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Acts 6:7

July - August 2026: Winter Down Under

Read how God has been working in Melbourne and how you can pray for what's ahead!

July Events: July began by finishing **holiday kids' club** (VBS) during the winter school holidays. I was thankful to take 4 young people to at least 1 day and to help with the puppets and games. Unfortunately, one of our kids became ill during the club and vomited in my back seat on the way home! Thankfully, she was okay and the car was cleanable. Next, we had **Young Adults' Camp** with 2 campers from our church and around 60 total. The theme was Biblical Discernment. The following weekend, we hosted a **Bible conference** on the theme of **discipleship**. We thank Dr. and Mrs. Troutman, who serve on faculty at Pensacola Christian College, for ministering to us during the conference. Dr. Troutman spoke to our church several times, our young people on Friday, and a group from 4 churches including ours on Saturday for 4 sessions. He also answered questions at our Sunday evening outreach Bible study in Tarneit. Finally, we ended the busy month with a **Praise Night** led by a musically talented family from a sister church and our **1st anniversary service** on 26 July. All in all, it was a great month. The only downside was the toll it took on our health, and we spent a bit of August recovering.

August Activity: As mentioned, the first half of August was recovery. I became ill off and on, but thankfully I would be well enough for services on Sundays. Ira also came down with a cold but thankfully not too severe, even though it limited her ability to serve one Sunday. Despite our health, praise God we were able to keep things moving with the help of the church and **my parents** who came for a visit. They were able to teach the youth class and junior church a couple times among other things. When I was feeling better, I was able to have some counselling/evangelism meetings with several individuals, and my parents and I were able to attend the **Canberra Connection**, a prayer meeting at the federal parliament house meant to encourage and witness to the nation's elected officials. Finally, we ended August taking a short trip with some of our church people to the mountains to enjoy the snow. Over the last year, we have been blessed to watch God bring people together at our church in fellowship and serving as well.

September – November: We have several things on the calendar in the next few months and would appreciate your prayers. On 9 September, we plan to drive to Sydney where we have a wedding to attend. We plan to see family, and I am scheduled to preach at one of the churches on Sunday. Thankfully, our church is at a place that it can handle our absence once in a while. October begins with **family camp** and then a **baptism service** on 11 Oct. Please pray for at least **7-8 possible candidates** for baptism and that they would all be willing to make this step of obedience to the Lord. In November, we have scheduled Micah Bowman with **Bowman Family Creation Ministry** for a creation science seminar to help strengthen our church's faith by highlighting the compatibility of science with Scripture and to engage with others who may be sceptical toward biblical creation (For our American friends, that's the Aussie spelling of skeptical). He has recently launched into creation ministries. You can learn more about the ministry at <https://bfccreation.org/>. Please join us in praying for the preparation of these events and that souls will be touched for God's glory.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support as we pray for more souls to be saved and discipled and as we prepare for what's next.

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