



# Goondiwindi Christian Church

A Spirit-Filled, Family Church

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

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Hello everyone, welcome to our December newsletter – final month of 2018 and wow what a year.

Let's just say that this month is surely going to end the year with a bang –



**B**usy  
**A**ll together  
**N**ot much rest  
**G**od fuelled!

## Vision Sunday re-cap ..

On 11th November we celebrated Vision Sunday –

We looked back over the last year with praise to God as we heard the reports from each ministry.

We heard from the Leaders of all the regular ministries operating within the church, including our College, Mama Rescue and the Autism Support Group.

It was truly amazing to hear what God is doing, and what stood out to me was that

*"We are better together"*

As each one cast vision for the future whether a year or longer, we saw that the desire of each is to grow and to reach out more into our community.

Pastor Ivan talked about the need for Vision for as the Proverb says "without a progressive vision the people dwell recklessly." For a vision to come to fulfilment, there has to be several elements that accompany it - **Faith, Prayer, Obedience** and **Unity**. Since that time several have told us how encouraged they were after hearing what God is doing across the whole spectrum of the church.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Let us continue to look to our God for clarity and strategy and the ability to make the vision plain so that at the appointed time we can run with it!!

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If you were unable to attend or would like to recap any Sunday service, the audio recordings are available on SoundCloud – you can [CLICK HERE](#) or follow the link below to listen.

<https://www.goondiwindiaog.com/sermons>

Apart from the regular things we have each week – here are a few highlights for December

### Highlighted KEY DATES for December

Youth Edge in recess from **30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Carols by Candlelight – 6.30 @ Botanical Gardens. There will be a BBQ available to purchase for dinner as well as other delights. BRCC is the Organiser.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** Farewell Gloria  
Goods for Christmas Hampers to be in by this **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Annual BRCC Celebration night when the students will receive their awards. 6.30 pm at the College.

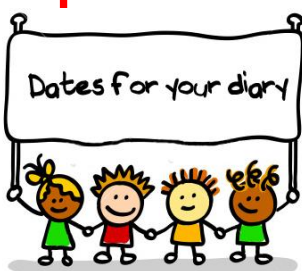
**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 6.30 pm Family Movie night- details below.... Movie is G rated

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** – 9.30am Christmas concert and children's Church end of year celebration, followed by Christmas lunch. Everyone to bring a plate of food to share for lunch please.

Children's Church in recess from **9<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Sometime **between Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec and Christmas** – Ladies get together –to be discussed and finalised at bible study this week (**Wed 5<sup>th</sup>** this will be last Women's Bible Study for the year)

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 6pm Christmas Eve Service



Donations for School bags for Mozambique still being taken -Over \$300 raised by the Children's church Sausage sizzle.

[Please find attached December Calendar](#)

**Weekly Prayer Focus** As of last month we have started a weekly prayer focus roster with each new week specifying a particular focus of prayer for us to engage in – here is this months' TOPICS

Dec 2 -8 **Hamper Recipients**, Dec 9-15 **Scott Morrison**,

Dec 16-22 **Talwood Community**, Dec 23-29 **Shiloh Ministries**,

Dec 30 – Jan 5 **The Year ahead 2019 !**



Upcoming ...



Last month ...



Think  
Pink!

## Breast Cancer Event

**Think Pink!** Breast cancer event (held Sat 10<sup>th</sup> November) raised \$1,500 to improve the facilities at Breastscreen Toowoomba through the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation. The collaborative picture that was created on the night will be auctioned at a future date to add to the fundraising efforts.

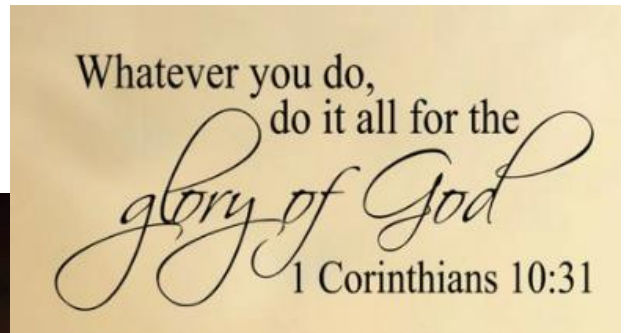
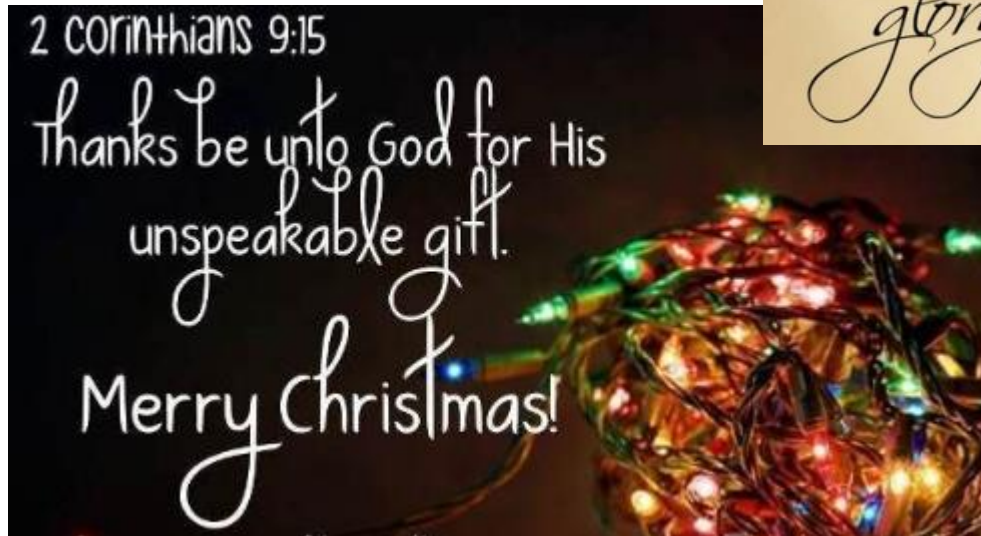
Thank you to everyone who came, contributed and donated.

Guest Speakers; Julia Telford & Lester Anderson ( Toni's Dad)



We have also attached below email update from Katrina.  
Wherever you are, whatever you do, be blessed

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**EMAIL From:** Katrina Condesse **Sent:** Tuesday, 13 November 2018

**Subject:** Praise the Lord!!

Howdy family, friends and partners,

God is so good, and I just want to share His goodness with you!!

As you are aware at the moment, we are doing some fundraising for our school bag project. This is something that is close to my heart, as I love to give and especially to those who God has called us to help, the orphans and widows!!

We have slowly been getting money coming in, and by last Friday we decided that we had enough to go and look at school bags. So, on Saturday as a family we went to town to look for good school bags at a decent price. We went to one of the shops where we brought them last year, and they had the same bags, which this year he has given to us at a cheaper price per bag. Praise the Lord.

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Then in the afternoon, Isac took Gerron and a friend of Isac's to go and ask different places that do catering. The first one that they went to, it was God leading them, as the lady was amazing, when she heard what and why we are doing the school bags, she immediately made a very generous offer that is roughly half of the normal price, and she also has a jumping castle which she will let us use for free, and this is something that I was hoping to be able to give the children as a special treat!!!! So God knows the desires of our hearts and He provides in amazing ways!!

Not only that, but she told Isac that she will ask some friends and other business associates if they would be willing to help pay for the bags, and so we most likely will end up with people right here in Beira helping to fund this school bag project and we are wanting to give all the Praise and glory to God, because we know that it is God who has opened up these doors of blessing.

Please don't think that this means that you don't need to give, we still need roughly another \$1,500 to cover the cost of food, chairs and tables and also transport to get all the children and caregivers to the one location. The more we get the more we can give. Depending on how much we receive we may be able to give more bags to more children, so please continue to spread the word and let's see how many children we can help!

This is a huge event, the first one that we have ever done, so please continue to give so that we can do the absolute best for these precious children and their families!!

Thank you to everyone who has already given, our hearts are overflowing with thanks and we are so excited to see what God is doing through the generosity of people like you!!

Fly with the eagles,

Katrina