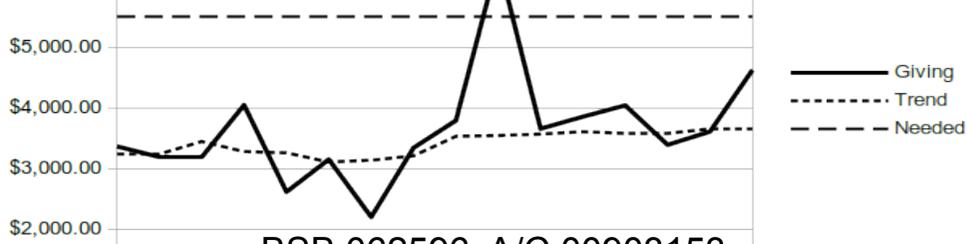


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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Birthday this week

Today	Ken Davies
Monday	Margaret Finlay
“ “	Vivienne Speirs
“ “	Kaylen Marlow
Tuesday	Heather Fredericks
Wednesday	John Greenlees



Anniversaries this week

Tuesday	David & Julie Ward
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Topic: *Sabbath Rest*
Speaker: Phillip Gummerson
Chairman: Ralph Hearsey
Creche: Tamika & Emilia

Next Sunday

Sabbath Work

Sp: Phillip Gummerson
Ch: Ralph Hearsey

Rhys & Rhiannan

The Sunday After..

*The Missing Ingredient
of Modern Day
Christianity- Part 1*

Sp: Andrew Cowell
Ch: Ralph Hearsey

Paul & Sarah

The Program (D.V.)

10am
Church which includes:
Prayer and Praise
Creche
Worship
Communion
Preaching

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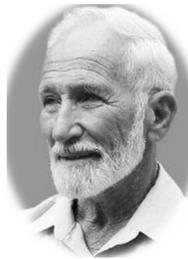


Praise, Prayer & News

- * **Ralph & Jess Hearsey** – A new baby boy to be born late March.
- * **Rhys & Rhiannan Morsillo** – A new baby to be born in May.
Pray – For safe delivery for the mothers and and babies.

- * **Dave Ward** – Weekly checkups.
Praise – Dave has been able to attend church.
Pray – That he recovers fully.
- * **Jenny McGechan** – The eye procedure appears to be failing.
Pray – That it heals so that she can keep on nursing.
- * **Heather Davis** – Praise God she's now completed her therapy with minimal side effects.
Pray – For a good result from a scan in the new year.
- * **Andrew Webb** – Battling cancer.
Pray – For endurance, courage and a permanent cure.
- * **Christine Scott** – Atrial fibrillation and chronic lung problem.
Christine much improved and now back at home.
Pray – For improving health.
- * **Christine Bell (GLO)** – Her father died last Monday.
Memorial service Tuesday 10th @ 12noon - Campbelltown Christian Community, cnr Townson & Alderney Sts Minto.
Pray – For Christine, Peter and family in their bereavement.

- * **Dr Ken Elliott** – Australian missionary held by Islamic Jihadists for more than six years in Mali.
Pray – That he is returned to his wife and family very soon.



In praise of missionaries.

Tonj is a war-battered settlement on a river that eventually feeds into the White Nile, in South Sudan. Last year, Dr Ben Roberts, an eye doctor from Alabama who works as a medical missionary in Africa, arrived in Tonj to perform cataract operations on hundreds of local people, restoring sight to those who live in darkness. News of Dr Roberts's miracles reached a blind elderly woman named Madhieu, many days walk away. With her daughter leading her by the hand, Madhieu set off for Tonj on foot. They trekked night and day through thick jungle and when at last they arrived they discovered they were too late. The doctor had already moved on. The elderly woman asked if he would ever come back and she was told yes, after about a year.

Madhieu was determined not to miss the chance of being able to see again. Instead of having her daughter lead her through the jungle all the way back to her village, she decided to wait in Tonj. Here she built a hut and then sat down to wait.

Each year an evangelical charity called Samaritan's Purse, founded by Billy Graham's son Franklin, invites the doctors from Tenwek on tours of South Sudan.

In October this year, Tenwek launched another expedition to South Sudan. Dr Roberts was busy elsewhere, but his team of Kenyan eye doctors flew up to South Sudan and bumped along the dangerous road back to Tonj. Almost at the head of the queue was the blind lady Madhieu, who had never left the place as she waited patiently, never giving up hope, for the eye team to finally return. Now that they were here once more, she and the other patients, including another woman in her nineties, were prepared for the cataract operation.

Following her operation Madhieu wore an eye patch. When this was finally taken off, she was able to see. The missionaries tell how she danced and in prayer gave thanks to Jesus.