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DEADLINE to place articles in the newsletter for March 2026 is 15th February.

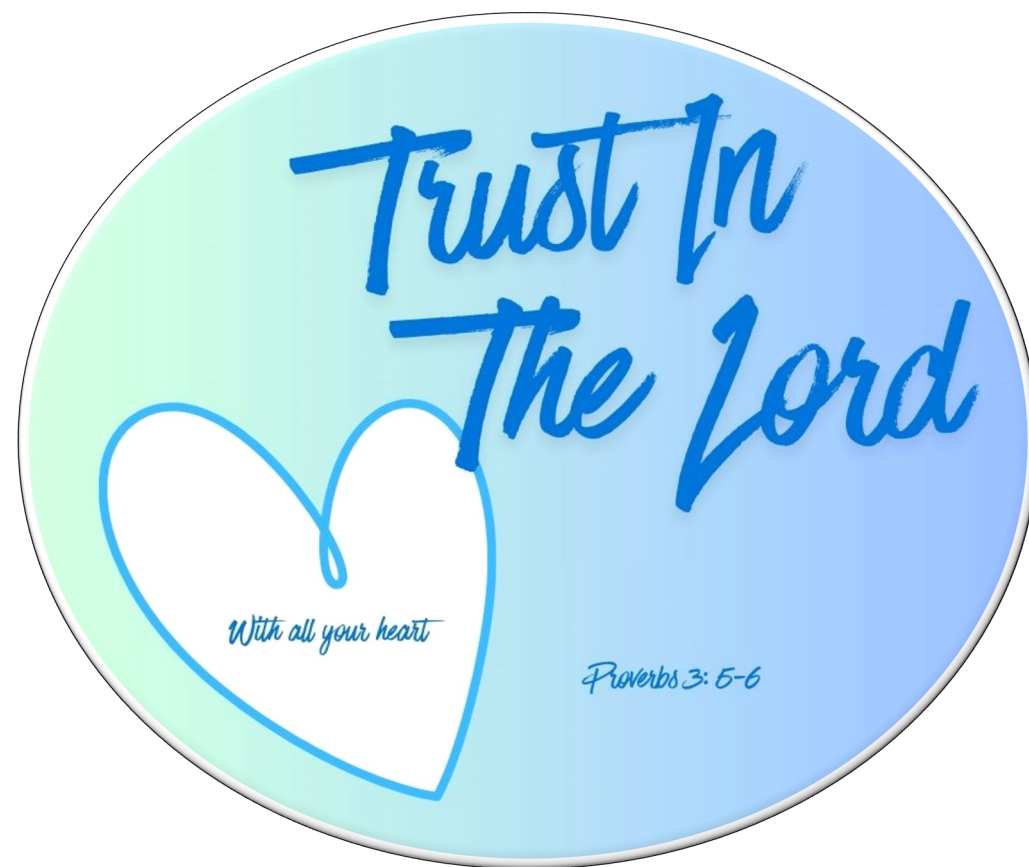
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Wonthaggi Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026



SERVICE TIME: 10AM SUNDAYS

Our Mission

To connect the unconnected to Christ and together grow in full devotion to Him.

Regular Church Activities

Prayer Meetings

Saturdays - the 24/7 Prayer in the Heritage Chapel.

Sunday 9.30 - 9.45 before the Sunday Morning Service.

Thursday 7.30am - 8.15am at the church.

The WBC MONTHLY prayer meeting at the church occurs each Third Sunday 2.30 - 3.30pm.

Wildfire Kids Church

Fortnightly during school terms. Children can be dropped off at the rear hall from 10am and must be signed in and out by a parent or guardian. Contact Jenny Alder 0491 101 474.

Playgroups

Wonthaggi - Monday and Wednesday mornings 9:30am - 11am

Inverloch - Tuesday morning 9.30 - 11am.

Youth Connect

Emma Burfitt: 0432 688 153

Men's Lunch

1pm on the first Tuesday each month. Corner Store in Inverloch.
(Cnr Cuttriss St and The Esplanade—Near Big 4)

Welcome-In Seniors Social Group

Meets every Thursday 1pm to 3pm except for the 1st Thursday of the month which is at 12.30pm for a BYO lunch. Contact Hettie Liet for more information 0448 553 500.

Live For Christ, Love Like Christ, Lead to Christ

Connect Groups are the Heartbeat of Church Life



Connect groups are a great way for you to meet others, grow in God's word and build authentic relationships.

If you would like to join a Connect Group or would consider facilitating in some way, [please contact the church office on 1300 175 816 or office@wonthaggiabaptist.org.au](mailto:office@wonthaggiabaptist.org.au)

Connect Groups

Tuesdays 10am
Wonthaggi

Tuesday 7pm
Wonthaggi/Dalyston

Tuesday 7pm
Glen Alvie

Tuesday 7pm
Inverloch

Tuesday 7pm Fortnightly
San Remo

Wednesday 11.30am
Fortnightly Wonthaggi

Thursday 1- 3pm
Wonthaggi

Mowing Roster February 2026

A big thank you to Mighty Mower Men this month.

February 9 - 14th Phil Maunder

February 23 - 28th Adrian Condron



Leadership Update February 2026

Well -already this year has started dynamic!! Our first service of the year we witnessed 9 Baptisms and seeing His Holy Spirit moving greatly. Praise Jesus! To those Baptised - may God's richest blessings and protection be with you on your open step of faith. The following week we farewelled Sandro and Susan as they concluded their ministry here at WBC – a celebration of what God has done through them; it has been such a wonderful and significant time in the life of our church. Praise to God for His faithfulness.

Our next season is to journey with an Interim Pastor and build on the work we have been doing over the past two years. We have been fortunate to speak with an experienced Pastor who we believe God is drawing to WBC to care for our church in this new season.

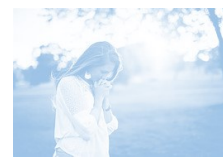
Following this appointment, with the BUV, we will begin to look at bringing together a Pastoral Search Team and start the process of searching for a new Pastor.

May you be blessed this year as we serve together for His Glory.
Letitia, on behalf of the Leadership Team

KYB

Ladies, if you would like to know more about the Psalms, you are welcome to come along to our Know Your Bible afternoon on Friday the 6th February at 1.30. At Wonthaggi Baptist Church, hosted by our own KYB group of ladies.

Its a time of fellowship and teaching when all the KYB groups in the area come together to hear from the Word of God with a knowledgeable and experienced Bible teacher. All ladies are most welcome. (Wendy Thomas)



If you would like prayer anonymously please put your request in the box in the foyer and the Team will pray for your request

Answered Prayer

Encouragement for persevering prayer: Sometime ago Coral Fokkens was very unwell losing weight and experiencing a lot of pain for two years. Despite many medical procedures to find a diagnosis nothing was found. Finally as prayer continued recovery began. It has taken some time to feel completely well but recently she began to feel it was right for her to return to some areas of previous missionary service in Cambodia and Vietnam. God has opened the doors for this trip as it was organised in a couple of days including a visa to Vietnam which had been denied in the past. Praise God for His answers and pray for Coral and her friend Annie as they go. Some areas have been affected by floods and a cyclone and in others where the church is persecuted and must meet underground. Pray for this trip from 25th of January to February 10th.

Prayer Meetings

Thursday Morning meeting at 7.30 has recommenced. Everyone is welcome. Meeting is followed by a short time of fellowship over coffee at Folks in Graham St. Monthly Prayer meeting will commence Sunday February 15th at 2.30 pm at WBC unless otherwise notified. Pre-service prayer, Pastoral prayer and After service prayer will continue as usual. 24/7 Prayer in the Heritage Chapel commencement will be notified.

The Muslim Holy Week, Ramadan commences this year on February 18th. If you would like a copy of the book thousands of Christians are using to pray for Muslims each day contact Hilary Searle on 0408 388 854. They available for \$6 .00. Since this prayer movement commenced 30 yrs+ ago more Muslims have come to faith in Jesus than in all the years before.

Church Finances

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9 v 7 (NIV)

Offerings for December were a total of \$17,960 with a weekly average of \$4,490

Budgeted weekly average: \$4,615

Actual Dec weekly average: \$4,490 Deficit: (\$125)

Direct Deposits can be made to the WBC General account.
BSB 033 265 Account number 287 757

Connect Groups

Connect groups are starting up again. Leaders – please contact us about your plans for the coming year, including topics and if you have availability for newcomers. If there are people interested in joining a group, potential leaders or hosts, please come and chat to me for more information.

Verity Nicholson.

Playgroups Update



Our Inverloch playgroup handover with Connections church is going well and we will support them with a time of transition during term 1.

We are then planning to start a new session in Wonthaggi on a Tuesday morning, from term 2. Please continue praying for our families and the new families joining us.

Jenny Alder

MEN'S EVENT @ WBC 19TH March 2026

**The Man
We Need**

**– in a world where
something is
missing**

Come and listen to
Al Stewart explain why
Jesus as the greatest
man who ever lived
– makes sense of our
lives today.

6pm Food - 7pm Start
\$20 = Burger, slice & drink.

Booking Close Thursday 12th March.
Register: <https://bhc-local-events---wonthaggi-2026.square.site/>
For More Info: www.bhc.org.au

Committed To Serve

In Russell's message last Sunday he spoke about not just being a consumer at church but being committed to serving God through obedience to His calling on you. Are you willing to be obedient to serve in the ministries in this Church?

There are many ways that YOU can become involved and help spread the load.

Welcoming and Morning Tea Roster need volunteers. Please contact Jeanette (0427749225) to be included in the next roster which starts in March. (Thank you, Jeanette)