

## INFORMATION

### CONNECT GROUPS

**Monday Night Ladies Connect Group**  
Host & Leader: Eve Gardiner  
Day: Monday  
Time: 7.30pm  
Venue: 255 Bruces Creek Road,  
Whittlesea  
(This group will not be meeting again  
until 2010)

**Whittlesea Home Fellowship**  
Hosts: Lance & Vicki Cleghorn  
Leader: Glen & Marg Auty  
Day: Thursday  
Time: 7:30 PM  
Venue: 174 2nd Avenue, Eden Park

**Bible Study**  
Hosts: Shane and Millie Lepp  
Leader: Ps. Shane Lepp  
Day: Wednesday  
Time: 7.30 PM  
Venue: 7 Elm Street, Whittlesea

**Young Adults Study Group**  
Host: Lepp Family  
Leader: Ps Shane and Millie  
Contact Phone No: 9716 3057  
Day: Tuesdays  
Time: 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Venue: 7 Elm Street, Whittlesea

### Our Church Mission Statement

***“We will aim to bring glory to  
God in all things!”***

Please forward all articles for the newsletter  
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### Our Church Goals :

- To reach the unsaved people of this area and beyond.
- To disciple them for Jesus Christ.
- To help them discover and exercise their God given gifts and talents.
- To release them into ministry as God opens doors for them.

When emailing items for the newsletter,  
please put the words:  
"Church Newsletter" in  
the subject line



# NEW HORIZONS

A member of the Australian Christian Churches



**New Horizons  
Whittlesea Assembly Of God Church Inc.**  
ABN: 96 385 362 762 Incorporation Number: A0033205F  
28 Forest St. Whittlesea - 10.00am & 5.00pm

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**We extend a warm welcome to everyone  
worshipping with us today.  
Do join us for a cuppa after the service.**



**PASTOR'S  
DESK**

**Greetings to all in the name of Jesus!**

We extend a special welcome to any visitors that may be with us this morning. We pray that you will be blessed by being with us.

As we rapidly approach Christmas Day, it is a good time for us to reflect on why we celebrate this day.

John 3:16, 17 reminds us:

**16<sup>th</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17<sup>th</sup> God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.**

At Christmas we reflect on the awesome demonstration of God's love for us, in that He sent His only Son to save us from the penalty of our sins.

At Christmas time, we so often focus on the birth of our Lord Jesus, which is a good thing to focus on, but let us never forget that it was the love of our Heavenly Father that was the inspiration for Jesus coming!

If ever you doubt the love of the Father, remind yourself of the birth and death of our Lord. He came to save, and he did this by dying on a cross!

As we celebrate Christmas together, we can do so with joy in our hearts knowing that despite what we are going through, we are deeply loved!

1 John 3:1 says,

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

Who are you? Children of God!

Who made the way for your restoration as children of God? Jesus

How can you demonstrate your love for Him? By loving Him with obedience and loving each other in the way He loves you!

Worth thinking about!

Have a blessed week,

Lots of love  
Shane and Millie.



**Shane & Melania**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH**

**WEEKLY PROGRAM**

**Sunday:**

Prayer Meeting 9:30 am  
Church Services 10:00 am  
5:00 pm  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month:**

Mission Sunday—special collection

**Wednesday:**

Bible Study 10.00 am  
Soup Kitchen 12:30pm  
Music Practice 7:30 pm  
Connect Group 7:30 pm

**Thursday:**

Morning Playgroup 10.00 am  
(In Church Portable)  
Connect Group 7:30 pm  
Intercessory  
Prayer Meeting 10.00 am

**Friday:**

Prayer Meeting 6.30 am  
(in Church)  
Youth Connect Group  
Please refer to their calendar of events.

**Nursing Home Service Times**

**Whittlesea Hostel**

11:00 a.m.— 1st Thursday of month

**Sunrise Nursing Home**

11:00 a.m.— 4th Thursday of the month

**BIRTHDAYS**

**DECEMBER**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chris Nicola
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Maxine Watson
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sylvia Gray
- 8<sup>th</sup> Cassie Vale
- 8<sup>th</sup> Cornelia Banks
- 10<sup>th</sup> Peter Gardiner
- 12<sup>th</sup> Kim Beltrame
- 12<sup>th</sup> Kaylee Hamilton
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jonah Young
- 17<sup>th</sup> Matthew Griffiths
- 19<sup>th</sup> Peter Craig
- 19<sup>th</sup> Luke Boyce
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Denise Robinson
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Colin Christian
- 24<sup>th</sup> Margaret Bovey
- 25<sup>th</sup> Mark McClure
- 27<sup>th</sup> Shaniya Price
- 29<sup>th</sup> Lochlan Kelso
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nikita Komodromou

**ANNIVERSARIES**



**DECEMBER**

No Anniversaries

If we have inadvertently left anyone's birthday or anniversary off the list, or if your details are incorrect, please let Melinda Price know.

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## CHURCH ROSTERS

### Whittlesea 10:00 a.m.

Welcoming  
Worship Leader  
Communion  
Tithing Prayer  
Deacon  
Security  
Counting  
Book Shop  
Preaching

### 5:00 p.m.

Worship Leader  
Communion  
Tithing Prayer  
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Preaching

### Sunday December 20th

G & M Auty  
Aaron Kelly  
Ps Shane Lepp  
Stephen Harvey  
Alison de Haan  
Chris Latimer  
S.Harvey/P.Bovey  
Rose Latimer  
Ps Roland Gardiner

Aaron Kelly  
Jacqui Kelly  
Aaron Kelly  
Peter Bovey  
Alison de Haan  
Nooma DVD + Discussion

### Sunday January 3rd

TBA  
Leslie Price  
Aaron Kelly  
Derek Coleman  
TBA  
Chris Latimer  
TBA  
TBA  
Ps Roland Gardiner

NO EVENING SERVICE

### Sunday December 27th

G & M Auty  
Leslie Price  
Millie Lepp  
Ps Roland Gardiner  
Steve Harvey  
Caryn Avelsgaard  
TBA  
Kerry King  
Ps Shane Lepp

NO EVENING SERVICE

### Sunday January 10th

TBA  
Toby Price  
Margaret Auty  
Malcolm Symonds  
TBA  
James Robinson  
TBA  
TBA  
Ps Roland Gardiner

NO EVENING SERVICE

## TESTIMONIES

We would love to get you to contribute your testimony for the newsletter and/or New Horizons website. If this is something you would be interested in sharing, please email your testimony to: [pastorshane@newhorizonsaog.org.au](mailto:pastorshane@newhorizonsaog.org.au)



## NEWS

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Courage is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm."  
~Winston Churchill

### TODAY'S ONELINER

Each person's core purpose in life is to be loving.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Love is made visible by the infinite acts of kindness and service we do for others.

### SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

<sup>16</sup>This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. <sup>17</sup>If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? <sup>18</sup>Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

~1 John 3:16-18

## BOOK SHOP

**Book of the Week**  
**Enjoying Where You Are on the Way to Where You Are Going**

Joyce Meyer



Learn How to Live a Joyful Spirit-Led Life! Are you enjoying every day of your life? Or do you tell yourself and others that you will find happiness once you have reached a

specific goal or position in life? Jesus came so that we might have and enjoy life (John 10:10). Joy is a fruit of the Spirit. If you have not been enjoying your life to the fullest, it is time to begin! In this book, Joyce Meyer combines biblical principles with personal experiences for a powerful teaching on how to enjoy every day on your journey through life. By applying the principles outlined in this book, you will learn: \* How to make the decision to enjoy life \* How to rid yourself of regret and dread \* How to experience the simplicity of life \* How to find joy during times of waiting \* How to finish your course with joy \* Plus much more! Enjoying life is not based on enjoyable circumstances. It is an attitude of your heart. So learn how to enjoy where you are on the way to where you are going today!



## HUMOUR

### Grandpa's Christmas Story

Grandpa decided that shopping for Christmas presents had become too difficult. All his grandchildren had everything they needed, so he decided to send them each a cheque (check).

On each card he wrote:

'Happy Christmas  
Grandpa'

P.S. 'Buy your own present!'

#### Conclusion:

Now, while Grandpa enjoyed the family festivities, he thought that his grandchildren were just slightly distant. It preyed on his mind into the New Year. Then one day he was sorting out his study and under a pile of magazines, he found a little pile of cheques (checks) for his grandchildren. He had completely forgotten to put them in with the Christmas cards.

## LOVE AND RELATIONSHIPS

The walls we build around us to keep sadness out also keeps out the joy.

~Jim Rohn



## Kids Hope Aus – Story for the week

### GAINING CONFIDENCE

*Written by a KHAUS Mentor*

Rose had been working with her student for a few short weeks when it became obvious Ross did not attempt many new words. She wondered how she could help him gain confidence to give it a go. One of Ross' favourite activities was box work - he loved to make things. So Rose decided to help him become confident with one new word a week. Each time they got together she would work with him to pronounce whatever he had made out of box work. One week she entered the classroom to find Ross showing his class what he had made with her and when he was asked what it was, instead of standing silently, he answered with a big smile, "a train." The teacher couldn't believe it, this was a huge achievement!

## What's on this Week

### Monday:

10:30 am Nursing Home Walk

### Wednesday:

11:30 am Community Kitchen

7:00 pm Music Practice

### Thursday:

11:00 am Nursing Home Service  
(Sunlight)

7:00 pm Christmas Eve  
Service followed by  
Supper

### Friday:

6:30 am Prayer Meeting

## Services in December/January

Please note that there will be NO night services on the following Sundays:

### Christmas Eve

*Celebration Service at 7 pm  
followed by Supper*

### Christmas Day

*No Service – Family day*

### Sunday December 27th/ all January

*No Evening Services*

## Arise and Build

Thank you to your fantastic response to the call to sponsor an orphan in Zambia. So far we now have over 100 orphans sponsored. You can complete your form and put it in the Missions box.