith should be, but actually taking that next step can be hard. And yet that's what we are called to do, to grow into the likeness of Christ. It's a journey led by the Holy Spirit but, I believe, taken together with others. We, as a people, are called to grow in our faith and trust in the Lord, and for that matter in our love for others.

That's where our Tagline (for this season of the church) comes in.

'Taking the next step together'.

What is that next step? They say that 'a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step'. So, what is that single next step? At Casuarina Baptist, we want to give people options. So that next step may be, the Step of faith (the first step), Baptism, Membership, different areas of service, fellowship (Connect Groups), Leadership, or even going to Theological College to better equip yourself for a lifetime of service.



On Sunday the 3rd December we welcomed Pam, Judy and, Samuel into membership. This was great as both Judy and Pam have been instrumental in Samuel's coming into fellowship at CBC. This was their 'next step'!



In January we farewelled Andrew (Judy's son) as he is heading off to the Worldview Centre for Intercultural Studies in Northern Tasmania. Andrew has committed himself to a two-year program and has received support through the Kent Scholarship. This was Andrew's 'next step'!

As you read Belonging People, ask the Lord to point out that next step for you. Then, along with those around you, seek to turn that dream into a reality! And it will surprise you what the Lord can do!

Pastor Mal Good

... our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.
Philippians 3:20-21



Andrew with his Mum, Judy

Katherine Warlpiri Baptist Church & Knuckey Lagoon Fellowship

Katherine Warlpiri Church Christmas Fellowship



At the Christmas Day Service 2017 Sharon Rockman, Marilyn Peters, Barbara Patterson and Meggerie Brown led the Music worship. In the morning worship service Herbert Mosquito (*above*) shared the message of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the evening of Christmas Day Adrian Cook shared the Word of God and we had a Sing-along as well. What a great time of prayer, singing, sharing personal testimonies and fellowship for everyone.

To God be The Glory! God is worthy to be praised!

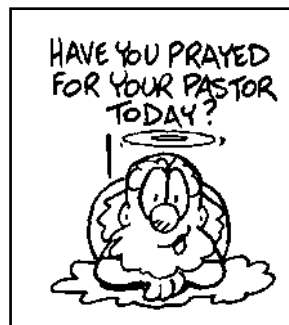
Knuckey Lagoon Baptist Fellowship

Many church families spent Christmas with their families and kinfolk in Lajamanu.

Prayer Request:

PRAY for a Prospective Leader in Knuckey Lagoon to work alongside us and to build relationships among another group who move in and out from Maningrida while we take time to visit families in Knuckey Aboriginal community.

John & Carmen Baynes



John & Carmen Baynes In Katherine

Katherine Filipino Bible Study

The Filipino Bible Study Group in Katherine had an early Christmas Fellowship held in November as some of our families were visiting families in Philippines.

It was held in the home of one of the Bible Study Leaders where everyone felt relaxed and appreciative of the fellowship. Each family shared some food, fruit, cakes and dessert and drinks and lastly they exchanged gifts for the children and for the adults. It was a great time of fellowship, prayer, fun and games. We give God the glory, honour and praise.

Prayer Request:

PRAY for a joint effort of our Filipino Bible Study group of families who meet every Friday night at Heritage Community Church in Katherine that we can encourage other Filipino families to join with us for prayer and fellowship as we try to build good relationships among our Filipino families and friends for God's glory.



Filipino Bible Study Fellowship

As we **face** the **New Year** of **2018** we share Max Lucado's words:

C.A.L.M. which is based on the promises of God in Philippians 4:4-8

Celebrate God's goodness. (Verse 4)

Ask God for help. (Verse 6)

Leave your concerns with Him with thanksgiving. (Verse 6)

Meditate on good things. He is worthy to be praised. (Verse 8)

John & Carmen Baynes

Darwin Baptist Reconnects with School RE

Parap Primary School is located only 3km from Darwin Baptist Church. For many years we have been partnering with the school, teaching RE and providing *Kids' Hope* mentors. Toni, one of our associate pastors, has also been a chaplain at the school. As a result, we were welcomed back in term 4 and now work in partnership with the Catholic and Greek Orthodox groups to teach RE each week during recess time. Previously we were only able to teach the Transition to Year 2 children, in 3 x 1-hour sessions in week 9 of each term.

However last year the school council decided that, while the *Kids' Hope* mentor program could continue, it no longer wanted the church or any other religious groups to take time away from curriculum time. We brought this before the Lord and asked Topher, from Scripture Union, to represent us in meetings with the Principal. We are so thankful for his help. We are now able to provide weekly sessions with the Transition to Year 2 group **AND** a weekly session with the Years 3-6 kids. We are so thankful to God for this amazing opportunity and pray that he will continue to provide and protect this ministry into the future.

Jo Watson



The Lloyd & Win Kent Memorial Scholarship

The Lloyd and Win Kent Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2014 as an ongoing tribute to the late Rev Dr Lloyd Kent and Mrs. Win Kent.

The BUNT Assembly Board recently reviewed the scholarship and the new brochure providing details of the scheme, criteria for applications and available financial assistance plus the application form are available on the BUNT website at:

<http://www.ntbaptist.org.au/bunt-resources/>

For those interested in applying for one of these scholarships in 2018 please log on to the above page for details of eligibility.

Please submit applications to the Secretary of BUNT by email to bunttres@gmail.com. together with a letter of support from your Pastor and any supporting paperwork regarding the program/activities you are planning to undertake.

After The Same Sex Marriage Plebiscite ***by Rev. Mike Mills , Director of Ministries, Baptist Union NT***

In mid-November last year it was announced that just over 6 out of 10 Australians who participated in the postal survey voted in favour of allowing same sex marriage. We have the privilege of living in a secular democracy and as such, in the light of the survey results, our elected leaders passed legislation in December that redefined marriage under the Marriage Act to include same sex marriage. We also recognise how difficult this debate has been (and continues to be) for many people and the need to now find constructive and unifying ways forward in this area as a nation.



Our Association continues to hold the conviction that marriage in God's plan is an exclusive, lifelong union between a woman and a man. We, as Baptists, also hold firm to the freedom of religion and the conviction that the 'state' should not impinge upon this freedom. This now needs to be a key area of focus as legislation is finalised through our parliamentary processes.

Another key area of focus needs to be the task of continuing to reach out in compassion to those for whom this process has been personally painful, for a wide range of reasons. Let's be people who seek to minister the grace of Christ to those around us, holding true to our convictions and also working to encourage mutual respect, kindness and love within our churches and wider communities.

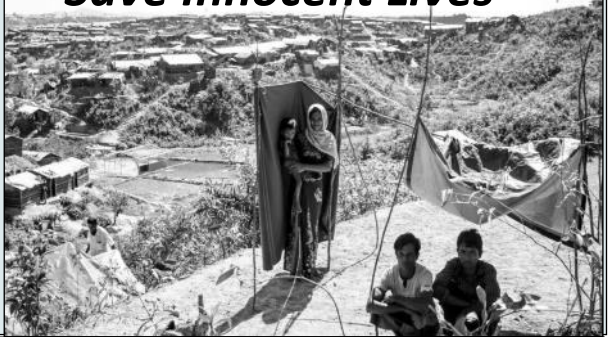




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Be Love. End poverty.

Save Innocent Lives



Have you heard about the world's fastest growing refugee crisis?

Since August 2017, violent and deadly attacks on entire villages in Myanmar's western state of Rakhine, have left hundreds of thousands of Rohingya people fleeing for their lives.

Families are enduring harrowing journeys and, through it all, they carry the weight of unimaginable loss.

The stories reaching us from the Rohingya crisis are heartbreaking.

When violence arrived in their village, Zuwail and his wife, Unia, gathered their four children and ran.

"We had to flee because they burned down our houses... they were shooting," says Zuwail.

Only four of the six would reach the relative safety of Bangladesh.

"When we were running, we lost two of our children because everything went so fast and everyone was so scared," he says.

They were just 7 and 10 years old.

"When we heard that our children got murdered, we had to leave them behind, because they were still coming after us" says Zuwail. "We wanted to go back, but we couldn't - we still had two other children to take care of. We cried and cried and cried".

Zuwail and Unia made it to a refugee settlement with the two boys they had left. But their camp is overflowing with refugees and there's not enough of anything. Not water, not food, not medicines.



Zuwail & Unia with their two remaining children

“Our most urgent needs are shelter and food,” Zuwail tells us. “If I would not get that, what would I do? We might just die. One of our sons is already sick. He has fever, feels cold and then warm and is coughing”.

This is one family’s story... but there are thousands more like it.

Those who make it to refugee settlements in Bangladesh are living without adequate food, shelter, and drinking water. Having escaped a violent death, they now face the prospect of dying from exposure, starvation... or both.

But your generous gift to the Disaster Action Fund will save innocent lives... and help provide urgently needed shelter kits and emergency relief to keep distraught refugee families safe, healthy, and alive.

Whether it’s earthquake, cyclone, or war, the Disaster Action Fund is for families in poverty who need urgent emergency relief.

Families like Zuwail and Unia’s have already lost too much. Give generously to stop them from losing the loved ones they have left.

Save innocent lives. Go to: **baptist-worldaid.org.au/disaster-action-fund**



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Belonging People

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Cornerstone's Community Outreach

Christmas was a bit quiet but there is now a return to normal at Cornerstone. We have had two baptisms this year which is wonderful and hope to see this number increase over the year. The building is progressing well and should be mostly completed by the end of March. We will still have to finish a few things over time.

One of the most exciting community outreach opportunities that we are involved in this year is a reading mentor program at the local primary school. Karen Parrot, Cornerstone's chaplain at the school has organised for us to have volunteers go into the school to read with children that are struggling. The children are from transition to year 5. There are currently 8 people involved and another 2 starting soon. We have been involved in a number of ways with the school over the years and are so grateful to be partnering with them.

Hopefully this year we will also be kicking off men's shed so we would appreciate prayer for that venture going forward.

Pastor Neil Wright



Juliana Ban is baptised



CrossRoads Sets Course For the Year

At the beginning of every year we have Apostle/Prophets Greg and Julie Bailey from Christian International as guest speakers at the first of our two annual 'mini-conferences'. It has been our experience that the prophetic ministry helps set the course and direction for the rest of the year. This took place on 17-18 February beginning with a Men's Breakfast where Greg spoke to the guys, followed with Julie speaking to the Ladies at a Morning Tea. Numbers were up on previous years with different churches represented.

Open services were held at 7.00pm on Saturday and Sunday evening with Julie speaking and Greg spoke at the Sunday morning service. As with many of these types of events, people were in no hurry to leave after the services with almost 100% of those gathered responding to altar calls. Many of those present received a personal prophecy which, for some, was a first time experience.

Our thanks to all those who helped with the organisation in any way – the building needed cleaning three times across the weekend – and to the music team who ministered so faithfully. It really was a marathon effort but seeing the impact in lives makes it all worthwhile.

It has been suggested that we have Greg and Julie back, possibly in May, to run 'Hearing God's Voice, stage one' a weekend course which is run internationally. At times we've all asked the question: 'How do I know it's God?' As the name suggests, the training offered provides answers to what is a very valid and common question and is very helpful. Dates and times will be advertised.

Pastor Bruce Clow



My Testimony by Mitchell Stennett

Through the good times and the hard times God has always been there with me.

In 2016 I had a major operation in Adelaide on my back. I expected to be home in three weeks but the wound didn't heal as it should have and they had to go back in and wash it out. They found that I had two hospital infections and put me on strong antibiotics. I was in hospital for 5 weeks. During this time I knew people were praying. I had visitors from our Adelaide church and other people. My time in hospital wasn't easy but I knew God was with me.

I could also see the challenges others on my ward were having and was able to pray for them. I believe God sent His angels to be with me over the year with my medical issues. I haven't seen them but I have sensed they are there.

The good things this year (2017) have been the support I have had at school that's helped me get through Year 12 and the support of my Youth Group and Bible Study Leaders.

I have learnt to pray more and I try to remember to put on the Armour of God. This has helped me not to be fearful of trying new things.

I grew up in a Christian Family and they have been my greatest support. In Primary School we got involved with



Mitchell celebrates his 18th birthday with his parents, John & Rosemary.

Children's Prayer Network and that's where I learned to pray. Through my family and church I've learnt many Bible stories and had opportunities to work with children. When I was 10 our pastor spoke about Baptism and doing Baptism classes. During those classes I knew in my heart that I needed to get baptised. I wanted to show that the Old had gone and the New Life had come.

My favourite Bible verse is John 3:16. *For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have Eternal Life.*

Even at a young age I knew that I wasn't right with God and that I had to believe in Jesus to rescue me from my sin and give me a New Life and a New Future.

Since my baptism I've had many issues but I've always tried to go back to Jesus and read the Bible more. Jesus has always been with me even when I don't feel it. I know that He will be there for you if you believe and ask Him into your life.

Mitchell has grown up in Casuarina Baptist Church where he is much loved.

OUR TIME IN THE TERRITORY

Barry and Lois Downes

Privileges

From our first appointment to Woorabinda, Qld in 1968, we have been privileged to work with AIM, (Australian Indigenous Ministries) GIA, Yapaku Association and BUNT.

Places

Our years in the NT included Barunga, Katherine, Alice Springs, Kalkaringi, Lajamanu with short stints at Ali Curung.

People

On one of the walls in our new home in Townsville we have framed photos of many people we have worked with. We have been truly blessed by Indigenous and Non-Indigenous alike whom we have shared life with over so many years. People from different tribal groups – Rhembunga, Jarwon, Warlpiri, Alyawarra, Gurindji, being the main ones.

The Jakamarra and Napaljarri, the Jangalas and Nangalas, the Japartas and Nalyirris and many more.

The fellow missionaries and community personnel, the schools where we have taken RE and relief teaching.

Such a kaleidoscope of life and ministry. So many memories we could write a book!!!



Barry & Lois with grandson, Levi

Our sons have been so blessed by the places we have lived in and the people we have lived alongside. We are doubly blessed that they are now serving the Lord with their families.

In 2016 we revisited Kalkaringi for the 50th Freedom Day celebrations. It was a very special time catching up with people.

We now live in a Church of Christ Retirement Village in Townsville, having moved from Rockhampton 2 years ago. We live not far from one of our sons and his family. An extra joy in these years has been to care for our 3 year old grandson for several days a week. What a bonus!

Yes God has given us wonderful opportunities during our life for which we thank Him.

National Day of Prayer and Fasting in Alice Springs

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14



Just how important is unity between churches in a geographical location? What is God's view of churches coming together and worshipping him and seeking his face for the "healing of our nation?" Psalm 133 speaks of unity among brothers being the setting where the Lord bestows his blessing and pours out ongoing life. Surely this would be enough of a call to come together. The New Testament though has a lot to say about unity between believers. Can it be that Jesus' prayer for unity in John 17 was just for his original disciples or just for a local church? It rather speaks of a wideness in it's unity with a vision "... that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."

The result of churches coming together and praying and fasting and maintaining the unity of the Spirit that we have been given through the one Spirit is "...that the world will know that you sent me."

It is quite extraordinary that by coming apart briefly from the world as combined churches to give all of our endeavours to him that our witness to the world is enhanced, elevated and substantially more fruitful!

Here in Alice we met at Desert Life Church on February 10th from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Six churches were given an hour each to lead us in worship, prayer and repentance. We commenced with a special time of worship in song for most of the first hour. It was great to see believers worshipping together even if we might have been accustomed to different songs or a different style. We moved then into our key verse and adopted postures of repentance and sought the Lord together for our land. We then moved into a time of mixed worship and prayer in a more reflective manner which gave time to hear the Lord. We then prayed for our leaders from local government right through to Canberra.

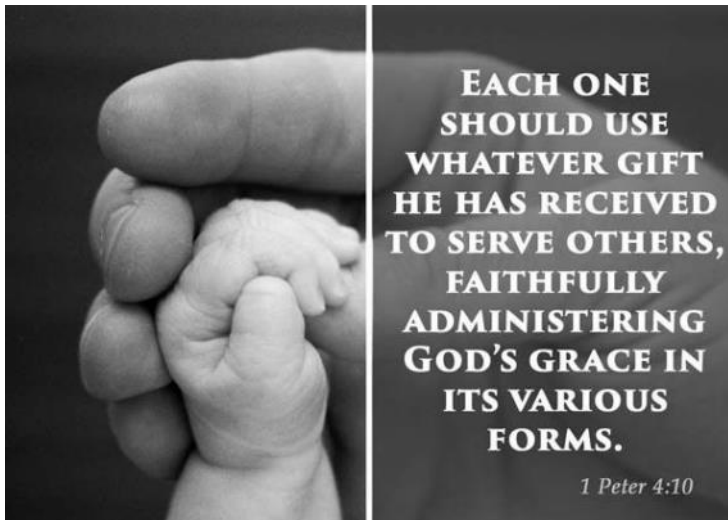
By moving around to designated spots we could all pray for each leader in a focussed way. Specific prayer for church leaders and unity in Alice was then brought before the throne of grace. We finished with a call to be salt and light where we live and prayed into relevant social issues. We claimed the power of the name of Jesus through his Spirit to break strongholds in our town. We sensed the movement of the Spirit in all the different segments which came together to make up the whole. With unity comes blessing.

Pastor Rod Holmes

BUNT ASSEMBLY 2018 - Change of Dates

**The date of the 2018 Assembly has been changed to
Friday 31 August & Saturday 1 September 2018.
Venue: Cornerstone Christian Fellowship**

More information regarding the program and Assembly dinner will be provided to churches closer to the date and in the next issue of Belonging People .



FOODBANK BUS

“Much to be thankful for “



The Foodbank bus is launched outside Parliament House

Exciting Times for Foodbank NT as their new bus was launched at a reception at Parliament House last August. The Hon Kezia Purick, Speaker of the House, hosted the reception attended by Foodbank staff, volunteers and clients. The bus has been fitted out as a mobile pantry by Darwin firm, Vehicle Solutions NT, and is beautifully 'wrapped' on the exterior with images of clients and volunteers of Foodbank and Food for Life. The mobile pantry will be used to take Foodbank services to Darwin's rural regions.

Over the Christmas break the mobile pantry was unfortunately struck by lightning which burnt out the

electrical control units for the solar system and also the engine management system. The solar system has now been repaired, but a further part is needed to get the bus operational again.

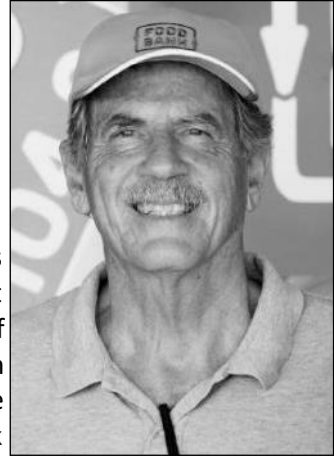
Interim Foodbank CEO, Paul Avery has asked for prayer for the mobile pantry to become operational again. Paul has also noted a couple of positives.... “ we are about to receive a \$40,000 forklift thanks to a grant from Inpex and we have also received a donation of \$10,000 worth of fuel a year for the next three years from FX Fuels. **We have much to be thankful for.”**



Peter Fisher OAM

The Baptist Family in the NT congratulate Peter on his award

Former Baptist Care NT CEO, Peter Fisher was awarded an Order of Australia in the recent Australia Day honours. This was in recognition of his many years of service to the community in the NT, firstly as Anglicare NT chief executive and, for the past nine years, as CEO of Foodbank NT and Baptist Care NT. Peter retired last year.



Speaking to the NT News, Peter said, “I always had a strong desire to be involved in community services work. Getting this award is surreal. But rather than just focusing on me, the people that know me and have worked with me — I hope this award is acknowledging the work they’ve done as well. You don’t do it on your own, a lot of people work together.”



Special Guest

Foodbank NT was pleased to host her Honour, Vicki O’Halloran AM, Administrator of the NT, at their Foodbank warehouse in early February giving her an insight into the work of Foodbank supporting Territorians in need. Pictured with the Administrator are Interim CEO, Paul Avery and Peter Chandler, General Manager of Operations.



*BUNT Child Protection Training
Saturday 16 June 2018
Casuarina Baptist Church.
Full Day Seminar*

**Understanding and Responding to Child Abuse
and Sexual Exploitation**
“Making Children and the Church Safe”

The afternoon component of this seminar now serves as a recognised update seminar for those who have either:

- attended and completed a full day seminar within the last three years, or
- are due to complete an update seminar in order to maintain a current BUNT certificate.

Host Church:	Casuarina Baptist Church
BUNT Contact person:	Vivian Carson
Bookings:	Email Vivian on: bunttres@gmail.com
Seminar Venue:	Casuarina Baptist Church, 44 Dripstone Road,
Seminar date:	Saturday June 16
Time:	9am Start
Morning tea	10.45am – Supplied by host church
Lunch:	12.30-1.00pm - Please BYO lunch
Finish:	3.00pm
Seminar Fee:	Covered by BUNT

Certificate and manual fee: \$5 per person payable on the day.

Full details, **which everyone attending the seminar needs to read prior to the date of the seminar**, are available from the BUNT Secretary, BUNT churches or on the Events Page of the BUNT Website at: <http://www.ntbaptist.org.au/events-news/>

Billy Graham



On Wednesday the 21st February, **Evangelist Billy Graham** passed away. During his life he reached out to over 200 million people, through more than 400 Crusades, held in over 185 countries and territories. In 1956 he held a 12-week London “crusade”, more than 2 million people attended in total. The numbers are still big!

Two of those people in London, were my parents! And yes, they responded to his message and it changed their lives and the type of home that I would enter a few years later. My parents were followers of Jesus!

It just so happened that on the day that Billy Graham died, I and a few other pastors in Darwin, were attending a lunchtime meeting hosted by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. In 1959 Billy Graham came to Australia, and many lives were transformed right across this land. They are planning a 60th Anniversary Australia wide campaign, starting February 2019, and Darwin is on the map!

I wonder if there is going to be a new season of people saying ‘yes’ to Jesus? And I wonder how far reaching the effects of just two people saying yes to Jesus will be? I know that two people saying ‘yes’ to Jesus changed my life and I wasn’t even there!

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Mal Good

“MY HOME IS IN HEAVEN:
I'M JUST TRAVELING
THROUGH THIS WORLD.”

BILLY GRAHAM

CrossCards



Territory Women's Conference

25-26 May

Friday 25 May – 7pm TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

Saturday 26 May – 9am TOGETHER CONFERENCE

Venue: Club Tropical Resort, Darwin

TOGETHER Territory Women's Conference is a wonderful opportunity for women to come together from across the Territory to make a difference for others on both a local and a global level - to be empowered and sent out to have an impact for God's Kingdom in our homes, our Churches, our communities and workplaces.

TOGETHER in WORSHIP on Friday 25 May at 7pm, This will be a creative and interactive evening of praise, reflection and prayer to empower all who attend with a deeper faith, hope and love and courage.

TOGETHER CONFERENCE on SATURDAY May 26, beginning at 9am where we will have the opportunity to hear what God has for us through our gifted speakers and enjoy an inspiring day as we reflect on how we can be "Fearless" and live more. We are excited about all that God has in store for TOGETHER 2018!

To find out more information and to register for TOGETHER go to our website www.togethernt.com.au. Contact us on our website if you have any enquiries or if you would like to receive brochures in the mail.

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