

## Partners in Prayer

*"Prayer is more than meditation. In meditation the source of strength is one's self. When one prays he goes to a source of strength greater than his own."*

— Chiang Kai-shek

This week, please pray for;

- School leavers as they look forward to the future.
- Our community during this season of Advent, that the story of Christmas would change lives.
- The many expecting families in our community!
- Travelling mercies for those moving and on holidays.
- Those who are grieving through the Christmas season—for comfort, peace and abiding joy.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 Church 9:30am PM Worship Practice 4pm Church 6pm	18	19	20	21 Sunday AM Practice 6:30pm	22	23
24 Church 9:30am PM Worship Practice 4pm Church 6pm	25 Church 9:30am Christmas	26	27	28 Rod on Leave Sunday AM Practice 6:30pm	29 Rod on Leave	30 Rod on Leave
31 Church 9:30am Rod on Leave PM Worship Practice 4pm Church 6pm	1 New Year's Day	2 Rod on Leave	3 Rod on Leave	4 Rod on Leave Sunday AM Practice 6:30pm	5 Rod on Leave	6 Rod on Leave
7 Church 9:30am Rod on Leave PM Worship Practice 4pm Church 6pm	8 Rod on Leave	9 Rod on Leave	10 Rod on Leave	11 Rod on Leave Sunday AM Practice 6:30pm	12 Rod on Leave	13 Rod on Leave

Welcome to

## Alice Springs Baptist Church



17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Morning 9:30am**

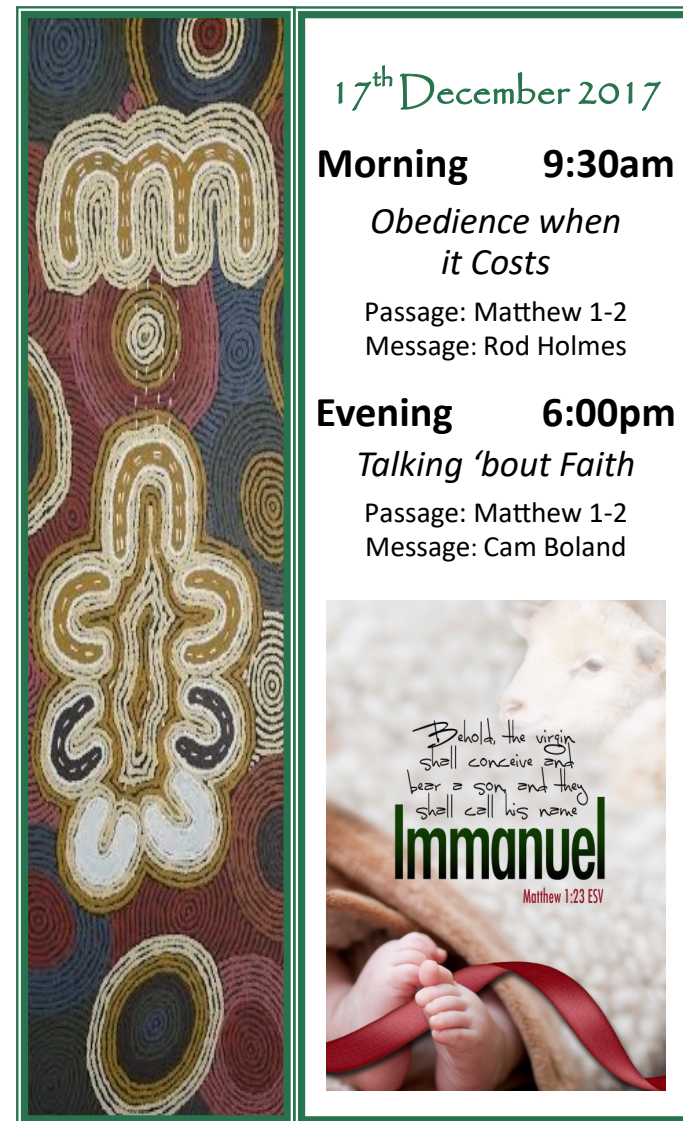
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it Costs*

Passage: Matthew 1-2  
Message: Rod Holmes

**Evening 6:00pm**

*Talking 'bout Faith*

Passage: Matthew 1-2  
Message: Cam Boland



Cover Picture: The Lord's Prayer by Napaljarri Jurra

If you are a guest today, we'd love to meet you - please take the opportunity to talk to us over a cuppa after the service.



## No EPIC Youth :(

Create a Spotify playlist that reflects your last 12 months.



### The Pastor's Pen Making a Way in the Desert (Yes! Where we live!)

John the Baptist had a clear mission. He knew it and he lived it without compromise. He was to **prepare the way for the Lord**, to make a highway for the King in the wilderness.

We too are called to live our lives in such a way that we are an entrance to the gospel and not a hindrance. We do this the same way John spoke about. Where there are **valleys** of lack in our life e.g. kindness, respect, prayer etc... then we by the Spirit's power need to develop these areas and therefore fill them up. Where there are **mountains** of gospel barrier in our lives such as bitterness, coldness of heart or pride we must confess them and know the refreshment that comes from the Lord when we are forgiven.

Where we have **twisted** thinking allow the word of God to make our minds straight and lastly where we have **rough ways** of unchallenged weakness in our lives we need to allow the Spirit to convict us and refine us. Then we become a highway for the gospel in the desert where we live. Prepare ye the way of the Lord...

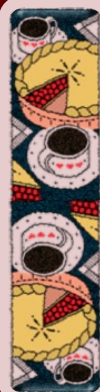
—Rod

## Ministry Info

**Baptist World Aid & TEAR** Christmas gift cards and INF Calendars & Christmas Cards are available for sale after the service in the foyer. Change a life for Christmas this year!



Questions? See Elise Sweeney, or call 0412445704



### Don't be alone this Christmas!

Are you new to town, family/friends away, or otherwise alone this Christmas?

There's room at Robert & Sue Tucker's lunch table for you whether you're single, couple or family. We'd love to have you join us on Christmas Day.

See Sue in the foyer after the service.

**Ladies KYB** has finished and will be on holidays until the last week of January.

**Armchair Exercises** has finished and will be on holidays until the first week of February.



### Aircon Donations

We recently installed a new air conditioner in the Pre Schoolers room/Library, the cost of which we are covering by donation.

**Total Cost:** \$2,917.00  
**Total Given:** \$1,652.00  
**Still Needing:** \$1,265.00

Please pledge today by talking to Corry.

## Church Matters

### Budget Report

The ASBC believes that God provides our every need to fulfil His ministries.



**2017/18 ASBC Operational Budget:** \$539,646.21  
**Average Monthly Giving Required:** \$44,970.52  
**Monthly Giving up to the 14<sup>th</sup> December:** \$17,668.15  
**YTD:** \$240,435.51

### Cleaning over the Holidays...

Daniel our cleaner is going on leave from the 18th of December to the 25th of January. As such, we are looking for volunteers to take on some duties while he is away. Please find the cleaners task list enclosed and have a look to see if there is something you could do once or twice over the next few weeks to serve our community.

### Serving Next Week

24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	AM	PM
Speaker	Rod Holmes	Gavin Brown
Worship Leader	Corry Thompson	Justin Thompson & Megan Brown
Musicians & Singers	Rebekah Mann Clifford Riley Kelly Cullen Graeme Horne Sophie Higgins Jason Ellwinger	Matthew Hall John Richardson David Blackman
Sound	Steve Cullen	Michael Grey-Gardner
Projection	Chantal Ezard	<b>HELP!</b>
Duty Member	Mark Dunn	Sophie Higgins
Kitchen Duty	Geoff Cornish	
Welcomers	Nerida Holmes	
Name Tags	Robert & Sue Tucker	